

Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting
Monday, May 20, 2024
6:30PM

The meeting was called to order by the mayor. The clerk was asked to call the roll.

Councilmember George Ragland – Present
Councilmember Casey Whitman-Present
Councilmember Levoneia Ayers-Present
Councilmember Erica Hopkins-Present
Councilmember Jason Garstka-Present
Mayor Mary Caudle – Present
Members present constitutes a quorum.

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

Motion by Councilmember Whitman to approve the minutes dated May 13, 2024. Councilmember Hopkins second the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle's Report: The town's firefighter/employee had an accident in the fire truck this morning responding to a call. He is all right; he was asked to go to the hospital for observation.

The fire station is coming along good, updated pictures have been sent out to everyone. USDA and the Architect have done inspection. Everything is on schedule.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fire & Police: Chairperson Ragland reported Police Officers traveled 1,063 miles, made 11 traffic stops, issued 9 warning citations, 4 traffic citations, received 17 calls for service, made 0 arrest and 6 reports.

Mr. Ragland thanked Huntsville Fire and Officer Zivat for responding to the accident and staying to help load equipment from the fire truck onto the trailer.

Mayor Caudle also thanked Huntsville Police and State Troopers who came out to assist with the accident. She stated Officer Zivat did an excellent job with his investigation skills working with Huntsville Police.

Mayor Caudle reported she had a good interview with the applicant applying for Police Officer. She stated background check came back good; we are waiting for the psych exam to come back. Once that happens, she plans to hire the officer.

Finance: Chairperson Hopkins reported that the Finance Committee had their meeting that did not go well and does not feel like they are making much progress. Some of the dept budgets have been submitted. She is suggesting that they have another meeting on June 10th before the next council meeting.

Mayor stated for clarification, Councilmember Hopkins is asking financial data for the full year, from Oct. 1. - Sept. 30th. All budget updates by May 31st from all departments.

Utility: Chairperson Whitman reported sewer phase 2 project is getting close to being done. He stated tomorrow Jesse Bennett pump station will be tied into the new line.

Council Member Whitman stated at the last meeting there was a resident who was having sewer issues on 4th street. He stated he and the mayor went and looked at it and determined that it was not on the city side. The leak was in her yard. Mayor stated Madison Utilities came out checked leak and stated also that leak was on customer side. Homeowner has been notified.

Councilman Whitman stated there was another issue brought us about the temporary rear entrance to Foster subdivision. He stated what he saw was any land they are crossing is land that they have purchased as part of that subdivision. Not sure of what the landowner was referring to.

Mayor Caudle stated it was mentioned at the last meeting that the town was participating in the Community project Funds, she received a call informing her that ours did make the 15 out of the 100plus that was submitted and will go on to the president for review.

Councilmember Garstka asked was there were any updates on the Towne Lakes sink hole. Councilmember Whitman reported that County came out and look and it was determined that there was 24-Or 36 storm drainpipe off-set from each other causing an erosion it needs to be repaired by a construction company. The County is helping to investigate getting a company in which we will have to cover the cost. We are looking at spending about \$35,000.

Mayor stated we have received one quote in the amount of \$33,000 waiting to get a second quote. Mayor stated they also looked at the corner of 6th & Stone. They plan to bring out rocks to pack whole before repairing. Contractors repaired the street on Murphy Lane and Landess Cir & Wall Triana will have to be milled out.

Park & Recreation: Chairperson Ayers thanked mayor for posting the Park Dir. position. Ms. Ayers stated they are in the process of getting the summer camp off the ground. Kids are getting out of school; our camp is full. If we do not have a person to address the summer campers we will have to cancel the summer camp.

Mayor Caudle informed the council that our Rec Dir. turned in his 2weeks notice and is moving back to Muscle shoals. She stated if we don't have anyone employed by the end of the month she will have to start informing the parents. She stated we have posted notice that we are hiring.

Councilmember Ayers stated there are some activities according to what the mayor has been told that have already been locked in. She will verify that and continue to try to hire the number of people as required to run the program.

Mayor stated her goal is to hire a Rec person then search for a Rec Dir.

Councilmember Ayers is still working on getting porta Potties for the park.

Streets and Cemetery: Chairperson Garstka reported he received confirmation that the speed cushions have been shipped to a third party. The bill will be due upon delivery.

Councilmember Garstka asked for confirmation on adding \$15,000.00 to the sidewalk budget. Mayor stated they have already discussed it.

Mayor asked was there an installation date. Councilmember Garstka stated they are available for the 1st week in June, he has not locked them in. Mayor stated once a delivery date he needs to lock something in.

Councilmember Hopkins reported that there is a cover missing from water/sewer drain on Gwinnett Dr. & Abercorn Dr.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date approved June 10, 2024

Sharon Humphrey
Sharon Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Mayor
Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore