

Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting
Monday, June 13, 2022
6:00PM

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

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

Approval of minutes: Motion by Council Member Whitman to approve the minutes dated May 23, 2022. Council Member Ayers seconds the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR CAUDLE'S REPORT: Submitted the paperwork on time for the Park Grant. Finalized the WOW agreement, it's in place we should be receiving revenue from them. The agreement states that they will include other areas as they expand.

The Police Grant is almost finished, need to sign and submit. Due date is Thursday, June 16th. There are some changes to the grant, the 1st year we pay 25%, 2nd year 27% and 3rd year 30% of the salary. Community Action donated funds to assist with the summer program for low-income participants and Huntsville Utilities donated water, 20 cases.

Council Member Hopkins asked what did Community Action donate. Mayor Caudle stated they donated funds. Ms. Hopkins asked how much? Mayor stated they gave us an advance of \$4,500.00, available for ten kids, but we have not had that many to request it. It depends on the family's income. The parent would have to fill out an application to qualify.

The Company that we use to Open/Close graves has submitted a note stating they will be increasing the fee to \$900.00. She stated during the next finance meeting they will need to discuss increasing the Cemetery rate to cover cost. The Finance Committee will submit their recommendations to the Council after the meeting.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fire & Police: Chairperson Ragland reported Fire Dept responded to 1 fire structure, 1 fire alarm and 7 emergency calls.

Police Dept. traveled 3,855 miles, made 29 traffic stops, 32 warning citations, 22 citations, 47 calls for service, 3 arrest and 8 reports. Mayor reported the new police car is in and is being outfitted and stripped. She also stated we're still working on second police car we have received a total of \$15,000.00 from Representative Ball.

Finance: Chairperson Hopkins presented the Bank Statement ending May 31, 2022.

Council Member Hopkins made the motion to approve the Bank Statement ending May 31st. Council Member Whitman seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 23rd at 6PM.

Utility: No Report

Parks & Recreation: Chairperson Ayers reported the Triana Summer Camp has reached capacity. They had a really eventful 1st week. Mayor stated we have 27 kids registered but the whole 27 have not showed up at the same time.

Ms. Ayers stated the kids are doing swimming on Tuesday's and Thursday's and the Senior Lunch and Learn program has started, they've met on May 26th, June 2nd & 9th. She made the suggestion to add a self-defense class to the program.

Mayor Caudle stated they've had Community Action and Casa to come out to speak during the lunch and learn program. They have Martinson & Beason scheduled to come out next to discuss Estate Planning after that they will have United Way out.

Mayor Caudle stated she is trying to arrange a trip for the seniors to visit the Huntsville Center; further discussion will be with the seniors on Thursday.

Council Member Ayers reported on June 10th they had their rocket build. They plan to reschedule the launch. They had their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) event at the library on Saturday with MBA STEM Outreach, Aerospace, Northrop Grumman and O'Neal Cancer Center at UAB. She stated Northrop Grumman and Ms. Hopkins hosted the event. They had several activities that the kids enjoyed.

Council Member Hopkins stated they had a great turnout hosting the 1st STEM event. They had over 65 kids come out. MBA was pleased with the turnout and ready to plan the next event. She thanked Ms. Ayers for helping to organize things.

Ms. Ayers stated the library would like to partner with them and the Triana Warrior to do a membership drive. They will collaborate and help them to get more membership and to make sure everything is up to date.

Mayor Caudle reported the main library has secured small funding, they want to use the funds to paint the library a darker gray; she does not see a problem with it.

Streets & Cemetery: No Report

Mayor Caudle stated we have a couple of street signs to straighten out.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER:

Mayor Caudle presented Resolution 2022-05, adding Juneteenth as a holiday for the employees.

Council Member Ragland asked would Juneteenth be a permanent holiday. Mayor Caudle replied yes.

Motion by Council Member Ragland to approve Resolution 2022-05, adding Juneteenth as a holiday. Council Member Ayers seconds the motion. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

P & Z Chairperson Whitman reported they discussed during their meeting on Monday a proposal to enact a moratorium on large scale residential developments. He stated the last couple of year's sewer stations have reached capacity in the North part of town. Everything currently approved they have capacity plans in place for. They will need to upgrade the output for Savannah West to the Madison Utilities out-falls. They have in place the sewer capacity for Evergreen Mills and the Foster Place subdivision. They don't have capacity for much else. Mr. Whitman further stated the concerns for the number of Police and Firefighters continue. They brought up the idea of enacting a moratorium to put a pause on accepting anymore applications for rezoning to start new subdivisions to give the town a chance to get caught up on things like Savannah West force main upgrade, a possible 3rd water intake and expanding the Foster/Zierdt Rd sewer pump. They had this discussion at their Planning and Zoning meeting. Everyone there minus Mr. Davis concurred with the recommendation and recommends the Council adopts a moratorium with the details to be worked out. No one has come to him with any large scale/new subdivisions, large scale being four lots or more, he does not have anything pending. Nothing that he or the mayor has been made aware of.

Mayor stated everyone has a copy of the moratorium; she asked them to read it and be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting.

Mr. Whitman stated to be clear, they would not be proposing to stop any projects currently been approved those would continue.

Public Comments:

Marvelene Freeman stated she has already prepaid for a cemetery plot and all she has is a receipt, she would like to have more than just a receipt. She asked how soon he can have it done.

Attorney Ballew stated he can draft up a more formal document describing the area as soon as he can.

Ms. Freeman asked how the money given by Community Action was advertised to those kids who qualify to attend the summer camp.

Mayor Caudle stated she was told to mention it if anyone qualifies there's a form for them to fill out. Those who registered were given the information. She stated it's not a grant, Community Action stated they would support anyone who needs assistance in our program.

Ms. Freeman asked how will the community know there's funding for under privilege children if we don't put it out there. Mayor stated she assumes Community Action is putting the information out.

Council Member Ayers stated the money was not allocated for Triana it's an overage of funds they had. The mayor asked if they would be able to assist, it wasn't a grant written for the program. Mayor stated they weren't the only organization she asked there were others.

Roy Seay asked the council what they were doing as far as upgrading for firemen and equipment whatever they need to get a fire department. Mayor Caudle asked what the Fire Dept. was doing.

Mr. Seay stated they have a plan to bring something to the council by the next council meeting; he doesn't want to expose that until he gets an update from the council. Mayor stated council knows she's working with USDA nothing is promised.

Mr. Seay asked Council Member Ragland to work and advocate for the Fire Dept. Mr. Ragland stated he's working with the Chief. Mr. Seay stated being a part of a volunteer Fire Dept. is essential and that we might be losing a fireman. Mr. Ragland stated he has been saying all along we need more firemen. Mayor stated we have advertised for police and firemen no one is coming forward to apply. Positions have been approved but no one is coming by for them to interview.

Councilmember Hopkins stated she will commit to give an update at the next meeting on what resources she's been able to come up with.

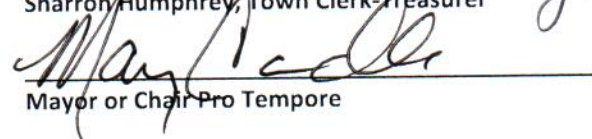
Council Member Ragland stated Ms. Ayers asked about cutting trees in the park he informed her we could not because it was on TVA. Mayor stated we could cut trees in the park if they impose a danger to us.

Mr. Ragland stated we need to hire some help in the Maintenance Dept. Mayor stated we have signed a contract with a temp agency to hire employee(s) to work in the Maintenance Dept.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date approved June 27, 2022


Sharron Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer


Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore