

Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting
Monday, January 25, 2021
6:30p.m.

Meeting was called to order by the Mayor. The clerk was asked to call the roll, Council members George Ragland, Jason Garstka, Erica Hopkins, Levoneia Ayers, Casey Whitman and Mayor Mary Caudle. 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 January 11, 2021. Councilmember Garstka seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle's Report: We are waiting on a start date to award bid for sewer project. Town received a certificate of Thank You from the U.S. Census Bureau for making the partnership Program a success, copy attached.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fire & Police: Chairperson Ragland reported the following: Fire Dept responded to 3 fire calls, 15 Calls for service, 12 Medical Emergency calls and traveled 41.4 miles. Chief made them all.

Presented a letter from Chief Hardin to attend a training class in Birmingham at no cost to the town. Mayor stated he needs to see her about that.

Police Dept: Police Officer traveled 2444 miles, made 22 Traffic Stops, 20 Warning Citations, 10 Citations, 45 Calls for Service, 0 Arrests and 5 Reports.

Suggested having a work session to discuss adding the Fire Chief to the Burn Ordinance to be able to issue citation.

Attorney Caleb Ballew was asked to look at Burn Ordinance.

Discussed sending the Builder's a citation, workers are starting up fires after officers have left the scene. We need to give authority to Fire Chief to cite those in violation, Ordinance should include ability to cite any owner including Corporations.

Finance: Chairperson Hopkins reported the Committee met, she thanked members for coming out and reminded them to put together a wish list. She stated she has a better understanding of her role is. She stated they discussed having a Town Hall-City address. Working on a Comprehensive plan, what town has achieved in the last 5 years. Town can hear from citizens, listen to their inputs and work together to come up with goals. The proposed date is March 4th, looking at the availability of the library.

Utility: Chairperson Whitman reported street lights in Rivers Landing phase 4-6 have been paid for. We are waiting on phase 3, delayed, design not complete. Savannah is making progress. Bridgemill is done. Brookfield Manor, nothing yet. Plans to get started this week or next week on Oregon, depending on the weather.

Park & Recreation: Chairperson Ayers reported the Committee met and discussed a job description for the Park & Rec Director. They reevaluated the current description on file. Discussed other ideas. There is a concern that one of the sprinkler heads at the football field maybe leaking. Who is to oversee the field?

Mayor stated the County promised to come back and grade field correctly.

Ms. Ayers reported the Rec Coordinator can also targets events.

Council member Ayers made the motion to change the regular order of business to allow Denise Taylor with Keep Alabama Beautiful in partnership with ADOT to address the council. Councilmember Whitman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ms. Carlson did a presentation on Keeping Alabama Beautiful is a 501 ©3 non-profit organization serving the state of Alabama and believes that everyone deserves to live in a clean and healthy environment. The agency provides free supplies for cities and town to do the cleanups. There is not limit on the supplies. She just asked that individuals and groups let them know by stating this many people picked up this many bags. She left little black bags for inside car trash along with a trash grabber and a box of six garbage bags.

Council member Ayers made the motion to return to the regular order of business. Council member Whitman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council member Ragland reported the gym floor is sticky.
Mayor stated we will get it cleaned up. Need cleaning supplies.

Streets and Cemetery: Chairperson Garstka thanked the Town employees for completing the work order, posting street signs. He plans to meet with Joey CeCe to see if he can help out with repairs to the sidewalk on Prince Water Dr.

Attorney Caleb Ballew reported once survey is completed he will have the quick claim deed ready.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Council member Whitman reported they held the Public Hearing to rezone Mr. Miller's property. He stated there was a large turnout. He plans to summarize meeting for Planning and Zoning Board meeting.

Council member asked about the Harris property.

Council member Whitman stated they will meet with them in February. They will review and discuss their plan at the Planning and Zoning meeting.

Councilman Whitman stated they need to update the subdivision regulations, require portal irrigation pumps, meters put to fire hydrants to control the usage, developers being responsible for paying for street lighting. Request work session to discuss zoning policy, set rules as guidance as requests come in. Work session scheduled for February 12th at 5:30p.m.

Councilmember Ragland asked the Mayor what is the procedure when someone leaves the board, replacing a member.

Mayor Caudle stated she appoints members to the board. She stated the Building inspector will also serve on the board. Benson parks is the new member who will serve on the Planning and Zoning Board

Public Comments:

Roy Seay asked when the cleanup day is.

Mayor Caudle stated date has not been set, its normally done in April.

Liz Willmott asked for an update as to when Street lights would be installed on her street, Caudle Dr. She stated the other streets in her subdivision have them. She stated she has spoken with Garstka and Whitman, asking when street lights would be installed and was told once the design was done and deposit paid Huntsville Utilities would be out.

Mayor stated she has been given misinformation that's usually what happens when talking with several different people. She stated Mr. Breland paid upfront for the rural areas. There is no law that we have to put in street lights. Once Breland pays, Huntsville Utilities will install them. The agreements were never

in writing. We are trying to make it a requirement. It was verbally stated nothing is in writing. The requirement to install street lights was not there in the beginning.

Mrs. Freeman stated more than just her area needs street lights.

Marvelene Freeman do we measure graves when doing an opening and closing.

Mayor Caudle stated the guy who's doing it now has been for a long time. We can look at getting the County to open and we can do the closing.

Sherry Williams stated her driveway needs to be repaired from when Madison utilities repaired a water leak.

Mayor Caudle stated it will be repaired.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date approved Feb. 8, 2021

Sharron Humphrey
Sharron Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Mayor Caudle
Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore