

Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting
Monday, March 27, 2023
6:30PM

The 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 constitute a quorum.

Motion by Councilmember Whitman to approve the minutes dated March 13, 2023. Councilmember Ayers second the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle's Report: See Other Reports

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fire & Police: Chairperson Ragland reported Fire Dept responded to 3 fire alarms, 16 emergency calls, 1 motor vehicle accident, and 2 others.
Police Dept. traveled 2,545 miles, made 29 traffic stops, 24 warning citations, 10 traffic citations, 28 Calls for service, 0 Arrests and 2 Reports.

Mayor reported: She met with the engineers working on the fire station; she stated everyone should have a copy of plot plans. The plans will be submitted to USDA in addition to the floor plans that the architect will design. Once that's done and approved we can get started working on the bid paperwork. Trees are down and cleared off the property where the fire station will be built.

One of our Police Officers have turned in his notice his last day will be March 31st. Her understanding is that he will be going to work with the City of Madison. She stated when interviewing us he had also put in an application with Madison. She stated we do have those positions open. The Chief stated he has had inquiries but that he has not gotten any applications back.

Councilmember Hopkins asked if we were advertising the position outside of Facebook. Mayor stated yes and that she would get with the Chief on the where we're advertising.

Finance: No Report

Councilmember Hopkins stated she has been actively looking for grants. She had a question about the Rebuild Alabama Grant, she asked if we were a part of that and do we get support through the County when they apply for it and do we get a percentage of that. Mayor stated she does not know how they apply and that we have not signed off on anything as a partner with the County.

Utility: No Report

Parks and Recreation: Chairperson Ayers reported they had a park and Rec Committee meeting on Thursday, March 2. She stated they discussed the rental of the gymnasium, deposit fees, application, the agreement and responsibilities. They also discussed purchasing additional tables and chairs for the

community room, and discussed organizing a community day of service. They have contacted a few local businesses to get donated supplies.

Ms. Ayers reported that Mr. Garstka discussed the Easter Bunny arrival and photo opportunity. They plan to meet with the P&R Coordinator on the 29th to discuss what else they may need. They will be having the Easter Egg Hunt on the grounds and the Senior Brunch this Saturday from 12:30-2:00 in the Community.

Streets and Cemetery: No Report

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders, and other business:

Mayor asked the Attorney if the violation had been notices went out. Attorney Caleb stated the letters went out at the end of last month.

Mayor stated the Attorney sent out letters to those individuals that our Inspector had sent violation notices to. She stated we have given them 30 days to comply and or to contact us. The next step will be for the officer to issue them a citation to come to court. She will get with the Officers on April 1.

Councilmember Whitman reported the following: The shed that was talked about last meeting is down the County came out and helped.

The Tornado Shelter has been opened twice since the last council meeting. They had the Community Meeting last Saturday; Mayor stated they had a good turnout and thanked those that came out. They received a lot of feedback.

Public Comments:

Francis Goggins thanked the Mayor and Council for helping with the mail issue. He stated they were supposed to put the Cluster Box Units (CBUs) in a safe location but there's no lighting there. The mail gets delivered between 8 & 9 at night. Also when they put up the CBUs they took down the signage for the handicap parking it needs to put that back. He asked council to help. Mayor stated that's on private HOA property but they will try.

Betty Williams reported that the Smithsonian is coming to Triana February 14- April 12, 2024. She stated the theme is Identity, Land, Community and Managing Change she stated these are things they will be addressing.

She stated the following is how they will address these things:

Engage students to interpret local history projects.

Involve the local community- volunteers, why rural is important, generational changes, how has land changed and demographics.

She stated they will address change, through videos, podcasts, social media, selfies (I am Triana) and drawings.

Mayor asked Ms. Williams to check around on the rental of two Porta Potties for the event, male and female. The town will cover the cost.

Ms. Williams stated they plan to have the Culture Center and the Library open also.

Health Center Update: Ms. Williams reported they have hung all the doors and sealed and washed the windows and purchased blinds for the window. The will be setting an opening date.

Ms. Williams also reported that they have submitted a Racial Equity Grant thru Toyota for \$20,000.00.

Veterans Park Update: Ms. Williams reported they have laid the concrete for the monument, planted flowers and they are waiting on the monument to be delivered.

Ms. Williams also reported they have turned in a RCD Grant for \$25,000.00.

Mayor stated she hopes we can get fencing around the monument.

Theresa Nelson announced that the Joe Fletcher Scholarship is in affect now. She stated if anyone knows a graduating senior that attends Bob Jones High School to let them know they will be awarding two students with a \$500.00 Scholarship. She stated the Counselor at the school has information and applications. The library also has applications.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date Approved: 4-10-2023

Sharon Humphrey
Sharon Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Mary Cawelle
Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore