

**Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting**  
**Monday, October 14, 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-Absent  
Mayor Mary Caudle – Present

Attorney Caleb Ballew and the clerk Sharron Humphrey were also present.

Motion by Councilmember Whitman to approve the minutes dated Sept. 23, 2024, Councilmember Ayers second the motion. Motion carried.

**Mayor Caudle's Report:** Danasia Briana Hector was sworn in by Attorney Caleb Ballew as the towns Police Officer.

We will have our 1<sup>st</sup> walk-through with USDA, the Architect and the engineer on the Fire Station on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM if any of the council wants to come by. Their goal is to have everything done in 10 days. The Contractor will run Ad as required. She stated they plan to move in on the 1st of next month if all goes well. She stated the equipment and supplies are in.

Motioned by Councilmember Ragland to go into executive session, time 6:38pm. Councilmember Ayers second the motion. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Whitman to return to the regular order of Business at 6:47PM, Councilmember Ayers second the motion. Motion carried.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Fire & Police:** Chairperson Ragland reported the following: Fire Dept responded to 1-alarm, 11-medical calls, 2 wrecks, 1 suspicious smell, 2-smoke investigation last 2 weeks.

The Police Dept traveled 4,049 miles, made 33-traffic stops, 20-warning citations, 16-traffic citations, 76-calls for service, 4-arrests and 12-reports.

The Police & Fire Committee will meet on Oct. 28, 2024, at 5:30pm. To discuss off-duty employment for Police Officers.

**Finance:** Chairperson Hopkins presented the Bank Reconciliation Statement ending Sept. 30, 2024. Motion By Councilmember Hopkins to approve the Bank Reconciliation Statement ending Sept. 30, 2024, Councilmember Ragland 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.

Councilmember Hopkins reported that the Finance Committee met briefly, she is proposing to have the next meeting on Oct 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm before the next council meeting. She is also asking each council member to review expenditures for FYI 2025 before the meeting.

**Utility:** Councilmember Whitman asked the mayor if the town was ready to close out on the sewer project.

The mayor stated she has not received the close-out report, she stated the Ad has run in the paper and stated once EOS submits the close-out reports we will then release the last payment.

Councilmember Ragland asked if EOS Utility had completed the water testing.

The mayor stated they have not.

**Parks & Recreation:** Chairperson Ayers stated they are still trying to coordinate a meeting for the park. She stated once that meeting has been set and they figure out what the donors are wanting to do, they will then bring that back to the council.

Councilmember Ayers reported that she went by the Veterans Park today, she stated it looks good for those who have not gone by to see it.

Ms. Ayers stated the event Ms. Betty Williams is working on will be next month, no date . They will let everyone know once they have a date set.

The Triana Library had its 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration on Saturday it was well attended. She thanked everyone for attending,

**Streets & Cemetery:** No Report

**RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS:**

The mayor presented Ordinance 2024-04 on Districting for Triana. She stated we had a public hearing on Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> discussing the proposed Ordinance.

Motion by Councilmember Whitman to consider Ordinance 2024 for Single member Voting Districts, Councilmember Ayers second the motion. Roll call vote, Ragland-yes, Hopkins-yes, Whitman-yes, Ayers-yes and Caudle-yes. Unanimous consent. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Whitman to approve Ordinance 2024-04, Councilmember Ayers second the motion. Roll call vote, Ragland-yes, Hopkins-yes, Whitman-yes, Ayers-yes and Caudle-yes. Unanimous consent, motion carried.

Attorney Caleb Ballew stated town has to submit an original signed copy of the ordinance along with map and other documents to the probate judge's office within 5 days.

Councilmember Ragland asked if we need to make a motion for retired Police Chief Walker to receive the pistol from the town.

The mayor stated Chief had to make a policy and recommendations from our insurance regarding that. It will be ready at the next meeting to vote on.

Councilmember Ayers reported they had first aide training administered by Fire Chief Beddingfield. It was attended well.

Councilmember Whitman made a recommendation to have a work session after reviewing ordinances town have in place for on the process to flow city dealing with policy. He stated he

wants to make sure all involved are following the policy. Work session scheduled for Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

Councilmember Ayers congratulated Theresa Nelson on being inducted into the Hall of Fame for Bob Jones High School.

**Public Comments:**

Theresa Nelson asked, when will the Ban on Burning be lifted. The mayor stated October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Fire Chief Beddingfield stated they will have a CPR class open once a week for the public. He stated if there's a group that wants to do a class with 4 or more, he would be willing to schedule it.

Patsy Parvin stated the Veterans Memorial looks extremely nice.

Theresa Nelson reported that the Historical Society Committee are selling bricks for the Veterans Memorial Wall, cost \$100.00 each. She stated that Veterans can be living or deceased.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date approved Oct. 25, 2024

Sharon Humphrey

Sharon Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Mary Candler

Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore