

Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting
Monday, March 14, 2022
6:30PM

The mayor called the meeting to order. Roll call, Councilmembers George Ragland, Erica Hopkins, Jason Garstka, Levoneia Ayers, Casey Whitman and Mayor Mary Caudle. Members present constituted a quorum.

Attorney Caleb Ballew was present via internet and the clerk Sharron Humphrey was present.

Mayor Caudle asked that the Rec Coordinator be added to the agenda under Parks and Recreation. Motion by Whitman to approve the agenda with the addition. Councilmember Ayers seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Ayers to approve the minutes dated February 28, 2022 with corrections. Councilmember Whitman seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle's Report to be given later during the meeting.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fire & Police: Chairperson Ragland reported Fire Dept. responded to 10 emergency calls.

Fire Chief Hardin reported he submitted a grant for the Fire Dept to support COVID-19 in the amount of 10,320 to purchase medical equipment that they need. The application was submitted and approved on last week, he thanked their treasurer Theresa Nelson for her help.

Mr. Hardin stated last meeting there was a request for him to get two more quotes for the building, he's still waiting on them. He is currently working on other grants to help with cost. Mayor Caudle thanked Mr. Hardin and his team for their hard work.

Mayor stated she is working on getting money for another patrol car, she already has a \$5,000 donation from Representative Ball.

Officer Mayfield is out on military duty. Police Officers traveled 2,813 miles, made 65 traffic stops, wrote 28 warning citations, 46 traffic citations, 25 calls for service, 1 arrest and 6 reports.

Finance: Chairperson Hopkins present the Bank Statement ending Feb. 2, 2022. She asked would the money received from Fire Dept grant go into town's account. Mayor stated he has to specifically say what the money will be used for then get approval. The money will go into a separate account from the town.

Motion by Hopkins to approve the Bank Statement ending Feb. 28th. Whitman seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Utility: No Report

Mayor stated she signed a check for \$52,000 to B.H. Craig Construction for sewer upgrade.

Mayor stated that a while back the town had been trying to work out a franchise agreement with WOW. Our Attorney has reached back out to them. Mayor to email copies out to everyone to review. Once everyone has received agreement and it looks good, they can to do a special call meeting and get it signed and back to them.

Parks and Recreation: Mayor reported that we had asked Ms. Williams at the last meeting to get bids on the pump. Councilmember Ayers stated one quote has been turned in from the Foundation Specialist, it's a diagram of what it will look like around the perimeter and then have the sump pump put in that will push the water away from the building. The rough estimate is \$ 8744.58. She has two more quotes to get. Mayor stated once we receive all three quotes, they will vote on them and move forward.

Ms. Ayers asked had we figured out what to do about the bathrooms, the mold and the roof. Mayor stated we're getting people to come in and look at it. We've contacted our insurance company who have already come out and looked at the damaged playground equipment and the trimming around the tornado shelter from the tornado back in January. We're waiting to see will the insurance cover the repairs to bathroom, plan to have an answer by next meeting.

Councilmember Hopkins asked was the town covering the cost for the pump. Mayor stated yes that being a permanent fixture and because the building is owned by the town. She stated they will vote on which contractor to go with. Ms. Hopkins stated the reason she asked is because there are possibly grant funds that we might be able to give the Triana Historical Society. Mayor stated they have a lot more to do it would be good if she knows of a resource that could help them.

P & R Coordinator Pierre Fletcher went over paperwork for the March Madness minicamp. He has rearranged the 1st two weeks into a skilled training camp. Still seeking to get what is needed for the gym to have the program. Ms. Ayers asked if they wanted to have a committee meeting to go over items requesting in detail. Ms. Hopkins asked if they were still trying to make this happen for March Madness. Mayor stated whenever they get everything in it doesn't have to be called March Madness. They could have some tournament on Saturday's, they want to make sure they have something but to make sure they get this right. Permanent stuff that will be feasible going forward. Committee meeting schedule for Thursday, March 17th at 6PM.

Ms. Ayers stated that St. Paul Church would like to partner and work together for the Easter Egg hunt. They want to have it on Saturday, April the 2nd from 1-3. They were wondering if Jason will be the Easter Egg Bunny again. Jason has agreed. They also want to know if the Town would host and possibly do a \$300.00 donation towards food. They will have a backup with the Food trucks if possible and if that doesn't work then they will work out something with the other churches. They are reaching out to individuals to assist with cooking.

Motion by Ayers for the Town of Triana to support the annual Easter Egg hunt with a \$300.00 towards food and hosting. Hopkins seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Councilmember Hopkins asked if there were any updates on programs for seniors. Mayor stated she interviewed three individuals on last week with the main focus on getting the senior program going and also helping with the youth. Each one came with different types of experience. Trying to see what is the best route to go in. This person would help with the kids with the main focus to help get the senior program off. Councilmember Ayers stated she spoke with the nutrition coordinator for Madison County Senior Center, she let them know that we are ready and wanting to re-establish our meal program. Ours would be in-house hopefully instead of once a week on Tuesday they are hoping to do two days a week and hoping to be able to do hot meals. That is one reason they were considering renovations in the kitchen. They will have to make sure everything is up to code and working properly. TARCOG would come in and bring a refrigerator and other things which would be part of the program. They would bring these items in themselves so we wouldn't have to purchase anything. She stated once those things arrive it would not be something utilized for the community, it would have to be used for the program only. The refrigerator and things individuals have requested to be replaced in the kitchen we would

have to have a secondary one for personal use. They are working towards trying to bring programming back. They are working with TARCOG who's aware that we are interested in re-establishing our program we just haven't been able to move forward yet. Ms. Hopkins stated the reason she was asking is because the AARP Grant is coming up soon and it might be more applicable for the town to apply for something directly centered around seniors. Mayor stated she has reached out to TARCOG and they are checking to see if they have a position available she stated that position is normally full by now. They have a budget, trying to see if we can get another position to a senior. They have to be age 55 and older and meet the qualifications. She asked the two ladies she interviewed to check with TARCOG and fill out an application to have on file.

Ms. Hopkins asked about the position. Mayor stated TARCOG has a program where they would hire seniors and place them in different areas. She was told the positions were filled right now but that they would look at their budget and see if they have any funds. We will move forward even if they don't. Ms. Hopkins asked if we had contacted Alabama A&M for interns. Mayor stated she hasn't check but she can.

Streets & Cemetery: Chairperson Garstka thanked Sharron for putting in the street sign order for Murphy Cir and Advent Dr.

Motion by Councilmember Garstka to purchase street sign for Tybee Dr, 6 Stop Sign at a price tag of \$683.46 and 6 poles from Trav-Ad for \$900.00 a total of \$1,583.46. Ragland second the motion. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Attorney Caleb stated he will get the WOW agreement out once the town signs it.

Mayor reported: The letter to Alabama Dept of Revenue regarding the sales tax increase has been sent out hopefully it will get placed on their agenda and we hear back from them soon.

Building inspector sent out 6 letters in reference to property owners asking them to clean their property (junk, garbage etc.). She also stated it's time for his certification for this year. The certification is from May 2-6 the conference fee is \$250. The Total cost is \$1667.00, this includes hotel fee, food and mileage.

Motion by Ragland for the Building Inspector to attend the certification training. Ayers seconds the motion. Motion carried.

P&Z Chair, Whitman reported the planning and zoning had their monthly meeting, they had 3 items on the agenda. One was the approval for phase 1 final plat for Hidden Rivers Town Homes with a lean for final inspection from Madison Utilities. Once that's completed mayor can sign off on that. Approved the second part of Hidden Rivers Town Homes, the back portion for construction. The other thing was developer asked for a final plat for Southern Landing, after a discussion on the issue it was tabled, there were a number of open issues that needed to get resolved before placed back on the agenda.

Public Comments:

Marvelene Freeman stated after listening to the council discuss TARCOG in terms of getting a senior program here in Triana. In her opinion it's the City's obligation to do something for the seniors. She has been attending Huntsville's Senior Center. Triana has enough people here in Triana where we can have some type of program going. Mayor stated that's what we're working on.

Ms. Freeman stated she will be asking the seniors around town what do they want and she's not talking about just food. Mayor stated we're working on activities also.

Roy Seay stated the road sign on the North end of Landess has not been put back up. The road sign on the South end Landess needs to be replaced. Mr. Whitman stated the sign for the North end was put in the order they put together. He stated it's on the employees to get the signs put up not the Councilmembers. Mr. Seay asked who shall he see. Mayor stated she will get with Wayman on putting up the signs. Mr. Seay asked if he was bringing his request to the right place. Mayor stated yes this is the right place. Mr. Whitman stated he just wanted to make sure everyone knows because there's been some misperceptions he's heard out in the community.

Mr. Seay stated he's still waiting on some repair work for the curve on the 1st Landess Cir. Traffic has picked up.

Mr. Seay stated right now we have outgrown the Fire Dept. He stated we need to come together and do whatever he can do grow. If there are any grants out there to help the Fire Dept. He stated City of Madison is hiring we need to do whatever we need to do to treat these officers right to keep them. We are one of the senior Fire Dept, we've got to keep up with the needs of the town. We need to work together on be independent and not dependent on the County.

Theory Haywood, Triana Football & Cheer thanked council for their continues support for the football program. He is requesting usage of the field starting in April. They do have their insurance coverage. 2nd request is to put signage back up on town property to use as a recruitment tool. They currently have 70 returnees already registered this is without solicitation. He is anticipating 100 more kids. They were founded on not having a registration and have been blessed for two years wants to continue. 3rd request if there are any changes, the town wants of them to let him know. He wants to make sure they are in line with everything.

Councilmember Hopkins asked of the 70 kids returning how many of those kids are from Triana. Mr. Haywood stated more than 50%

Theresa Nelson reported trucks traveling on the Landess Cir has caused a large pothole on the second Landess Cir near the HSV plant. Mayor stated she will get with the County.

Mr. Haywood asked when can he expect an answer. Councilmember Ayers stated the P & R will be having a committee meeting on Thursday and they can add those items.

Mr. Haywood stated the kids are enjoying the basketball program, he has witnessed a lot of new confidence in them. It has truly been rewarding to work with them. He asked council to come out and support them. He teaching the kids to know who they are and others in the community.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date approved March 25, 2022

Sharron Humphrey
Sharron Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

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Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore