

**Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting**  
**Monday, November 9, 2020**  
**6:30p.m.**

The Mayor called the meeting to order. Roll call, Councilmembers Jason Garstka, Casey Whitman, George Ragland, Levoneia Ayers, Erica Hopkins and Mayor Mary Caudle. Members present constituted a quorum.

Legal counsel Caleb Ballew and the clerk Sharron Humphrey were also present.

Motion by Councilman Whitman to approve minutes dated October 26, 2020, Councilman Ragland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Ragland to approve the Organizational Meeting minutes dated November 2, 2020, Councilmember Ayers second the motion. Motion carried.

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

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Fire & Police:** Chairperson Ragland reported that the Chief and both Officers will be in class on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Caudle reported the following: Police Officers traveled 3011 miles, made 40 Traffic Stops, 33 Warning Citations, 14 Citations, 37 Calls for Service, 1 Arrest and 7 Reports.

Chief Powell traveled to Montgomery to pick up several items from the State Surplus.

Officer Zivat to attend training class to cost \$95.00.

Firearms training/qualification has been scheduled for December 7<sup>th</sup> for all Officers at the HPD/FBI Firearms Training Facility on Wall Triana Hwy.

**Finance:** No Report

Bank Statement presented for approval. Motion by Councilman Ragland to approve Bank Statement ending October 31, 2020, Councilman Whitman second the motion. Motion carried.

**Utility:** Chairperson Whitman reported the town is currently working with HSV Utilities on getting additional incoming water via is yet to be determined number of additional master meters from them to try to rectify the water supply issue. He helped put out fire hydrant locks on Zierdt Road and they have 14 more to put out.

Mayor Caudle reported the lights to be installed for the three areas are coming up on the list with Huntsville Utilities. The other lights for the subdivisions are not finished by design.

**Park & Recreation:** No Report

Mayor Caudle reported the football season has ended. The paperwork for the completion of the gym has been sent in. Public Hearing to close out grant for gym has been set for Nov. 17 at 2pm. This will allow anyone to address any complaints or questions.

**Streets and Cemetery:** Chairperson Garstka reported stop sign need at Gwinnett and Bridge mill.

**RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mayor Caudle stated Chief Powell had given her a letter he received from a resident living in the Brook Haven Subdivision, the letter expresses concern for the property located on Swancott Road.

Councilman Whitman stated there are three items Council needs to address, he stated by Alabama Law the chairperson for Planning and Zoning needs to be appointed he stated he is willing to continue to serve in that roll.

Motion by Councilmember Ragland to nominate Casey Whitman to serve as Chairperson of the Planning and Zoning Commission, Councilmember Ayers second the motion. Motion carried.

The second item is the item on the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, requesting the developer revisit the plat due to concerns regarding multiple entrances / exists onto Wall-Triana Hwy in a close proximity (Swanncott Rd, Southern Landing Dr, Murphy Circle, E. Parcus Dr., and H. Murphy Dr).In response the developer proposed a solution to modify Murphy Cir., into a Cul-de-sa, due to the small number of homes that will front onto Murphy Circle. This proposed solution nets the developer one additional lot and addresses the traffic concerns raised by the Town. Pending approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Town Council will need to authorize the modifications to Murphy Circle. Lastly – the Town requested Murphy Cir and Southern Landing Dr Intersection to be a four-way stop.

Motion by Councilmember Whitman that the Council concurs with the redirection from the Planning and Zoning made in the modification to the cul-de-sac, Councilmember Ayers second the motion. Roll call vote, Ayers-yes, Hopkins-yes, Garstka-yes, Whitman-yes, Ragland-yes, Caudle-yes. Unanimous consent, motion carried.

Third item, discussion on the proposed layout for the Apartment Complex between Record and Stone Street. The Developer has put in a request to purchase the 8<sup>th</sup> Street easement, 1/2acre. The easement will be for two apartment buildings. The developer has expressed a willingness to construct a small playground in the remaining portion of the current easement (see attached sheet)  
No action taken, to be continued at work session.

Mayor stated town does plan to hire building inspector during this physical year, started Oct. 1. Councilmember Ragland stated \$80,000 is too much to pay a full-time Building Inspector. Mayor stated we have a contracted inspector now. That amount was the maximum to pay in comparison to other Cities and Towns. We need to move forward and hire a full-time person to do both positions, Code Enforcement and Building Inspector.

Councilmember Ragland asked about tree cutting in the park.  
Mayor stated she has no one to do the job.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Theresa Nelson reported Historical Society has been awarded grant for \$15,000.  
Mayor stated information is coming she has no official letter.

Theresa Nelson stated the Shooting Range is still noisy.  
Mayor stated the noise is still going to be there, they plan to install more noise barriers in the next phase. She stated the trainer plans to let her know when they will have night training.

Theresa Nelson stated Wall Triana Hwy needs speed limit signs on Wall Triana Hwy.

Armand Hunt with Engineers of the South gave an update on lift station upgrade. He stated nothing has changed. This will consist of upgrading lift stations at Jesse Bennett, Oregon and Advent Dr.  
The Pre-Bid opening will be November 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.  
Mayor asked members of the Council to attend if possible.  
The Bid opening will be held on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

Councilmember Ragland asked for an update to lift station at Bingo  
Mayor stated Mr. Hunt is not the person she has been working with on the lift station.  
Mr. Ragland asked if town could connect lift station in Bingo parking lot to the lift station on Advent Dr.  
Mr. Hunt stated he would get with Craig0 to find out more out the lift station.

Nikki Terry, Manager of the Ebony Club asked if Triana's off duty Officers could be hired to patrol the parking lot at the Ebony Club.  
Mayor stated our Officers do not do that.

Marvelene Freeman reported there's a problem with sewer on Ervin Lane. She asked what happens if we are currently not fixing the problem. Our system is not designed for all these houses being built. Another concern she has is cars getting in and out of the subdivision on Record Street next to the Housing Complex where children are playing.  
Ms. Freeman also stated Street light on Ervin Lane still not working.

Theresa Nelson reported street light at second Landess Cir is still not working.  
Councilmember Whitman stated Huntsville Utilities has a website where individuals can report street light outage.

Ms. Freeman asked would gym be ready this winter.  
Mayor stated it would be.

Ms. Freeman asked would City give something in writing 30 days to operate Bingo facility.  
Mayor stated yes she would.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date approved November 23, 2020

Sharron Humphrey  
Sharron Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Mary Paule  
Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore