

Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting
Monday, January 23, 2023
6:30PM

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

Councilmember George Ragland – Present
Councilmember Erica Hopkins – Present
Councilmember Jason Garstka – Present
Councilmember Levoneia Ayers – Present
Councilmember Casey Whitman – 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 Jan 9, 2023. Councilmember Ayers second the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle Report: She found out from our meeting the ownership of Landess Cir road does belong to the Town of Triana. She stated they pulled the annexation paperwork, and it does not say the County owns the road. The County is searching further for us and she's having the engineers to look at also.

She stated if there is another document somewhere else maybe but that nowhere does the annexation outline that the street belongs to the County. She also forwarded a copy to our attorney.

Engineers of the South (EOS) will not be here tonight but that everyone was asked to look over the contract 2nd phase.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fire & Police: Chairperson Ragland reported the Fire Dept. responded to 3 alarms, 24 emergency calls, and 2 motor vehicle accidents.

Police Dept. traveled 2,190 miles, made 48 Traffic Stops, 45 Warning Citations, 10 Traffic Citations, 42 Calls for Service, 2 Arrests and 5 Reports.

Mr. Ragland also reported that the F&P Committee met on Jan 17th @ 5:30pm, they discussed hazardous pay, fitness membership, increasing pay and officers driving the patrol cars home. He stated we had an officer to leave and go to work for another Police Dept for a \$3 pay increase and a take home car.

Mayor Caudle stated she and the Chief were working on a take-on car policy, she suggested they wait until they have reviewed and have one in place.

Mayor stated the person who he stated left because of a \$3.00 pay increase went to a city where the population there is between 75,000 to 100,00 ours is 3,000 so of course the salary is different.

Mr. Ragland stated the salary should not matter if you have the money to hire them.

Councilmember Ragland stated the mayor has been checking on the insurance for take home car for a while now. Mayor Caudle stated every time she brings the information back it's voted down for them to take the cars home. She stated If the council approves that tonight we still need a take home car policy.

Mayor Caudle asked Councilmember Ragland has he presented a take-home policy to the council.

Councilmember Ragland stated he has been waiting on her. Mayor stated she has been checking with the chief and other department.

Councilmember Hopkins asked, when did we decide to move forward with the take-home policy.
Mayor Caudle stated we have not decided she is doing one just in case, and because of the discussion.

Councilmember Hopkins stated the last thing she remembers about the officers driving the cars home is that someone was checking into the insurance. Mayor Caudle stated last time we checked the driving distance, the mileage, and the increase in the cost in gas. Insurance did not have a big impact.

Motion by Councilmember Hopkins to develop a policy for take-home vehicles for the Police Dept. contingent upon the approval of the policy then we move forward with authorization. Councilmember Ayers second motion. Motion carried.

Question: Councilmember Whitman asked who would develop the policy. Mayor stated she is working on the policy once she finishes, she will give it to the committee to review and bring forward to the whole council. She stated she is working on her recommendations then she will put it into the format.

Councilmember Whitman stated he would recommend the Police & Fire committee start working on their recommendation for a policy at the same time the mayor is working her policy and to then compare them to see if they agree.

Roll call vote: Councilmembers Ragland-yes, Hopkins-yes, Garstka-yes, Ayers-yes, Whitman-yes and Mayor Caudle-yes. Unanimous consent. Motion carried.

Councilmember Hopkins stated the committee also discussed, a gym membership which she did some research on one for planet fitness \$24 monthly and Anytime fitness \$40.00 a month.

Mayor stated if you do for one you have to do for all staff members. Councilmember Hopkins stated this was something they discussed to make their benefit package attractive.

Ms. Ayers stated the reason they stated Fire & Police is because they must have the physical agility test in order to continue to be firemen and police officers.

Mayor Caudle stated she understands why they went with Fire & Police but we also we must consider our other employees.

Mayor asked the Attorney would we have any liability issues for offering the incentives for just Fire & police. Attorney Caleb Ballew stated no, the discrimination would not be based on anything that's constitutional protected such as age, race or national origin, sex, or anything like that. It would be based on the necessities of the job.

Councilmember Hopkins asked what they need to do to offer that to them. Mayor stated they will need to check around to see who has the best prices. She asked do they have a specific gym in mind. Councilmember Ayers stated reimbursement of a monthly fee. They will set an amount for them and have them to bring in a receipt. They will select the gym and have them bring in a receipt and sign a form stating they understand this is reimbursement.

Mayor Caudle asked who would do this policy. Councilmember Ayers stated the Fire & Police Committee. Mayor stated she will submit to them what she and chief have been working on.

Councilmember Ragland stated they also talked about take-home cellphones.

Mayor Caudle asked for what purpose. Councilmember Hopkins stated for the attractiveness to have a better benefit package for the Fire & police.

Mayor Caudle stated we already pay for a non-emergency phone while they are on duty and an office phone. Councilmember Hopkins stated some companies offer a discounted rate for a personal cell phone that's associated with the company phone.

Discussed Dispatched system, Mayor asked the Police Chief to check into it.

Fire & Police Committee Meeting scheduled for Feb. 9th at 6PM.

Mayor reported that on Feb. 16th Police Chief Police will be going to the AACOP Winter Conference where he will receive his certification as a Certified Chief. He will be going down to Montgomery staying one night. Mayor congratulates Chief.

Finance: Chairperson Hopkins presented the Bank Statement dated Dec. 31, 2022.

Motion by Councilmember Hopkins to approve the Bank Statement ending Dec. 31, 2022. Councilmember Garstka second the motion. Motion carried.

Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 6PM.

Utility: Chairperson Whitman stated last meeting Mayor gave them the proposal from EOS to do three different things for us. They will redo the sewer capacity study, designs for the sewer phase two and the capacity after the sewer phase two has been redone. The total to for all three-engineering pieces will be is 19,500.00. Their estimate for doing sewer phase two is \$1.5mill. His recommendation is to move forward.

Motion by Councilmember Whitman to authorize the mayor to enter a contract with EOS for \$19,500 for the two studies and the engineering part. Council member Ayers second the motion. Motion carried. Roll call, Ragland-yes, Hopkins-yes, Garstka-yes, Whitman-yes, Ayers-yes and Caudle-yes. Motion carried.

Park & Recreation: See attached minutes of the Park & Rec Committee Meeting as submitted by Chairperson Ayers.

Motion by Councilmember Ayers to approve their committee meeting report with the dates and allocations of funds as stated. Councilmember Hopkins seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Councilmember Hopkins mentioned the AARP Community Challenge Grant, she suggested they discuss what it is they want to apply for. The deadline to apply is March 15th.

Ms. Hopkins asked if the Town or anyone was involved with an event that's taking place on Feb. 8th, there's a STEM event at Columbia High School and it's also honoring Clyde Foster. She stated her company will be there and that she thinks someone from the town should be there to support it. She will pass any information on the event she has to the council. Ms. Hopkins also asked if the town was doing anything for Black History month.

Park & Rec Committee meeting scheduled for Friday, Feb. 3 at 6:00PM

Streets & Cemetery: No Report

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilmember Whitman stated about two meetings ago we received a letter regarding parking a utility trailer on the street in Brookfield Manor. He stated after doing some further research into the 2014 Ordinance there are a few dimensions listed. Reading further into the ordinance it states if a trailer is not attached to a vehicle, then it's not allowed to be parked on the street.

In the letter he's asking the Town for permission to park the utility trailer on the side of the road because it's not allowed by the homeowners Association to park in the driveway. The Ordinance does have a clause in it that the Council can authorize parking, exceptions for loading and unloading. He needs to be given an answer one way or the other.

Mayor stated the Ordinance was passed because we were having problems with transfer trucks and trailers parking on the side of the road. Residents and school buses were having an issue passing through. This started in Savannah and Towne Lakes. She remembers a resident asking for a waiver to park on the street and the town did not give it to him. There was one other gentleman, but he did not follow up.

Councilmember Whitman stated anything that the council decides to do would take away from the HOA ability.

Mayor asked if we were changing our policy, giving him a special permit or adjust our Ordinance to give a special permit.

Attorney Caleb Ballew stated they could do a permit, but it would not be require based on the language of the statue. The town can make the permit as long or short as they want to, maybe a year or an indefinite period. A permit would satisfy it but not required.

Mayor state because we have an ordinance, they would have to know who has that exemption.

Attorney Ballew stated that he could write a letter to the recipient of the authorization recapping their permission.

Motion by Councilmember Ragland to give permission to an individual who has requested to park on Barnard St. Councilmember Garstka second the motion. Roll call vote: Ragland-yes, Hopkins-yes, Garstka-yes, Whitman-yes, Ayers-yes and Caudle-abstain. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Theresa Nelson stated trucks and other vehicles traveling on the 2nd Landess is causing damage to the patch work that has been recently done. Mayor stated she will get the County back out to repair.

Ms. Nelson reported there's a leak on Wall Triana near Joe Bell's house.

Roy Seay requested a copy of the minutes of last council meeting.

Mr. Seay stated he has also reported the leak on WT he stated the longer it leaks it going to cost the town a lot of money. He also commented on the road under the hill on Landess Cir near the Ayers home, he stated he has stood outside his car, and he could not see cars coming over the hill.

Mr. Goggins stated it's been 10 months and 1 day and he still has not received any mail. He stated they are building house and have poured the concrete pad but no mailboxes.

Mayor stated they have poured the pads for the cluster mailboxes, that's progress. She will check further.

Councilmember Whitman reported one of the residents on Harold Murphy contacted him about a replacement water meter cover he asked is that something we stock.

The clerk stated that is something we stock she will check on it.

Mayor stated the gentleman that bid on the blue tractor is not able to get it, she's asking the Council is it okay to go with the 2nd highest bidder. Council okay with it.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date Approved Feb. 13, 2023

Sharron Humphrey
Sharron Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Mary Caudle
Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore

Town of Triana
Park & Recreation Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 17, 2023
6:00 pm

Members Present: Ms. Levoneia Ayers, Jason Garstka, Erica Hopkins

Members Absent: N/A

Others Present: George Ragland

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairperson, Levoneia Ayers with a quorum established. Ms. Ayers discussed with the committee the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the 2023 Park & Recreation Calendar.

Ms. Ayers discussed projected dates for the Easter Egg Hunt, Earth Day/Triana Clean-up Day, Arbor Day and Older Americans Month/Day of Recognition.

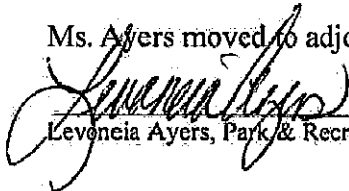
The committee came to a consensus that the projected dates/financial allocation would be as follows:

Easter Egg Hunt	Saturday, April 01, 2023	12:00pm-2pm	\$250
Easter Brunch (Seniors)	Saturday, April 01, 2023	12:30pm-2pm	\$250
Earth Day/Triana Clean-up	Saturday, April 22, 2023	8:00am-10am	\$250
Older Americans Month (Proclamation)	May 2023		
Older Americans Day of Recognition	May 20, 2023	Time-TBD	\$500

Other dates discussed were National Arbor Day Friday, April 28, 2023. Once the Beautification Board is re-established and meet the process to regain Tree City USA Certification can begin. World Clean-up Day is Saturday, September 16, 2023, another day to plan a town activity.

Ms. Hopkins discussed the Historical Society events in February and May. The P&R Committee will need to confirm the dates and needs of the Historical Society. Also, the committee is very interested in adding QR to all monuments and historical markers.

Ms. Ayers moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Mr. Garstka seconded. Motion carried.



Levoneia Ayers, Park & Recreation Chairperson

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried acceptance of the P&R Committee Minutes at Town of Triana Council Meeting Monday, January 23, 2023