

Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting
Monday, June 12, 2023
6:30PM

Mayor called the meeting to order. Roll call:
Councilmember George Ragland - Present
Councilmember Garstka – Present
Councilmember Casey Whitman – Present
Mayor Mary Caudle – Present

Councilmember Erica Hopkins – Absent
Councilmember Levoneia Ayers – Absent

Members present constituted a quorum. Legal counsel Caleb Ballew and the clerk Sharron Humphrey were also present.

Motion by Councilmember Whitman to approve the minutes dated May 22, 2023. Councilmember Garstka second the motion . Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle's Report: The Fire Station project is moving good. The plans are being reviewed by USDA for approval, this will take a week. One of the requirements is passing a Resolution stating Council agrees for the loan. Other requirements: send a certified list of the council members and their term. Submit an approved budget for the project period, the 1st 3 years once project is approved. The attorney should have received an email to do a title opinion, making sure land is cleared for where fire station will be built. Discussed in a previous meeting a contract with David Reinstein to give us the town rating for borrowing.

With permission from the council, she would like to apply for a CDBG Community Development Block Grant for the bathrooms in the park. She stated this will through the community enhancement with a quick turnaround.

Motion by Councilman Whitman to approve for the mayor to apply for grant. Councilmember Garstka second the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor stated this grant has a \$400,000 cap the last estimate given for repairs to the park was 340,000. We do need to have the grant turned in by midnight on July 24th . We will have to have a public hearing. Public Hearing scheduled for Monday, June 26th before council meeting. Notice will need to be published in the Madison County Record. Resolution will be passed on July 10th . We are still at the low to moderate income for the town based on the census data.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fire & Police: Chairperson Ragland reported Fire Dept. responded to 1 structure fire, 2 fire alarms, 15 emergency calls, 1 motor vehicle accident and 1 other.

Police Dept. traveled 3,239 miles, made 33 traffic stops, wrote 33 warning citations, 14 traffic citations, 61 calls for service, 8 arrests and 11 reports.

Mr. Ragland reported we had a structure fire last Sunday night and we were unable to save the house. Triana Fire responded first, and 4-5 other units responded. He stated we need more fireman and police officers. He stated based on the towns size and 24hr coverage we need 7 more police officers and for a

fire dept to put out a structure fire we need at least 9 firemen or more. He stated the only way we'll get more police officers and firemen is to put the pay scale up.

Finance: No Report

Utilities: Chairperson Whitman reported on still working with EOS on the sewer upgrade project. They have sent us some preliminary plans and designs to look at.

Mayor reminded councilmembers for the agenda please remember to turn in what you want to discuss , turn in anything that needs to be discussed under other business on Thursday before the meeting.

Parks and Recreation: No Report

Streets & Cemetery: No Report

Councilman Ragland expressed the need for a logo to be put onto the town's utility truck.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Mayor presented Resolution 2023-01; this is the loan resolution for the Fire Station.

Councilman Ragland asked for clarity on what the fire station will cost. Mayor stated the \$2,400,000 includes the fire station, architect, engineers the whole project is included in this amount. Councilman Ragland stated tis is the first he's heard of this.

Councilman Ragland made the motion to approve loan application for Resolution 2023-01. Councilman Garstka second the motion. Roll call vote, Ragland-yes, Garstka-yes, Whitman-yes, and Caudle-yes. Unanimous consent, motion carried.

Councilman Whitman stated that the fire station is taking up 2 acres of land he asked if the town planning to subdivide the property. Mayor stated she was told since we own the land, we have two options; we can deed it off to us or he can do and assessment for the whole thing.

Attorney Caleb stated it's easier for him to get the title opinion before any sort of separation.

Mayor stated once that's done, we can have it surveyed done and deed it separately to ourselves.

OTHERS BUSINESS:

P&Z Chairperson Whitman reported that the engineers for the Townhomes development up the street, Village Townhomes presented their construction plat at their meeting. The P&Z Commission approved it pending the building inspector's approval.

Councilmember Ragland requested a work session to discuss the restaurant on Landess Cir. Work session scheduled for Tuesday, June 20th at 6PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Theresa Nelson reported they got their lights installed on Landess Cir., she thanked council for working as hard as they did. She also stated there's a water leak in the street. On Landess Cir.

Marvelene Freeman stated she lives at 102 Ervin Cir that her concern is, are they getting a Trailer Park over on their street. Councilman Whitman stated not Ervin, shouldn't be.

Mrs. Freeman stated they have some trailers that are being moved in on Cory Miller's property.

Mrs. Freeman asked, do they have the same rules when houses are being built, the same set of rules that have to be inspected, utilities, water and everything. Mayor answered yes.

Mrs. Freeman asked when the inspection is done does the report comes back to the town. Mayor answered yes, she stated one specifically that's she's referring on last week she stated they were issued a cease and exist until they do what they need to start applying for permits. She stated the police officer went out and issued that.

Mrs. Freeman stated since we do not have a trailer park there, how many trailers can go onto a 1/2acre of land? Mayor stated two.

Patsy Parvin stated it was great to hear the update on the fire department. She stated they did install the streetlight on Advent & Wall Triana. That really helps at night.

Alicia King expressed her concern for lighting on Zierdt Road. And Wall Triana. Mayor stated we have streetlights and the area in question is not Triana. Mayor stated where we have them now is at the major streets where you turn in. Councilman Whitman stated on Wall Triana the power lines are a lot taller.

Marvelene Freeman stated a new resident moved onto her street wants to know do we post garbage and trash pickup days and meter reading days. Mayor stated she does not know about meter reading days, but that trash and bulk pickup is on our site. Meter readings are contracted out.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date approves June 26, 2023

Sharon Humphrey

Sharon Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

May Caudle

Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore