

Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting
Monday, March 25, 2024
6:30PM

The meeting was called to order by the mayor. The clerk was asked to call the roll.

Councilmember George Ragland – Present
Councilmember Casey Whitman-Present
Councilmember Levoneia Ayers-Present
Councilmember Erica Hopkins-Present
Councilmember Jason Garstka-Present
Mayor Mary Caudle – Present
Members present constitutes a quorum.

Legal counsel Caleb Ballew and the clerk Sharron Humphrey was present.

Motion by Councilmember Whitman to approve the minutes dated March 11, 2024,
Councilmember Ayers second the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle's Report:

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fire & Police: Chairperson Ragland reported Police Dept. traveled 1,997 miles, made 16 traffic stops, issued 12 warning citations, 10 traffic citations, received 30 calls for service, made 0 arrests and 9 reports.

Mr. Ragland reported work was coming along good with the fire station.

Chief Powell reported on the police equipment that has been delivered, see attached list.

Mayor reported that last week we received a check in the amount of \$50,000 from the Madison County Commission, this money is to be used towards construction and supplies for the fire station.

Finance: Chairperson Hopkins presented the Bank Reconciliation Statement dated Feb 29, 2024. Motion by Councilmember Hopkins to approve the Bank Reconciliation Statement ending Feb. 29th. Councilmember Garstka second the motion. Motion carried.

Utilities: Chairperson Whitman reported they have a requirement sent from EPA and ADEM requiring the Town to do an inventory of the water system. He stated the survey is to make sure we don't have any lead in our water supply. He stated the survey must be completed by Oct. 16th, 2024. The cost for them to do the survey is \$21.00 per meter, a total cost of \$45,150.00.

Mayor stated it's not just the testing of meters, the requirement is that all water systems perform a water service line inventory to determine the presence of lead in water and pipes. They have to inventory every line that we have. This will have to be certified once completed.

Councilmember Whitman stated based off data he has from Madison Utilities all the new part of the town is going to be 8in cast-iron. Some of the older parts of town of the, like the north part of town will be PVC of different sizes. They could be 6in or 2 - 4in depending on which side of street it's

on. He stated Landess Cir has the old asbestos cement lines. The streets that go off Landess, Fearn Dr, Draper and Cowan have PVC.

Mayor stated every customer will be contacted informing them that we will be checking on the pipes.

Councilmember Hopkins asked if this was something new or has this been done before. Mayor stated this is a new requirement issued by EPA and ADEM.

Ms. Hopkins asked, have we ever tested the water for Lead. Mayor stated we do test every month, but we have never had to submit an inventory of all the lines for each customer.

Councilmember Ragland asked if they find Lead in the water what is the next step for the town. Mayor stated this is just inventory of the lines. She stated she does not know what ADEM, or EPA's next step is once they get the report. She stated the survey is not just being done here in Triana, it's all over the state of Alabama.

Councilmember Whitman stated once the survey is done, we will have a set of data for the whole town on the status of the pipes which will help us to determine where we need to upgrade next.

Councilmember Ragland asked about taking up the old asbestos line. Mayor stated anytime they have to take up the old lines they will replace them with new ones . She stated at some point hopefully they will find funds to redo6th.

Councilmember Whitman stated based on his research, to replace the water lines in the Landess Cir. area it will cost between \$3 - 4million dollars.

Motion by Councilmember Ragland to allow EOS to do the inventory of the water system, Councilmember Whitman second the motion. Motion carried.

Park & Recreation: Chairperson Ayers reported they had a very successful Easter Egg event & Brunch for the Seniors.

Ms. Ayers stated Earth Day along with cleanup day will be held on Sat., April 20th. The following Friday the afterschool kids will plant a tree for Arbor Day on the 26th of April. They are looking to get the tree donated by Catbird, if not then they will purchase it.

She stated they are looking to do older Americans month in May, they want to recognize each senior during Lunch and Learn on each Thursday.

Mayor stated they are still trying to get quotes for the fence to go around the police cars, if anyone knows of a person that can make the repairs let her know because we need to get that fixed.

Motion by Councilmember Ayers for a budget in the amount of \$2,000 for older Americans month which they will be having every Thursday, Councilmember Garstka seconds the motion.

Streets and Cemetery: Chairperson Garstka addressed the speeding on Bridgemill Ave., he stated Councilman Whitman installed the traffic monitoring device on Bridgemill Ave. that was there for a week. He stated the results were that 85 percentiles with 32 MPH with 715 vehicles per day. The mayor stated the next step is for the residents on Bridgemill Ave. to do a petition.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor presented the Bingo Ordinance for approval. She stated if the majority wants to vote then they vote.

Motion by Councilmember Whitman to consider Ordinance 2024-01 regarding Bingo licensing.

Discussion:

Councilmember Ragland had a question about charities outside Madison Co. Councilmember Whitman stated the way the current draft Bindo Ordinance is written, it says that the none profits need to be registered in Triana or Madison County and they have to have a certain number of members living in Triana, the number being 10.

Councilmember Garstka second the motion. Roll call vote, Ragland-no, Hopkins-abstain, Garstka-yes, Whitman-yes, Ayers-yes, and Caudle-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Whitman to adopt Ordinance 2024-01 regarding Bingo, Councilmember Garstka seconds the motion. Roll call vote, Ragland-no, Hopkins-abstain, Garstka-yes, Whitman-yes, Ayers-yes, and Caudle-yes. Motion carried.

Mayor stated the homeowner of the second house that burned on Wall Triana Hwy has sent a letter requesting an extension and that it's under contract with a plan to close in May.

Councilmember Whitman suggested they give her a month to tell her she needs to put a dumpster out and think about giving her another month.

Councilmember Ragland suggested they give her a two-month extension.

Mayor stated she has been trying hard to sell the property and posting no trespassing signs. Officers have been watching to make sure no one is trespassing.

Mayor stated if they start the process, and it goes for a couple months the judge will end up giving them time to do whatever needs to be done. She recommends a two-month extension to the current owner.

Motion by Councilmember Ragland to give homeowner a 2-month extension, Councilmember Hopkins second the motion. Roll call vote, Ragland-yes, Hopkins-yes, Garstka-No, Whitman-No, Ayers-Yes and Caudle-yes. Motion carried.

Councilmember Hopkins thanked the Council and the members of the Community for the show of support during the passing of her mom. She stated she appreciated the plants from the Triana Historical Society, the cards and the support from Mr. Ragland and Miss Marvelene for coming to the service.

Public Comments:

Roy Seay stated for the record, Landess Cir. needs to be widened out. He asked when the city start widening street to let Landess Cir be included.

Marvelene Freeman stated she has been asked by several residents what is the progress on the bathroom in Flamingo Park. She stated you can't hold any events without a bathroom.

The mayor stated she has reported that our grant for the park is being looked at. If it gets rejected, we will have to figure out funding for that.

Ms. Freeman asked does the city have funds, she asked what the balance is in the General account. Mayor stated as of Feb. 2024 we have about 2million. She stated the estimated for the grant we submitted was about \$400,000. She's hoping the grant gets approved soon. She stated we are under a large sewer project right now.

Mrs. Freeman stated she would love for the city to make building a bathroom in the park a priority and do something for the citizens.

Mrs. Freeman asked for clarity on Landess Cir. area having the oldest pipes in Triana. Councilmember Whitman stated he's not sure about age but in terms of materials they are old. Mrs. Freeman stated she's a little disturbed about the lead, she asked to see the paperwork that was sent. Mayor stated she will share it with everyone once they do the line survey has been done. Councilmember Whitman stated none of the pipes identified on the map shows lead. They are all either PVC, all the new stuff is cast-iron or asbestos cement. He stated he will bring the maps to our next meeting.

Mrs. Freeman asked for clarity on the new Bingo Ordinance which states the charities would have to be in Triana. Councilman Whitman added Madison County with 10 members being from Triana some could be on the board. Attorney Caleb Ballew added that the charities would have to be registered in Madison County.

Mrs. Freeman stated they would like to hold the November election in the gym. Mayor stated in October to come and map things out.

Patsy Parvin asked did the town approve the two-month extension for the property owner on Wall Triana Hwy. Mayor stated yes, the motion was carried.

Rhonda Taylor asked about the sewer extension in Fields Pond, how much longer they will be working. Mayor stated we're still working on the project, waiting for parts to come in.

Moved and properly second to adjourn.
Date approved April 8, 2024
Sharon Humphrey
Sharon Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer
Mary Call
Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore