

Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting
Monday, February 27, 2023
6:30PM

The mayor called the meeting to order. The clerk called roll:

Councilmember George Ragland - Present
Councilmember Erica Hopkins – Present
Councilmember Jason Garstka – Present
Councilmember Levoneia Ayers – Present
Councilmember Casey Whitman – Present
Mayor Mary Caudle – Present

Members present constituted a quorum.

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

Approval of minutes: Motion by Councilmember Whitman to approve the minutes dated Feb. 13, 2023. Councilmember Ayers second the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle’s Report: The Auditors are still willing to come out if there are any questions regarding the audit report.

The area where the Fire Station is to be built needs to be cleared off by March 31st if not the project will be held up.

Met with Ms. Kelly, the local person here for Senator Strong they discussed some of the Town’s concerns. She also met with State Representative Cole on last week and discussed some of the town’s issues.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fire & Police: Chairperson Ragland reported Fire Dept responded to 1 outside fire and 15 Emergency services.

Police Dept. traveled 2,021 miles, made 38 Traffic Stops, 36 Warning Citations, 3 Traffic Citations, 18 Calls For Service, 4 Arrests and 12 Reports.

Mayor added that our Chief is now Certified, she congratulated him. Also, Officer Zivat has been attending investigation Academy. He is in the 2nd phase once he finishes, he will be a certified investigator.

Finance: No Report Finance Committee meeting, on March 2nd at 6PM. She’s asking members to please send in budget plans.

Utility: Chairperson Whitman reported still working with Huntsville Utilities to get streetlights installed, on A Street, Landess, Monique and Advent Dr. He also reported Comcast is running some new internet lines in Savannah and Bridgemill areas. Right now, they’re working on Tybee Dr.

Mr. Whitman has been looking into companies to do meter readings, he heard back from a company that had a contract with Huntsville Utilities. That company is leaving the area but the owner did give him information on another company will contact council once he hears back from them. Mayor stated this is in reference to contracting meter reading out.

Park & Recreation: Chairperson Ayers reported they had the gym dedication on Saturday that went well. She stated there was a resident who had a question about the archery range. She has an email in to Wildlife and Fresh Water Division of the State of Alabama about grant opportunities. She stated they recently did Athens Archery Range at no charge to Athens. She stated we will first have to find somewhere to put that here.

Ms. Ayers stated during the community meeting held on Saturday there were questions about the voting in gym. There were questions about the electrical outlets in the gym being repaired. Mayor stated the outlets are okay they are spread far apart and they were afraid to use extension cords. Ms. Ayers asked is there anything we can do. Mayor stated we can get an electrician out to look.

Councilmember Ayers stated she's turned in her paperwork for Finance but during the meeting this weekend she noticed we could use some chair racks and other things. Mayor stated it's okay to add to her list.

Streets & Cemetery: No Report

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Attorney Caleb Ballew reported he received an email from Sharron regarding one of our contractors on a certain development phase, they're wanting to be released from their bond. He stated it may be okay but the towns inspector or an independent inspector would need to go out to do a final inspection, certify the work. Mayor stated before he's sent out, she wanted to make sure the verbiage from the Contractor was okay.

Councilmember Ayers stated when she went to a Park & Rec State Conference she gave out her Business cards she noticed they say, Parks & Rec Chair. She stated she thinks they should say Town Council Member. She asked can the next order be changed to Town Council Member.

Mayor stated she can order more business cards and add Councilmember to them once she gets low but that she ordered what she was given to be printed on the business cards.

Councilmember Hopkins reported when she attended the Community Action Partnership Board meeting on Feb. 21st. She wanted to bring two programs to the boards attention. The 1st program is the SWA-Connect, this is a program that they will provide affordable connectivity, Broadband connectivity for seniors. This will be iPads with wi-fi connected and it will be free. The other program is transportation, they want to extend some of their transportation services to the Triana area. She's looking to try and get some support from her organization so that they can extend transport services to Triana area.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Francis Goggins stated to the council that he's please to report that he has received mail and have put mail in the outgoing slot. He stated it took 11 months, he thanked council.

Mayor stated they promised the residents with 5 acres or more a community meeting, but anyone can come to the meeting.

Community Planning & Zoning meeting on March 25th from 1pm-2pm.

Moved and properly second to adjourn.

Date Approve March 13, 2023
Sharon Humphrey
Sharon Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer
[Signature]
Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore