

**Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting**  
**Monday, October 28, 2024**  
**6:30PM**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair Pro Tempore Whitman. 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-Absent  
Mayor Mary Caudle – Absent

Members' present constitutes a quorum.

Attorney Caleb Ballew and the clerk Sharron Humphrey were also present.

Motion by Councilmember Ayers to approve the minutes dated Oct 14, 2024, Councilmember Ragland second the motion. Motion carried.

Chair Whitman stated the mayor asked him to present a training conference for the clerk to attend, this will be for her annual Municipal Clerks training. The training will be from Nov 19 – 22 in Orange Beach, AL. The conference fee is \$265, the hotel is \$145 approximately including travel, \$1,000.00.

Motion by Councilmember Ayers to approve the travel for the clerk to attend the Annual Municipal Conference. Councilmember Ragland second the motion. Motion carried.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Fire & Police:** Chairperson Ragland reported Fire Dept. responded to 7-medical calls, 5-fire calls, 1-motor vehicle accident, total is 13.

Police Dept. traveled 1,803 miles, made 6- traffic stops, 4-warning citations, 2-taffic citations, 35-calls for service and 4-reports.

Councilman Ragland also reported that on this evening they had a Police Committee meeting discussing off-duty employment for the police officers.

Work session scheduled for Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 to continue the discussion.

Councilman Whitman reminded council that they had moved council meeting scheduled for Monday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, Nov 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Finance:** Chairperson Hopkins reported Finance Committee met briefly on today. She stated they did not have all the data needed to review. She is proposing they do a follow-up committee meeting on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30-6pm.

Councilman Whitman reminded council of a work session scheduled for Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> they have the work session at 6:00 that has to deal with demolishing un-safe houses.

Councilmember Ayers asked to discuss the carry-over leave for employees during the Finance work-session.

**Parks & Recreation:** Chairperson Ayers reported that she spoke with the librarian, who informed her that the library had their Halloween party on Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Ayers also reported the following: In the month of November, they will be having story-time on Thursday's at 10:30am.

- They're having a family art night on Tuesdays at 2:00pm.
- November is the month of gratitude, so they will be hosting a gratitude art journal on Nov. 9, 16 and 23<sup>rd</sup>. She stated you can bring your own journal if not one will be provided.
- On Nov 18<sup>th</sup> they will have an arts n crafts workshop for adults to make ornaments from 3-5pm and on 22 they will have a painting night from 6-8pm everyone is invited out.

**Streets & Cemetery:** Councilman Whitman stated that the mayor had mentioned to him that she was working with Commissioner Haraway on seeing what portion/funding they can assist us with repaving FYI 2025. She's still working with that he does not any specifics, hopefully some of our older streets that have not been done in a while.

Councilman Ragland reported that street sign was down at Wall Triana & Ervin Cir., he stated it needs to be put back up.

Councilmember Hopkins stated she had a question about the stop sign for the Landess Cir. area, she asked would the work continue in the absence the quotes that were provided, would we still move forward on that. Councilman Whitman stated he does not have specifics on that.

**RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS:**

Attorney Caleb Ballew stated that the voting District Ordinances did get recorded the same week as we passed it. He stated it's official now, we have 5 voting districts in the Town of Triana.

Councilman Whitman stated we're working with Nathan to get the last address ranges provided him to provide them to the state.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Councilman Whitman reported that two of the houses or structures that were on the Building Inspector's unsafe list have been demoed. He stated there is some progress being made.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Roy Seay expressed concern over street repair for Landess Cir., he stated he wants to make sure they are treated right.

Councilman Whitman stated the mayor did say Landess Cir would be at the top of the list for street repair.

Mr. Seay stated there was a light that was suppose to be put up at the corner of Cable & Wall Triana. Councilman Whitman stated on last year the City of HSV stated they were going to look at adding two street in their section between 6<sup>th</sup> Street & Cable. He stated he may want to contact them.

Mr. Seay stated there were some stones that moved off Landess Cir. & Draper Dr., he stated Senator Arthur Orr had put them there before leaving the office. He stated someone has moved them and they need to be put back because they were helping to prevent the soil from deteriorating from the street.

Mr. Seay stated he has been missing one of the councilmen, Mr. Garstka. He asked was he still with us.

Councilman Whitman stated he has resigned and that vacancy will be filled by the council in accordance with Alabama Code. He stated that Alabama title-11-chapter-2-section-44-1. He stated the Council has to get that done in 60 days.

Patsy Parvin stated that the street sign is down on Murphy Cir & Advent Dr. She stated she would like to see the street sign placed back up so that emergency/medical personnel can get through.

Marvelene Freeman stated she would like for the council to consider allowing the Police Officers/Firemen to work over-time on election night. She stated they (election workers) are going to need protection during the election. She stated she's been told they will have lights.

Councilman Whitman stated his question would be; do they have people scheduled to work that morning & night.

Police Chief Powell stated Officer Zivat will be here during the day but he does not know about the night shift since we had an officer to resign.

Fire Chief Beddingfield stated they will be here to provide lighting during the election.

Motion by Councilmember Ayers to approve a person to be named to work overtime in the Fire & Police Dept. for the election. Councilmember Hopkins second the motion. 1-no. Motion did not pass.

Councilman Whitman stated he will talk with the mayor to see what she says.

Roy Seay announced that Juanita's Christmas toy drive will be Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12noon.

Mr. Seay reminded the council about putting up some type of light under the hill coming out of the subdivision on Landes Cir. near the Ayers.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date approved Nov. 19, 2024

Sharon Humphrey  
Sharon Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Mary C. [Signature]  
Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore