

Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting
Monday, May 24, 2021
6:30p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the mayor. Roll call, Councilmembers George Ragland, Jason Garstka, Erica Hopkins, Levoneia Ayers, Casey Whitman and Mayor Mary Caudle. 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 May 10, 2021. Councilmember Garstka seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle's Report: CDC guidelines have changed do we want to continue wearing a mask or follow the CDC guidelines, if you are vaccinated then you're not required to wear a mask. Will go with the consensus of the council.

Discussion:

Motion by Whitman to adopt the CDC guidelines for the municipal building. Ayers seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Water Purchase agreement with the City of Huntsville was presented for approval., it is the new agreement as discussed, the price has increased slightly. Mayor stated fiscal year starting in October we may need to look at increasing our water rates along with Huntsville Utilities. Right now, she is recommending we stay where we are until the new fiscal year. The agreement is for three years. Councilmember Ragland stated he is not in agreement for increasing water rates.

Mayor stated we can't pay for more than what we're billing out, we will have to discuss it when we get to that point.

Motion by Councilmember Whitman that the mayor enters into the new updated Water Agreement with Huntsville Utilities. Councilmember Garstka seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Wastewater easement agreements was presented for approval, this is where the Murphy property was sold.

Motion by Councilmember Ayers to accept the two-sewer easement into the Town the description of property is explained in exhibit A. Councilmember Whitman seconds the motion. Motion carried. During the work session on the Alcohol Beverage Ordinance, we combined all three Ordinances together for one document. Council agreed to add suspension to the license.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fire & Police: Chief Powell presented Officer Mark Zivat with a letter of Appreciation for going over and above his duties as a police officer.

Mayor stated that is one thing that we do appreciate is community involvement. She stated we all appreciate what they officers do.

Chairperson Ragland reported Fire Dept., had two outside fires, 1 fire alarm, 14 emergency calls and traveled 17.

Police Dept., traveled 2,472 miles, made 42 Traffic Stops, 26 Warning Citations, 23 Citations, 56 Calls for Service, 1 Arrests and 5 Reports.

Finance: Chairperson Hopkins presented the Bank Reconciliation statement ending April 30, 2021.

Motion by Councilmember Hopkins to approve the Town of Triana Bank Reconciliation Statement dated April 30, 2021. Councilmember Ragland seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Finance Committee meeting moved to the following Thursday, June 3rd at 6:00p.m.

Utility: Chairperson Whitman reported he went by where work is being done on the second water intake looks like they have made progress. He asked for an update on lift station for Bingo. Mayor Caudle stated they should get started in about two weeks waiting on paperwork. Mayor also state weather permitting Huntsville Utilities will be out to install the street lights for three areas, Monique, Fearn and Oregon Drive.

Park & Recreation: Chairperson Ayers reported the job posting closed for the Park Rec Coordinator. Discussed if town had a Host Agency agreement with TARCOG. This is annual it runs July 1 through June 30th.

Mayor Caudle stated we probably need to redo one.

Motion by Councilmember Ayers to go outside the regular order of business to allow the President of the Warrior's program to speak. Councilmember Whitman seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Haywood, President of the Triana Warriors Football and Cheer program thanked Council for their support thus far as they continue training the children. They currently have 85 kids signed up. Last year they had 89 totals for the whole season. Plans to cap off at 120.

They ran into an issue with the field, it has prickly grass all over the field and now they are starting to affect the children on the grown. They sent out a request by email asking for the prickly grass to be removed. They have applied two rounds of herbicide which killed the weeds but it doesn't get rid of the pricklers. In order to get these pricklers moved you will have to till the ground or use a mower with a bag. They have two quotes one at \$88,000 and the other \$5,000 with M&A this includes treating the field and leveling it also. They have looked at other places to practice but the response has not been successful.

Councilmember Hopkins asked would treating the grass resolve the problem permanently or would they have to repeat it every year.

Mr. Haywood stated once they fix the problem this has to be done annually in order to keep these weeds from coming back. He is proposing that we have a maintenance system to keep our field maintained for our football program or for any other events held on the field.

Councilmember Hopkins asked about the cost of registration and if they were planning any fundraiser to help with the field.

Mr. Haywood stated the registration cost \$135.00, last year they had sponsored his goal is to get all kids registered for free. That's for cheer and football.

Mr. Haywood stated he has proposed an idea to Councilmember Ayers, doing a vendor event where small businesses can come out on the field and set up tents and pay a vendors cost. This will allow people to come and go shop throughout the field. Look at between \$50 to \$60 for each vendor. We should be able to get about 100 vendors on the field.

Mayor Caudle reminded him that they cannot put any cars out there.

Mr. Haywood stated he would take the lead with advertising and talking to small businesses about setting up popup tents if they want to do it then set a date. He further stated they will then have to look at the logistics.

Mayor stated they will have to have an emergency plan for the event she also mentioned that the Town may be able to help with the \$5,000. Her main concern is the field whoever does the work will need to have a license and have liability insurance. We have had a sinkhole out there so we really have to be careful. Make sure whoever is working on the field turns in their insurance paperwork first.

Mr. Haywood asked council to obligate \$5,000 for field maintenance.

Mayor Caudle stated with town having to pay the maintenance on the field we will need three bids.

Councilmember Ragland asked did the Town receive any grant money this year for the program. Mayor stated she has not submitted anything. She further stated the money we received from the County last year went towards equipment. She asked Attorney Ballew about them having three bids, he stated they will need to have at least three bids to submit.

Councilmember Ragland stated we have people coming in asking for donations and we agree to it but when it comes to employee raises everyone votes no.

Mayor Caudle stated when it comes to the Historical Society, we're not giving to them anything that's the town's building we pay for repairs to our own building. Just like the repairs made to the gym. The money is not going into the Warriors hand it's going towards repairs to the town's land. Mr. Haywood just reported what the field needs. If the Council decides to pay for the repairs to field then that's what they will do if Council decides not to pay for repairs then that's what we will not do.

Councilmember Hopkins asked if the Town does cover the cost of repairs to the field where would the funding come from.

Mayor Caudle stated from the General Fund.

Councilmember Hopkins asked if any of the Covid-19 money could be used for supplement. Mayor Caudle as long as we're using it for city use on city property then yes, that money is also in the General Fund.

Mayor Caudle stated the quotes/bids submitted have to be for the exact same thing.

Councilmember Whitman asked if he had approached any of the homebuilders in the area asking for sponsorship.

Mr. Haywood stated he has not.

Mayor Caudle asked if he would get the bids and bring them back to the council when spending money the council has to vote.

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

Streets & Cemetery: Chairperson Garstka reported we have turned in the purchase order for speed cushions for Ervin Lane.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Ordinance 2021-02 Alcohol and Beverage License was presented for approval.

Councilmember Whitman made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-02. Councilmember Ayers seconds the motion. Roll call vote, Ragland-yes, Hopkins-yes, Garstka-yes, Whitman-yes and Caudle-yes.

Unanimous consent, motion carried.

Councilmember Whitman made the motion to approve Ordinance 2021-02. Councilmember Ayers seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Public hearing set for Monday, June 14, 2021 at 5:30p.m. to discuss Zoning Ordinance. Councilmember Whitman stated this Ordinance puts the town in a better position where we can better control the number of resources should the developer decides to purchase farm land and request town approve for subdivision. They are not proposing any changes to existing subdivision so anything approved prior to today stays the same.

Mayor reported subdivision where Riverrock, Caudle Dr and Riverhaven is one of the first phases put in and they still do not have street lights. She has been going back and forth with the previous developer who sold subdivision to the new developer. The developers are going back and forth on who is responsible for installing the street lights.

She asked Attorney Caleb Ballew can she hold up approving anymore phases until we get this resolved. Attorney Ballew stated absolutely, if the approval is subject to certain phases, we would not accept any dedications to the town if it were not completed.

Mayor stated both builders are still building the land exchanged hands before lights were installed. There have been six phases to the subdivision all have street lighting except phase 3. She has spoken with Mr. CiCi a representative for Mr. Breland who has suggested maybe get Mr. Breland, the other developer and our attorney together to discuss it. She asked Attorney Ballew if she can make this happen is he okay with her to arrange it.

Attorney Caleb stated he is okay with it just reach out to him

Mayor stated we sent out a letter to the Ebony Club, Fire Chief went out today and learned they have not done anything nor have they responded to the letter sent through our Attorney. They were given 30 days to respond. Our Building Inspector is out once he returns to work, she will have him go out and check and come back with a recommendation.

Councilmember Hopkins asked if we received the occupancy numbers for the Club.

Mayor Caudle stated no because the Fire Marshall voided the report because of all the violations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Theresa Nelson stated the Historical Society does not own the clinic building it belongs to the town. The Historical Society has contributed to the repairs to the building. She further stated the town should support any activities going on in town and they should be responsible for the cost. The Town should support the kids in the neighborhoods and all programs that come through it.

Mayor Caudle stated the Historical Society has raised a lot of money for the town they are looking to have the clinic building completed by the end of the year.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date approved June 14, 2021

Sharron Humphrey

Sharron Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

May Caudle

Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore