

Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting
Monday, March 23, 2026
6:30PM

The meeting was called to order by the mayor. Roll call:

Councilmember George Ragland – Present
Councilmember Casey Whitman-Present
Councilmember George Malone-Present
Councilmember Scott Altice - 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 March 9, 2026. Councilmember Malone second the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle's Report: We have 4-Candidates for the District 4 Council seat. She stated they will be selecting a new member tonight to fill that seat.

Candidates:

Kathy L. Nilsen
Derrick Birdsell
Tia Larsen-Calcano
Allen Heidt

Mayor Caudle stated that the normal process will be to nominate each person then we vote. She stated any councilmember can do a nomination.

Motion by Councilmember Ragland nominated Derrick Birdsell. Motion died for lack of second

Motion by Councilmember Whitman nominates Kathy Nilsen. Councilmember Malone second the nomination. Roll call vote:

Councilmember Ragland-no
Councilmember Altice-yes
Councilmember Whitman-yes
Councilmember Malone-yes

Motion by Councilmember Malone to nominate Tia Larsen-Calcano. Councilmember Altice second the motion. Roll call:

Councilmember Ragland-no
Councilmember Altice-no
Councilmember Whitman-no
Councilmember Malone-no

Motion by Councilmember Whitman to nominate Allen Height. Motion died for lack of second.

Mayor Caudle stated Kathy Neilson will be the new councilmember for District 4, she stated that Attorney Caleb Ballew will prepare the necessary paperwork to submit to the governor.

Councilmember Whitman thanked everyone who put in their name and encouraged those not selected to continue to serve the town in some fashion.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fire & Police: Chairperson Ragland reported that the Police Dept traveled 2,317 miles, 60-traffic stops, 48-warning citations, 20-traffic citations, 48-calls for service, 4-arrests and 5-reports.

Mayor Caudle stated that she received a request from Police Chief Powell to retire the prior chief's side arm to him. She stated we're waiting on the revised policy and procedures for the Police Dept., before we move on with that and asked council to be prepared to vote on it at next meeting.

Finance: Mayor Caudle presented the Bank Reconciliation Statement ending Feb. 28, 2026. Motion by Councilman Whitman to approve the bank reconciliation Statement ending 02/28/2026. Councilman Malone second the motion. Motion carried.

The mayor reported that the following totals were discussed during the Finance meeting: total income budget \$4,321,587.00 and expenditure across the board, all departments \$4,289,119.00. Motion by Councilman Ragland to accept the 2026 financial budget. Councilman Altice second the motion. Roll

Councilmember Ragland-yes

Councilmember Altice-yes

Councilmember Malone-yes

Councilmember Whitman-yes

Mayor Caudle-yes

Unanimous consent, motion carried.

Utility: Chairperson Whitman reported that we made a repair at the pump on Advent Dr and Record Street. He stated we had a public hearing in regards the USDA funds for the sewer project. Mayor caudle reported that we are having a fire hydrant repaired on Cowan Rd.

Parks & Recreation: Chairperson Altice reported the following: They met and finalized plans for summer camp, he stated the cost will be \$120.00 per week and \$60.00 for each additional child. Registration fee will be \$20.00. The maximum of 20 kids from pre-k through 5th grade. The program will run 6wks, starting June 1st -July.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be on Sat., March 28th . The town will give \$300.00 to purchase snacks.

Councilman Ragland expressed concern over the summer camp fees. The mayor stated they researched other camps and found that our cost was lower. She stated they will have swimming through YMCA, skating and movie day. She stated the problem will be transportation.

Street & Cemetery: Chairperson Malone reported the following: We are still waiting on the street signs from vendor. Our maintenance workers pressure cleaned the fence(s) around the cemeteries. Sink hole found in Malvern Hills subdivision on the curve & sidewalk looks to be deep. Mayor Caudle stated the County is working with us along with their engineers.

Attorney Caleb Ballew stated he will get the letter done and sent to the appropriate division in the Governor's office then forward Sharron a copy.

Councilmember Whitman reported that we have 3 companies that have submitted their credentials to be placed on the list of bidders to demolish unsafe houses. He stated we have 1 home designated to be demolished located on Wall Triana Hwy., that we need to start soliciting bids for.

Triana Fire Dept. had 2 control burns, 934 Landess Cir. & 870 Landess Cir.

Public Comments: Roy Seay thanked council for listening to him and stated he still would like to see Landess Cir widen, whatever needs to be done to make it safe.

Adrew Downer stated he's interested in using the gym for activities for the kids maybe teach music to the kids. He stated he's willing to offer his assistance to help get more events in the downtown area. Mayor Caudle stated they have different things going on. She could put him in contact with Ms. Betty.

Patsy Parvin stated she would be willing to pay the fees for 1-child to attend the summer camp. Mayor Caudle stated she can donate towards the camp. Councilmember Malone stated that we're looking at making sure we can cover the cost of workers running the camp. We can't continue to run in a deficient.

Marvelene Freeman asked would the employees working for the town also work in the summer camp. She stated then it would not be additional pay for them. Mayor Caudle stated they won't be employed to work if we don't have camp.

Mrs. Freeman stated having something more organized would be good. Mayor Caudle stated they will have a weekly schedule planned out.

Mrs. Freeman asked would the \$120.00 include lunch. Mayor Caudle stated no it will be only two smacks, one in the morning the other in the evening.

Mrs. Freeman stated she would like to see something ongoing planned in Triana, maybe once a month.

Debroah Rice asked will the program provide daily activities each day, trips for them to go on. Mayor Caudle stated they will have a schedule that may not permit them to go anywhere every day because of the cost of transportation.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date approve April 13, 2026

Sharron Humphrey
Sharron Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

May Caudle
Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore

Derrick Birdsell

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24 February 2026

Sharron Humphrey

Town Clerk

Town of Triana

640 6th Street

Triana, AL

Subject: Letter of Interest – District 4 Town Council Vacancy

Dear Ms. Humphrey and Members of the Town Council,

My name is Derrick Birdsell, and I am a resident and registered voter in District 4. I respectfully submit this letter of interest for appointment to the vacant District 4 Town Council seat.

I am a qualified Firefighter/EMT and currently serve as President of the Triana Volunteer Fire Department. In the past year alone, I have personally responded to more than 300 emergency calls, directly assisting Triana residents during times of need. This hands-on service has given me firsthand insight into our community's strengths, challenges, and growth.

Triana is expanding, and thoughtful economic development will be critical to our future. We must balance responsible growth with infrastructure readiness, public safety, and long-term financial sustainability. As a retired Air Force officer and local business leader, I understand strategic planning, budgeting, and disciplined execution.

I have made significant investments of both time and personal resources in this community because I believe in Triana's future. If appointed, I will work to promote smart growth, strengthen public safety, and ensure that development benefits both current residents and future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Derrick Birdsell

Full name: Tia Larsen-Calcano

Address: 286 Harold Murphy Dr., Madison, AL, 35756

I am registered to vote in District 4

Cell (call or text): 256-951-7061

Email: tia.larsencalcano@gmail.com

This is a letter of interest for an appointment to the Town of Triana District 4 city council position. I have been a resident of the local community for the past 5 years and have enjoyed how our community has grown quite a bit, but has remained such a fantastic place to call home.

A bit about me:

I've been a federal civil servant at Redstone Arsenal for 8 years now serving in a variety of roles, most recently in project management. As a project manager, I manage cost, schedule, and resources to ensure we get the best solutions for our armed forces in a timely manner. In my free time, I like to engage in the community through a variety of professional society and sports groups. In fact, you've probably driven by me as I'm running down Zierdt. I currently live with my lovely fiancé and 3 dogs.

Town Council District 4 Vacancy

Alan Michael Heidt

101 Rosemary Ayers Dr. Madison, AL. 35756

Confirmation of Voter Registration: Active PCT. 60, Triana City Hall

Dear Town Council,

I am writing to formally express my interest in serving on the City Council for the City of Triana. I am interested in the areas of infrastructure, growth, and public safety.

As a healthcare provider, I have the privilege of serving individuals and families across all stages of life. This role requires careful listening, sound judgment, and the ability to make informed decisions that balance immediate needs with long-term outcomes. I believe these skills would directly translate to effective local leadership.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Alan M. Heidt

alanmheidt@gmail.com

256-200-0759

Mayor Caudle,

I am writing to express my interest in filling the vacant Council seat for District 4. I have resided within Town Council District 4 for four and a half years in the Bridgemill Estates. I am an active registered voter within the district. I recently began serving on the Planning & Zoning Commission as well as being a steering committee member for the Triana Comprehensive Plan committee.

If I am fortunate enough to be selected, please know that I will serve the Town of Triana and District 4 to the best of my abilities at all times.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kathy L. Nilsen
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