

Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting
Monday, March 9, 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.

Approval of minutes: Motion by Councilmember Whitman to approve the minutes dated Feb. 23, 2026. Councilmember Ragland second the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle's Report: The town applied for appropriation funds through Representative Dale Strong's office, she stated we will need to have a Public Hearing to explain to the public what the funds will be used for. She stated the funds will be monitored through USDA. Total appropriated funds \$1,000,087,500.

She stated the funds will be used for the sewer project. They plan to put backup generators, monitoring equipment and upgrading some of the electrical wiring in the lift stations. Public Hearing scheduled for March 23, 2026, at 6:00 before the next council meeting.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fire & Police:

Mayor reported that the town has hired a new police officer, his name is Sammie Coates.

Officer Sammie Coates was sworn in by Attorney Caleb Ballew.

Chairperson Ragland reported that the Police Dept. traveled 1,739 miles, 23-traffic stops, 26-warning citations, 1-traffic citation, 39-calls for service, 0-arrests and 2-reports. No report from Fire Dept.

Councilmember Ragland requested a work session with the full council to discuss the Police Dept. Work session scheduled for Monday, March 16th at 6:00pm.

Councilmember Ragland reminded council about giving the pistol to former Retired Police Chief Walker, he asked if they were working on it.

The mayor stated that it was one of the assignments given to Chief Powell to get done. She stated we have a policy in place now to help expedite the process.

Finance: No Report

Mayor Caudle stated that they need to have a work session to finish discussing the budget. Work session scheduled for March 16th after Police Dept. meeting.

Utility: No report

Parks and Recreation: Mayor Caudle stated that the committee has agreed to have the summer camp. She stated the committee will have to meet at a work session to discuss what they plan to charge.

Mayor stated the town will work with the library to combine the Easter egg hunt. She stated they will refreshments will be served.

Streets and Cemetery: No report

OTHER BUSINESS:

Attorney Caleb Ballew asked the mayor if she could copy him on any updates the building inspector may send to her regarding those property owners violating the town junk or scrape cleanup ordinance. He stated he would like to know the status of those properties in case he needs to get involved.

The mayor stated that we just received a complaint that was added today that we are working on, she stated she would make sure he receives the communication.

The mayor stated that we have a council seat open in District 4 that needs to be filled. She stated she and the council have invited each person that submitted a letter of interest to introduce themselves tonight.

Candidates for District 4 seat:

- Kathy L. Nilsen
- Derrek Birdsell
- Tia Larsen-Calcano
- Alan Michael Heidt – not present

The mayor thanked them for their interest; she stated that council would be looking at filling the seat. She stated they are officially closing out the letter of interest for the district 4 council seat. She asked council to be prepared to vote on March 23rd.

Mayor Caudle stated that the gas Station site plans were introduced at the planning and zoning meeting.

P & Z Chairperson Whitman reported that during their planning and zoning meeting the engineer and the business owner presented their plan. He stated the plans include the following:

- A service station with 4-islands, 8-pumps. They plan to put gas station forward more towards the Wall Triana side. Buffers will be placed about 100ft between the back of station and the adjacent River Landing properties. They will plant trees and install fences for the buffers (worked up by p & z). The south side of the gas station will be future development to include retail building 200ft x 70ft. He plans to parcel that into 10 or 12 individual Business.

He stated council needs to vote to approve the site plans and then move to the building inspector.

Motion by Councilmember Malone to accept the site plans for the Beadle Lane project for the Chevron gas station and move it to the building inspector to start the review. Councilmember Whitman second the motion. Roll call vote:

Councilmember Ragland-yes

Councilmember Altice-yes

Councilmember Malone-yes

Councilmember Whitman-yes

Mayor Caudle-yes

Unanimous consent, motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS:

P & Z Chairperson Whitman reported during their meeting they received an application from Michael Caudle requesting a rezone to his 1/2acre property on Carr Lane. He stated Mr. Caudle is asking to put a Duplex on his property that is currently empty. He stated they had a public hearing prior to that meeting, during the hearing most of the members seemed like they were in favor of it.

Mr. Whitman stated the planning committee did a majority vote to recommend council approve it. He stated the rezone ordinance was for them to go from R-1 to R-2A. He stated they also included in that ordinance restrictions that he could only build a duplex.

Motion by Councilmember Whitman for immediate consideration to Ordinance 2026-02, rezone.

Councilmember Ragland second the motion. Roll call:

Councilmember Ragland-yes

Councilmember Altice-yes

Councilmember Malone-yes

Councilmember Whitman-yes

Mayor Caudle-abstain Motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Whitman to adopt Ordinance 2026-02, the rezone regarding Mr. Caudle's property on Carr Lane. Councilmember Malone second the motion. Roll call:

Councilmember Ragland-no

Councilmember Altice-no

Councilmember Malone-yes

Councilmember Whitman-no

Mayor Caudle-abstain Motion did not carry

The mayor stated that the town council has agreed to go into partnership with UAH School of Nursing. She stated they have been trying to figure out what type of medical facility is needed, providers.

Mayor Caudle stated that on April 2nd she will need as many people as possible to show up. She stated Huntsville Hospital will have their mobile unit here. All the partners they're working with will be there. She stated on that same day investors interested may invest, donate or lend UAH in Huntsville a loan to construct a building. The clinic will be held on April 2nd from 1pm-6pm. The media will also be there. They also plan to have several specialists there to do screenings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Roy Seay stated his main concern is the infrastructure on Landess Cir. The road to get to his house is very narrow, and the community has outgrown it. He stated he's spoken with the County Commissioner who has agreed to come out and look at it.

Mr. Seay stated he has someone who is willing to help but council has to accept their help.

Marvelene Freeman stated she has been told that the area where she lives is zoned R1, strictly residential. She stated she is concerned about her neighbor; she had been told they were turning the resident into a junkyard. She stated if that happens it will depreciate her property and bring in unwanted critters.

Mayor Caudle stated that the property owner has been notified, and she has been told by the Code Inspector that the cars must be moved.

Marissa Chester expressed her and her neighbors' concerns over the gas station project. She stated the community will watch the development to make sure it is built, operated and maintained in a way that respects the homes and families next to it. She stated this project begins a long-term relationship with the developers and the leadership that will oversee it.

Erica Hopkins stated that she is a part of a program called Wired for Greatness. She stated it is a program she is teaching at a local junior high school designed to give them insight on communication styles tools to becoming great leaders. She stated some of the kids will be graduating on April 7th at 11:00AM, she asked council to come to look at what they are learning. Maybe talk about bringing something like that to this community.

Linda Freeman stated that they are not building a junkyard at 120 Ervin Cir. They have moved cars there, but they will not sit there long. She stated she has talked with someone; Barry Davis the Code Inspector and they have agreed on a couple of things. She stated the residence will be livable.

Mayor Caudle stated that the cars cannot stay there, she stated that we have an Ordinance prohibiting that.

Linda Freeman asked for a copy of the Ordinance. Mayor Caudle stated she can pick up a copy from the office.

Betty Williams, chairperson of Triana Historical Society, stated that the clinic is ready if the town wants to use it. She stated that the only thing left is to install a sump pump.

Mrs. Williams stated they have made applications for two markers, one to tell the clinic's history of nurse Dent and Dr. Drake, and the other one will be for Veterans Park.

Mrs. Williams stated they have started another campaign to sale bricks for the Veterans' memorial, cost \$100.00ea.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date approved March 23, 2026

Sharron Humphrey

Sharron Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

May Caudle

Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore

WIRED FOR GREATNESS

Junior High

STUDENT LEADERSHIP SHOWCASE



You Are Invited

WIRED FOR GREATNESS
Student Leadership Showcase

Celebrating the Growth & Transformation
of Our Future Leaders!

“Leadership is not about titles,
positions, or flashcards.

It is about one life influencing another.”

— JAMES C. MAXWELL



EVENT DETAILS

📅 April 7, 2026

🕒 11:00 AM

📍 Covenant Christian Academy
171 Indian Creek Rd NW
Dandridge, TN 37506

— WHO SHOULD ATTEND —

- 👤 School Board Leaders & Administrators
- 👤 Community Leaders & Elected Officials
- 👤 Youth Development Organizations
- 👤 Parents



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