

Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting
Monday, January 13, 2025
6:30PM

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

Councilmember George Ragland - Present
Councilmember Erica Hopkins-Present
Councilmember Theresa Nelson-Present
Councilmember Casey Whitman-Present
Councilmember Levoneia Ayers-Present
Mayor Mary Caudle – Present

Members present constituted a quorum.

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

Motion by Councilmember Whitman to approve the minutes dated Dec. 23, 2024. Councilmember Ayers second the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle's Report: The Heating & Air unit for the office has gone out, it will cost about \$5,000.00 to repair.

Motion by Councilmember Whitman to move the council meeting scheduled on May the 25th to May 26th. Councilmember Ayers second the Motion. Motion carried.

Motion by Ragland to go outside the regular order of business. Councilmember Whitman second the motion. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Ragland to return to the regular order of business. Councilmember Nelson second the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fire & Police: Chairperson Ragland reported that since last council meeting the Fire Dept has responded to 8 fire calls, 18 medical calls, 1 wreck and 1 service calls.

Mr. Ragland also reported the following stats for the Fire Dept:

100-Fire Calls
239-Medical calls
22-Wrecks
15-Other

Police Dept traveled 2,835 miles, made 50-traffic stops, 33-warning citations, 26-traffic citations, 52-calls for service, 2-arrests and 4-reports.

The mayor stated our Police Officer's Policy requires that officers be on probation for a period of 90-days before they can drive patrol cars home. She stated our new officer has been doing well. She asked the council to consider adjusting and waiving the last 3 months of her probationary period to allow her to drive the patrol car home.

Motion by Ragland is that the officers be allowed to drive patrol cars home beginning at day 1 of hire. Motion died for lack of second.

Motion by Councilmember Ragland to waive the 3 months' probation to allow patrol car to be driven home, Councilmember Ayers second the motion carried. Roll call, Ragland-yes, Hopkins-yes, Nelson-yes, Ayers-yes, Whitman-yes and Whitman-yes. Unanimous consent. Motion carried.

Finance: Chairperson Hopkins presented the Ordinance to increase mayor and council salary as prepared by Attorney Ballew. She reported that on Dec. 23rd they had a Finance Committee meeting they discussed options for increasing the salary for mayor and council. She stated the committee came up with recommendations. Councilmember Raland asked for minutes to back up what was discussed.

Ms. Hopkins asked Council to review copy of the draft ordinance and be prepared to vote in February.

Work session has been scheduled for Feb. 10th at 5:30PM to discuss the mayor and council salary.

Utility: Chairperson Whitman reported that the email notification through Nexbillpay has been approved. He stated that Nexbillpay will send out alerts to customers at a rate of .10ct per message.

Motion by Councilmember Whitman to approve the mayor to modify the Nexbillpay contract to include text messaging to users for outages notifications relating to the water department. Councilmember Ayers second the motion. Motion carried.

Park & Recreation: Chairperson Ayers reported that they were working to get their Calendar of Events out. She stated that the library has homeschool art education on Mondays at 1:30; Family art on Tuesdays, 2-5pm.; Preschool story time & Craft on Thursday at 10:30. 10 & up kids paint on Saturday, Jan 18th

The mayor stated that with Easter coming up that Friends of the Library wants to partner with the town to do something for Easter for the kids and seniors. She asks that they get with Ms. Blanche and Mary on a budget, Council in agreement. The mayor stated we will work on a date.

Streets & Cemetery: No Report

The mayor stated the speed bumps installed on Bridgemill Ave have popped loose, she asked Councilmember Whitman to take a look at them.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilmember Ragland stated town needs to purchase a new American Flag to put out front. Mr. Ragland also stated the town needs to hire another Police Officer.

Councilmember Ragland expressed his concern over the salary given to the mayor and council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Roy Seay asked for an update on road repairs on Landess Cir.

The mayor stated when the County start their repairs, Landess Cir will be at the top of the list to repair.

Roy Seay reported that there is a leak on Landess Cir, in front of the Malones house.

The mayor stated it's on the list to be repaired. She stated that Madison Utilities is back working for us in over-time.

Roy Seay thanked the Mayor and Council for their support while having the Juanita Toy Drive.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date approve 1-27-2025

Sharon Humphrey
Sharon Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Mary Carole
Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore