

**Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting**  
**Monday, April 12, 2021**  
**6:30p.m.**

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

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

Councilmember Whitman made the motion to approve the minutes dated March 22, 2021. Councilmember Ayers seconds to motion. Motion carried.

**Mayor Caudle's Report:** The Governor has lifted the mask mandate, brief discussion on requiring facemask for at least one month. Councilmember Ragland made the motion to continue wearing face masks to revisit in a month. Councilmember Ayers seconds the motion. Motion carried.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Fire & Police:** Chairperson Ragland reported Fire Dept. responded to 2 fire alarms, 3 EMT calls, 1 motor vehicle accident and traveled 13 miles.

Police Dept. traveled 4438, made 30 Traffic Stops, 26 Warning Citations, 13 Citations, 94 Calls for Service, 0 Arrests and 8 Reports.

Mayor Caudle added: We were interviewing for one last officer waiting on the back ground check. Chief Powell is applying for a Fire House Sub Grant in the amount \$18,254. If grant is approved money will go towards body cam and body armor.

Councilmember Hopkins made the motion to approve for Chief Powell to apply for the Fire House Grant. Councilmember Ayers seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle stated we will order a computer, body armor and a printer for the two new vehicles and the Charger.

**Finance:** Chairperson Hopkins stated at last work session we talked about the AARP Community Challenge Grant which is due on this Wednesday. She and Councilmember Ayers had a discussion on what area they wanted to target.

Councilmember Hopkins presented council with a draft copy of the grant. The project is called "Bridging the Gap" Triana Mural Project. They are proposing to create a mural that shares the history of the Town of Triana and they are proposing that the mural be a community project with volunteers from all over Triana. The notion is to get rid of the old versus the new. This will be done through story telling. The mural will act as a timeline from the beginning to present day Triana. She is proposing that the mural be put on the outside of the Town Hall building. The mural will have lighting on the top where it's lit up at night. Benches will be placed out front where people can sit and talk through some of the time lines. The total amount requested is \$25,000. Still needs to do more research on the artist, the cost of the benches and the lighting.

The proposed place for the mural will be on the side of the building that has the name Town of Tiana Municipal Building on it. If that's not a good site then the breezeway where the other bench sits, or another area in the town. Please see attached draft copy of grant.

Mayor Caudle stated her reason for hesitating about putting mural onto building is because we're going to have to do some major work to the building and she doesn't want to deface it. She doesn't want a

permanent fixture to the building. She thought it would be done in the form of a build board. Discussed the possibility of the mural being defaced or sprayed with graffiti.

Ms. Hopkins stated she and Councilmember Ayers also discussed crosswalks over by the park area. Councilmember Whitman suggested doing the mural in forms of panels, something that can easily be removed from the side of the building if needed.

Council liked the ideas of using panels.

Councilmember Hopkins stated the time line on the grant is pretty quick; the project has to be completely finished by Nov. 10, 2021. She stated scoring the grant is based on the number of seniors that get involved in the project, also permanent fixtures and the connection the residents have in the community.

Motion by Councilmember Hopkins that Council approves for her to apply for the AARP Community Challenge Grant for the "Bridging the Gap" Triana Mural Project, the mural will not be on the building. Councilmember Garstka seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle asked how would the grant be managed.

Councilmember Hopkins stated she has herself listed as the project lead and contact person she is proposing to have a committee to review photos that will be included in the mural. She has also included the Parks & Rec Committee and at least two community members preferably seniors.

**Utility:** Chairperson Whitman reported: Huntsville Utilities is still working on the 2<sup>nd</sup> water intake on Harbor Ferry. New street lights have gone up in The Crossings at River Landing paid for by the developer. Still waiting on the resolution as to who is going to pay for the street lighting at Phase 3 Rivers Landing and the developer of Brookhaven has been working with Huntsville Utilities on lighting.

Councilman Whitman asked if there was any news on the installation of the three streets that were approved for street lighting.

Mayor Caudle stated Huntsville Utilities would be moving forward to install regular street lights to go up soon.

**Park & Recreation:** Chairperson Ayers reported the following: Easter egg hunt was a success. Thanks to everyone that came out and showed their support. Thanks go out to Councilman Garstka for playing the Easter bunny and the two community leaders for their help. The kids took lots of pictures with the Easter bunny that were shared on Facebook.

Tree City USA, were reached out to by the State Forestry.

Representative from the State Forestry would like to set up a meeting with the mayor and herself with regards to Tree City USA becoming a Tree City again to recertify. They will be in town next month.

We should be receiving some information about recertifying.

We need to start working on getting the Beautification Board-Tree City up and running.

Mayor stated we were combining the Tree City and Beautification Board. She asked Councilmember Ayers to put out notices asking for volunteers to serve on the boards.

Councilmember Ayers stated we need to start looking at having camps, start charging a participation/entry fee. She will bring in information on entry fees. This will be outside of what the town will do.

Mayor Caudle suggested she have a meeting with the Park & Recreation was asked to come up with a plan to present to council.

Councilmember Ragland stated he is not in favor of charging the kids a fee to play in gym.

Mayor Caudle stated we can allow kids that cannot pay the fee for what ever reason to still be able to participate in addition to charging a fee. She does not want to exclude them.

Ms. Ayers stated council needs to revisit hiring a Rec. person for the town.  
Mayor Caudle stated we can hire 2 part-time individuals or 1 full-time person to work in the gym.

**Streets & Cemetery:** Chairperson Garstka reported Bridgemill phase 2 has been paved. Need to schedule public hearing for the installation of speed bumps on Ervin Lane.  
Public hearing was scheduled for 30min before next council meeting.

Councilmember Ragland stated again that he does not agree with charging Triana kids a fee to use gym, we have allowed the football program to get started and we did not charge them anything. We need to do for our own children before we do for other kids.  
Mayor Caudle stated he's a part of the Park & Rec. Committee that could be discussed during their meeting.

**RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mayor Caudle reported our attorney has drafted a letter to send to the Ebony Club; we are waiting on the Fire Marshall to come out.

Attorney Caleb Ballew stated he has included in the letter an incident that happened in late February that started everyone talking and another incident this month that happened at the club with the security company illegally armed they may not have the proper license and registration to operate an arm security company.

Mayor Caudle stated it has been reported that people are still parking on private property. We are waiting on the affidavit from the Fire Marshall with the occupancy numbers.

Councilmember Whitman made the statement, should we ask what steps to take for them to rectify the problem, ask for a response back in 14 calendar days and copy the ABC Board.

Councilmember Ayers made the suggestion to purchase the property on Cable Cir to complete the road, she stated right now the road is a safety hazard to travel on.

Mayor Caudle stated her concern is the liability. We need to discuss issue and have it surveyed.

Councilmember Ayers asked what is the next sept is.

Motion by Councilmember Ayers to approach owners of the business Ebony Club about linking both sides of Cable Cir, once they decide to do whichever. This will give an emergency exit. Councilmember Whitman seconds the motion. 1-opposed, motion carried.

Work session was scheduled for April 19 at 6p.m. to discuss a comprehensive plan and set up meeting with public, discuss where the town is at and where we are going and also discuss Insurance License Ordinance.

Mayor stated this weekend is our target date to start spraying for mosquitos.

**Public Comments:**

Marvelene Freeman asked about the Town's Leash Ordinance, she stated there's a problem on her street with a big dog roaming that's not on a leash. She stated it is the towns responsibility to enforce the Ordinance. She would like to see the town do something about the stray dog do as soon as possible.  
Ms. Freeman asked the council if there were any plans to repair the lift station in the Bingo parking lot on wall Triana Hwy. They plan to open the Bingo up on May 15. They cannot open without the sewer lift station.

Mayor Caudle stated she has no date, does not know when it will be repaired.

Ms. Freeman asked about gym being open for use.

Mayor Caudle stated according to the CDC, they recommend only to allow 3 people in the gym at one time. We have been following those guidelines from day one. Walking is permissible.

Ms. Freeman asked Councilmember Ayers, an employee with the City of Madison Rec. Dept. about the guidelines they follow for people wanting to use gym.

Ms. Ayers stated they also follow the CDC guidelines for allowing limited number of persons in the gym. There is an exception for a family.

Samuel Glover asked could they be notified whenever the Ebony Club will have a concert.

Mayor stated we don't know when concerts are scheduled.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn

Date approved April 26, 2021

Sharon Humphrey  
Sharon Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

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Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore