

Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting
Monday, January 8, 2024
6:30PM

Mayor called the meeting to order. The clerk called the roll:

Councilmember George Ragland-Present
Councilmember Erica Hopkins-Present
Councilmember Jason Garstka-Absent
Councilmember Casey Whitman-Present
Councilmember Levoneia Ayers-Present
Mayor Mary Caudle-Present

Members present constituted a quorum.

Legal counsel Caleb and the clerk Sharron were also present.

Motion by Councilmember Whitman to approve the minutes dated December 18, 2023. Councilmember Ayers second the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle's Report: The Fire Station is coming along well; we have paid the 1st drawdown.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fire & Police: Chairperson Ragland reported Fire Dept. responded to 2 fire alarms, 3 emergency calls and 1 hazmat.

Mayor reported Police Dept. traveled 2,256, made 39 traffic stops, 37 warning citations, wrote 5 traffic citations, responded to 35 calls for service, 0 arrest and 4 reports. She also reported receiving a request for the police officers to take a mandatory disability training. She stated with this the town would have to enter into a memorandum agreement of understanding. She asked Attorney Caleb to look it over. The training is 1hr in an electronic format with Coltri City Training. Council in agreement. Mayor also reported new patrol car is in, we are waiting on scheduled decals and wraps to be put on.

Finance: Councilmember Hopkins apologized to the council for being out for the last month. She stated she had training for work.

Utility: Chairperson Whitman reported our new maintenance hire has been trained up by Madison to set water meters. We now have some meters in stock to pull from. We should not be having issues to set meters. Also, the sewer project has gotten delayed due to some supply issues. They're waiting on some vales to be delivered.

Mayor stated she did receive an extension request. She wants to hold off on giving the extension until the valves have been delivered. They don't expect it to be no more than a 30-day delay. She will let council know once they get the equipment in.

Park & Recreation: Chairperson Ayers reported the P&R Afterschool program has increased by two students. She stated they are challenged with assisting with marketing to help with increasing the program to 25 and to figure out ways to make program better. They are also working on the 2024 calendar.

Streets & Cemetery: No Report

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilmember Whitman also chairperson of P&Z reported last year we sold 276 permits for new house construction. He reported the 2nd council meeting in May falls on Memorial Day and the 1st council meeting in November falls on Veterans Day we may want to look at changing meeting dates.

Mayor asked Councilmembers to look at dates and be ready change dates at next council meeting.

Mayor stated last meeting council did approve for her to pay a one-time and one-time only for the staff that may be losing some time. She stated has 4 staff members, 2 police officers, fire chief and clerk that will be over. She will be issuing them their check on tomorrow.

Councilmember Ayers asked the mayor if this was payout for annual leave. Mayor stated this is payout that cannot be carried over into the new calendar year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Theresa Nelson reported they will be having the annual Martin Luther King, Jr./ Joe Lewis Scholarship breakfast on Saturday, Jan. 13th beginning at 8:00AM at the Triana CPCA Church. Tickets are \$15.00, seniors 60 & older and kids 10 & older \$8.00. Kids ages 9 & under free. They are also selling raffle tickets for \$1.00

Betty Williams, president of the Triana Historical Society stated that the Smithsonian is gaining momentum, it will be here Feb, 14th. and they will have the Triana Health Care ribbon cutting on Feb. 15th at 2:00pm. She stated on Jan. 22, Chuck Holmes, the Executive Director of Alabama Humanities will visit the Mayor and Council during the council meeting at 6:30 to discuss the Smithsonian. She asked the mayor if she could do the welcome. Mayor replied she would.

Mayor stated she will need to know when and where they will store the crates for the Smithsonian.

Benson Parks asked if anyone had mentioned the potholes on Harold Murphy, he stated they have repaired one part will they come back to repair the other part? Mayor stated County was out last week, they have a list of streets to repair. They will come back to repair the other part of HM.

Shamond Hardin thanked council for approving his Fire Inspector I training, he did pass that. He also stated the insurance companies are trying to figure out the water usage after fires. Since the town is a purchase system how do they want to charge them for the water usage.

Mayor asked that he research other policies and come up with a policy on how we would file that.

Mr. Hardin stated as far as inspections, they don't any backups to write them tickets

Mayor stated if they fail an inspection code, he needs to turn it over to the building inspector to write it up based on their findings.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date approved Jan. 22, 2014

Sharon Humphrey

Sharron Humphrey, Town Clerk, Treasurer

Mayor Council

Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore