

Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting
Monday, December 14, 2020
6:30p.m.

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

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

Motion by Councilmember Whitman to approve the minutes dated Nov. 23, 2020. Councilmember Garstka seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle's Report: We had the bid opening on Sewer Project. Bid came in higher than expected at \$97,000. We received 4 bids. There will be a meeting to tabulate bid as required once that is held then it will be brought to Council to enter into a contract.

Presented a 3.5 percent staff increase to council, brief discussion held.

Councilmember Whitman made the motion to approve the proposed staff increase as present by the Mayor. Councilmember Garstka seconds the motion. Roll call vote Garstka-yes, Ragland-no, Whitman-yes and Caudle-yes. Motion carried.

Employment Ad was posted to hire Building Inspector/Code Enforcer, recommend hiring our current building inspector full-time at \$70,000.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance: The Bank Statement ending November 30, 2020 was presented for approval. Councilmember Whitman made the motion to approve the Bank Statement with correction. Councilmember Garstka second the motion. Motion carried.

Utility: Chairperson Whitman reported Huntsville Utilities have started installing lights in Rivers Landing Phase 4. The County will provide specifications for pole mounting, still working with Huntsville Utilities on the water intake to help with the water pressure.

Streets & Cemetery: Chairperson Garstka asked about the repair to sidewalk on Prince Water Drive. He also asked to add two 50MPH signs added to the previous order. Mayor stated that's repair the builder/developer to make.

Fire & Police: Chairperson Ragland reported the following: Police Officers logged 3390 miles, made 38 Traffic Stops, 20 Warning Citations, 27 Citations, 70 Calls For Service, 2 Arrests and 12 Reports.

Officer Zivat attended an Officer update Course.

Chief Powell, Officer Mayfield and Officer Zivat completed firearms training at the HPD/FBI training facility on Wall Triana Hwy.

Chief completed Alabama Peace Officers Standards & Training Commission audit on Employee Training Records.

Park & Recreation: No Report

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCE, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilman Ragland made the suggestion to give employees a one-time bonus. Councilman Ragland made the motion to give Police Officers \$800.00 and \$500.00 to other full-time employees. Motion died for lack of second.

Mr. Ragland stated it's a shame our Police Officers put their lives on the line to receive a .67cent raise.

Ordinance 2020-12, Temporary Moratorium on Large-Scale Residential Development was presented for consideration.

Councilman Whitman stated town has a water pressure issue during high peaks and our sewer is at its full capacity.

Mayor Caudle stated bringing the Fire Dept. back under the town and the approval to hire a Building Inspector is what they have been working on. The two major issues we're having are water and sewer. Councilman Ragland stated sewer should have been upgraded before developments.

Councilmember Whitman made the motion to go outside the regular order of business to discuss the Moratorium. Councilmember Garstka seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Marvelene Freeman reported the odor on Ervin Lane is terrible. She stated it's just too many homes on the system. Something has to be done.

Patsy Parvin member of Planning and Zoning agrees with passing the Moratorium until more work is provided

Mr. Whitley Allen attorney for the Harris family asked the council if they could hold off from passing the Moratorium, he stated no developer wants to purchase property and then put on hold. This could damage fair market value. He asked Council to address the problem and evaluate this case by case.

Councilman Whitman made the motion to return to the regular order of business. Councilmember Garstka seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Councilmember Whitman made the motion for immediate consideration for Ordinance 2020-12, Temporary Moratorium on Large-Scale Residential Development. Councilmember Garstka seconds the motion. Roll call vote Garstka-yes, Ragland-no, Whitman-yes and Caudle-yes. Motion did not pass.

Attorney Caleb Ballew stated letters would be going out this week in regards to the Junk Ordinance complaints.

Councilmember Ragland asked the Mayor about the salary for Fire Chief.

Mayor Caudle stated the Fire Chief's salary would be \$54,912.00

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Theresa Nelson asked how far down Wall Triana were they putting up street signs.

Mayor Caudle stated all the way down to Ragland Cir.

Marvelene Freeman stated they did not get the letter stating the problem to fix lift station in the Bingo parking lot. She also stated she has a problem with paying a Building Inspector \$70,000 when he'll probably work 4hrs a day, the Clerk having four titles and the Police Chief risking his life every day.

Roy Seay inquired about the speed bumps on Ervin Lane.

Councilmember Whitman stated the study has been done for Ervin Lane and a petition for the residents to sign has been placed on the counter in Town Hall waiting for someone to get signatures.

Councilmember Ragland asked the Mayor, when would the Fire Chief be hired.

Mayor Caudle stated when council meets again, before year end. Mayor and Council have agreed to have Fire Chief in place.

Councilmember Ragland asked for an outline of duties for the Fire Chief.

Mayor Caudle stated she does not have anything written down.

Roy Seay asked council to solicit help from the County Commission to help put building up.

Patsy Parvin asked if town had the purchased any signs informing motorist when the water is high. Mayor stated we have those signs in the shed.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date approved 12-28-2020

Sharron Humphrey

Sharron Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Mayor Caudle

Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore