

Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting
Monday, September 8, 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.

Approval of minutes: Motion by Councilmember Whitman to approve the minutes dated August 25, 2025. Councilmember Ayers second the motion. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Ragland to approve the minutes from the Special Canvassing meeting dated Sept. 2, 2025. Councilmember Hopkins second the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle's Report: She stated everything we've been working on is still in progress. She will bring all updates back to the council once she receives any.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fire: Chairperson Ragland reported that the Fire Dept responded to 4 fire alarms and 9 medical calls. Recap from August: They responded to 4 fire alarms, 25 emergency calls, 1 outside fire and 1 structure fire.

Police Dept traveled 1,319 miles, made 11 traffic stops, issued 11 warning citations, 3 traffic citations, made 25 calls for service 0 arrest and wrote 5 reports.

Councilman Ragland asked if there were any applications for the Police Chief/Police officer position.

The mayor stated we do have some applications but that we were waiting for the consultant's findings before we did anything. She stated hopefully we will have the information before the budget comes out.

Finance: No report

Councilmember Hopkins asked if we knew when the report from the consultants be finalized. The mayor stated we should be getting it in within the next week. We will then schedule meeting with the full council once the report comes in.

Ms. Hopkins stated while preparing to work on the budget, do they know who the Chairperson for the Finance Committee will be or would that person need to be appointed.

The mayor stated that she has not decided who will head that committee. She is recommending that they do initial part of the budget for salaries to be effective Oct. 1. based on what they decide.

She stated that the Police & Fire salary will be adjusted based on the report submitted by the consultants.

The mayor stated she would like the new Councilmembers to come in to work on the budget so they can understand how the budget comes from, understand where the income comes from and what our normal expenditures are each month.

Work session scheduled for Tuesday, Sept 16, 2025, at 6:00PM.to discuss salaries.

Utility: Chairperson Whitman reported that he's working on a list of recommendations for Streetlights for FY 26, and plans to bring them to next council meeting.

Parks and Recreation: Chairperson Ayers reported that they have secured all the supplies needed for clean-up day Sat., Sept. 20th .

Streets & Cemetery: No Report

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCE, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Attorney Caleb Blalaw stated he will follow up with the partners on sponsoring breakfast for cleanup day.

Councilman Whitman presented the final plot plans requesting approval for Foster Place. He stated they are seeking a slight variance with the side yards not every lot, just on floor plans with a larger size home as needed. He stated the Building Inspector does not have an issue with it nor does he. He stated they are seeking to approve the final plat along with the side yard variance. He stated this sub-division will have cluster mailboxes like the others.

Motion by Councilmember Whitman to approve the plat with the variance on the side yards.

Councilmember Ragland second the motion. Roll call

Councilmember Ragland-yes

Councilmember Hopkins-yes

Councilmember-Nelson-yes

Councilmember Ayers-yes

Councilmember Whitman-Yes

Mayor Caudle-Abstain

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kim Holmes, town's Librarian, stated they have had a very successful summer with over 70,000 visitors. She stated the Friends of the Library group wanted her to let council know they're planning to do something for the kids on Dec 13th . for the council to keep them in the loop if they decide to do anything.

Ms. Holms stated there's a light out in front of the library, that she has contacted Huntsville Utilities about servicing it.

George Malone asked when the repair to the leak near 824 Landess Cir. would become permanent. The mayor stated Madison Utilities would be coming out on Sept. 19th to make the repair.

Debraoh Rice stated she has seen cluster mailboxes in other areas, she asked the council if they were mandatory or is that a subdivision request.

The mayor stated we don't have a choice with the type of homes that are being built.

Councilmember Whitman stated that's what's happening over all of Madison County, nationwide.

The mayor stated according to the postmaster this helps to eliminate delivery errors.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date approved 09.22.2025

Sharron Humphrey
Sharron Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

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Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore