

Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting
Monday, July 28, 2025
6:30PM

Mayor Caudle called the meeting to order. Roll call:

Councilmember George Ragland - Present
Councilmember Erica Hopkins-Present
Councilmember Theresa Nelson-Present
Councilmember Casey Whitman-Present
Councilmember Levoneia Ayers-Present
Mayor Mary Caudle – Present

Members present constituted a quorum.

Legal counsel Caleb Ballew and the clerk Sharron Humphrey were also present.

Motion by Councilmember Whitman to approve the minutes dated July 14, 2025, Councilmember Ayers second the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle's Report: The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Grant went out on time; the expected award date is Oct. 2025. She stated we're hoping to get a chance to win this and receive enough to repair bathrooms in the park.

We signed the agreement with CNI, our Utility Software Company, for the software to be added to our tablets, which have been purchased. She stated each tablet will have the readings installed. The total cost for the license fee and for the tablets is \$1,795.00. She stated we plan to use the month of August to have the Utility Company add the software onto the tablets, do the setup and train the staff, hopefully this will help to eliminate some errors cut down on time, keying and double entry.

Waiting to hear from Mr. Taylor who works for CTS Evacuations concerning the sidewalk repair. She stated this is the same company that did the major repairs in Town Lakes. The company will come out, look at each area given to them and give an estimate of the cost. She stated we will be going through the County that way we will not have to bid the project out. They are already on the county's bid list.

We finished up the summer camp program last Friday, the kids had a good summer. She thanked Mr. Grays, owner of Underground grocery for donating school supplies for the kids, also she and her sister, owner of Project XYZ and her company Assist, donated \$50.00 gift cards for each kid.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fire & Police: Chairperson Ragland reported Police Dept. traveled 1,825 miles, made 10 traffic stops, issued 10 warning citations, 2 traffic citations, 29 calls for service, 1 arrest and 3 reports.

Finance: Chairperson Hopkins presented the Bank Reconciliation Statement ending June 30, 2025. Motion by Councilmember Hopkins to approve the Town of Triana Bank Reconciliation Statement ending June 30, 2025. Councilmember Ragland second the motion. Motion carried.

The mayor stated our Attorney reported back to us regarding using gasoline funds to repair the sidewalks. She stated we cannot, those repairs will have to be made using funds from the General Fund.

Utility: Reported

Parks and Rec: No Report

Streets and Cemetery: Chairperson Nelson reported there's a leak at 900 Landess Cir.

The mayor reported that the speed cushions were in for Bridgemill Ave. She stated installation date will be posted.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCE, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Attorney Ballew reported that there are restrictions for using the 4&5ct gas tax for repairing sidewalks. He stated the 4&5ct Gas tax would cover repairs relating directly to repairs on or close to the streets and the 7tt Gas tax would cover things like lights and signs, traffic signals. He also stated there's an Attorney General opinion that as pertains to sidewalks it is not enough connected to the streets; he stated General Fund or Capital Fund are what would be available for repairing those things.

Councilmember Hopkins stated that she had mentioned to the council about having members with United Way to come and give information about a program through John C. Maxwell, a Leadership Guru around the world. She stated he does transformation in different countries, and he also does community transformation. She stated David Kanabira and Sherry Pentecost are going to present this program and she's hoping the council will be receptive in doing it 1st with the council and then offering it to the community.

Mr. Kanabira began by stating the Maxwell Leadership Foundation offers a value-based leadership experience that is designed for groups of 4-8 people that meet weekly, either in-person or online. The Program was launched in January 2013, in 190 countries and has 445,814 participants. He stated the program free (see attached sheets for more info).

The mayor reminded council about a discussion at their last work session on unsafe houses, she stated they discussed coming up with a statement of work to submit to contractors to bid on do the work. She asked if there was anything to add.

Motion by Councilmember Whitman to release a statement of work for demolition of unsafe structures. Councilmember Ragland second the motion. Motion carried.

The mayor stated the plan is to have a couple on the list to rotate if one is not available.

Public Comments:

Roy Seay asked would the construction companies help to move the scope of work for families. The mayor stated this scope of work would be to have companies in place if they can find anyone or the town could have the work done and they pay the town.

Greg Nilsen, a resident of Bridemill Ave. stated he has noticed a drop in water pressure by a 3rd since he's moved in. Not sure of what's going on.

The mayor stated she had Huntsville Utilities out checking different areas, she stated they reported that the water was putting out 98% pressure. She stated we can have it checked.

Mr. Nilsen reported speed Bump on Bridgemill Ave. needs repairing.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date approve August 11, 2025

Sharron Humphrey
Sharron Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore