

**Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting**  
**Monday, April 10, 2023**  
**6:30PM**

Mayor called the meeting to order. The clerk called the roll.

Councilmember George Ragland – Present  
Councilmember Erica Hopkins – Present  
Councilmember Jason Garstka – 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.

Motioned by Councilmember Whitman to approve the minutes dated March 27, 2023. Councilmember Hopkins second the motion. Motion carried.

**Mayor Caudle's Report: No Report**

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Fire & Police:** Chairperson Ragland reported Fire Dept responded to 7 Emergency calls, 2 motor vehicle accidents and 1 outside fire.  
Police Dept. traveled 2,156 miles, made 26 Traffic Stops, 20 Warning Citations, 7 Traffic Citations, 39 Calls for Service, 2 Arrests and 10 Reports.

Mr. Ragland stated the town needs more Police Officers and Firemen. Mayor agreed.

**Finance:** Chairperson Hopkins presented the Bank Statement ending 03/ 31/2023, for approval. Motion by Councilmember Hopkins to approve the Bank Statement ending March 31, 2023. Councilmember Garstka second the motion. Motion carried.

**Utility: No Report**

Mayor stated she's looking at a possible grant for the Water Dept.

**Park and Recreation:** Chairperson Ayers reported the following: Warriors have begun their registration for football and Cheer. The Easter Egg Hunt held on Sat, April 1<sup>st</sup> and Senior Brunch were both well attended.

The cleanup day will be Saturday, April 22 which is also Earth Day.  
Homeschool will end in May and will pick back up in the Fall. There will be no summer participation.  
The summer camp program begins on June 5th and goes thru July 28<sup>th</sup>. They will be having priority registration which has already begun. This will be for Town of Triana residents thru Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Regular registration begins on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Registration will remain open until all slots have been filled, the closing date is May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Mayor reported we have hired a Recreation Director, his name is Bakari Byrd. She stated we're still looking for a full-time person to work in the Maintenance Dept. and Police Dept.

Councilmember Hopkins asked if the positions were posted. Mayor stated they're posted on the website, Indeed and Facebook. The Police Dept have them posted on different sites also.

Councilmember Hopkins asked if there was a route to follow for cleanup. Councilmember Ayers stated based on last year's turnout they all went the same way if it's large enough then they will disburse. It all depends on participation. The maintenance crew helped with making sure the grass was cut down low and Chief was following behind and the EMT unit also followed. Mayor stated some years have been better than others. She stated some residents like in the past will call if they can't come and say they will help by picking up off their streets.

Councilmember Hopkins asked if we measure trash picked up. Mayor stated they normally take pictures because we partner with Alabama the Beautiful. We send pictures and count the bags. Councilmember Ayers stated supplies are already here for the cleanup and that Martinson & Beason will be providing continental breakfast. We will also serve hotdogs.

**Streets and Cemetery: No Report**

**Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business:**

Mayor to schedule a meeting with the Attorney and Police Chief to discuss the violation notices.

Councilmember Hopkins made a comment about the iPad; she stated they did not have many seniors to show up to get the free tablets.

Mayor stated that maybe because she and her daughter reached out to the seniors and that a lot of them may have them. She stated they passed out about 50 iPad, the seniors were their first target and then as many as they could think of. Mayor stated it is a salary requirement.

Councilmember Ayers reported that Community Action set up Tuesday for Triana residents to come and qualify.

Councilmember Whitman reported they had their Planning and Zoning meeting last Monday. Mr. Bracey presented to the board a change in zoning request for property that his spouse owns on Landess Cir. This will go from R-1 to B-1 Business. He presented his proposal, and they scheduled a Public Hearing on Monday at 6pm. He stated notices should have already been sent out.

Councilmember Ragland stated he spoke with residents from the Collier area and that they would like to have a storm shelter in their community. Mayor asked if he would work on getting one. She stated there are no grants available for that right now, but she will continue to work on getting one.

**Public Comment:**

Theresa Nelson expressed concern about the lighting in the Collier area.

Mayor stated we sent several emails we've been told that the work order is has been turned into the board.

Ms. Nelson asked what the criteria for the iPad are. The clerk stated with Community Action it's based on your income level. Mayor stated its based on 20% poverty level.

Mayor stated to make sure anyone that already has one that they do check their database.

Ms. Nelson stated she has one that does not work. Mayor stated maybe she can let them know maybe they came switch it over. She stated the Company that does the iPad is the same. The service that comes free is from different internet services.

Councilmember Garstka stated he would like to recognize a young man sitting front center, Francis Goggins who is always at the boat launch picking up trash.

Mayor stated Wheeler has given the okay and TVA has released the funds for us to do the other boat launch. TVA and the County will put it in.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date Approved

04-24-2023

Sharon Humphrey  
Sharon Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Mary Conolly  
Mayor Pro Tempore