

Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting
Monday, March 22, 2021
6:30p.m.

Meeting called to order by the Mayor. The clerk was asked to call roll, Councilmembers George Ragland, Erica Hopkins, Jason Garstka, Casey Whitman, Levoneia Ayers and Mayor Mary Caudle. Member's present constituted a quorum.

Attorney Caleb Ballew and the clerk Sharron Humphrey were also present.

Motion by Whitman to approve minutes dated March 8th with addition and correction. Ayers second the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle's Report: Met with Huntsville Utilities to discuss new water intake. Completion date on sewer project is Sept. 11th.

We did not receive the Jag Grant in the amount of \$23, 900.00 for equipment.

Received new contract from Madison County Sheriff Dept for Housing Inmates, looks to have increase by \$5.00.

Motion by Whitman to enter into a contract with Madison County for Housing Inmates. Ayers seconds the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fire & Police: Chairperson Ragland reported Fire Dept. responded to 3 alarm calls, 12 emergency calls, 1 motor vehicle, traveled 1637 miles and issued 1 fire permit.

Police Dept., traveled 2674 miles, made 25 Traffic Stops, 13, Warning Citations, 18 Citations, 102 Calls for Service, 3 Arrests and 12 Reports.

Finance: Chairperson Hopkins

Discussed Bridging the Gap between old & new to help create one Triana, a project focused on social impact. Mayor Caudle stated she does not have a problem with doing anything beneficial to the town. The project could be funded through the 2021 AARP Community Challenge Grant Opportunity which provides small grants to fund quick-action projects that can help communities become more livable for people of all ages. The purpose of the grant is to improve public spaces; support housing; deliver a range of transportation; increase civic engagement; support coronavirus recovery; or focus on diversity and inclusion. Funding cannot be used for political purposes, publications of books or reports, acquisition of land, sponsorship of other organizations or activities, research and development for non-profit/for profit endeavors or to promote products and services on non-profit organizations.

Applications are due, April 14, 2021 and must be submitted online by 8:00 PM EST. Qualifying organizations include non-profits and Government entities.

Utility: No Report

Park & Recreation: Chairperson Ayers reported Triana CP and St. Paul will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3rd. They are asking to use the town's football field. They are also asking the Town to give \$250.00 in the event they don't get the funding to do what they want.

Motion by Ayers in the event funds are needed the Town of Triana will partner with Triana CP and St. Paul to host an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 3rd from 1-3p.m. Hopkins seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Ayers stating recognizing that Earth Day is next month they would like to work something up, possibly a cleanup day in different areas in the Town.

Streets & Cemetery: No Report

Councilmember Ragland asked about paid salaries for Vol. Firemen. Attorney Caleb Ballew the town can donate equipment to the Fire Dept. and pay for training. Giving a bonus is feasible, best to discuss further in a work session.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on whether or not to give Ebony Club a warning or have a Public Hearing to remove license.

A list of concerns: patrons working topless, security blocking off streets. We need to make sure security is license by the State. Not sure if Occupancy for building was given. The Town's current license does not have suspension in it modify license to include it. Promoters using different names than what's on the license.

Mayor Caudle asked council if they were comfortable with issuing a letter so that these type things don't happen again.

And there was concern about the road. Traveling to the Club on Cable Cir. is very difficult. It needs to be reestablished.

Mayor Caudle stated road has not been paved the County would have to come back out to assist.

Allowing minors into the club was also a concern.

Motion by Whitman to have the Attorney draft letter with specific guidelines to present to the council at the next meeting we will state the next step then. Ayers seconds the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Patsy Parvin stated this is a good time to get funds for another storm shelter with all the new subdivisions coming in.

Marvelene Freeman asked if she was still a key holder for the storm shelter if so, she would like to request a replacement key.

Mayor Caudle stated she is on the list as a key holder.

Ms. Freeman asked the council to look at the entrance to the cemetery it needs gravel.

Mayor Caudle stated we will look into it.

Ms. Freeman stated at the last council meeting Parley's License was discussed she stated she will be keeping her eyes on that place.

Leon Grays stated we shouldn't want Outcast a motorcycle gang to be in Triana, they have a bad reputation that goes with them wherever they go.

Mayor stated we cannot say who the owner can rent his facility to, they are renting to Outcast to hold meetings. They have a right to rent under whatever terms they want as long as the building is up to code on private property.

Theresa Nelson a key holder for the storm shelter asked for a replacement key.
The clerk was asked to provide her with a key.

Patsy Parvin complimented the maintenance workers on the landscaping around the town.
Mayor stated she would pass that on to the workers.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date approved 4-18-2021

Sharon Humphrey
Sharon Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

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Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore