

Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting
Monday, November 17, 2025
6:30PM

The meeting was called to order by the mayor. Roll call:

Councilmember George Ragland – Present

Councilmember Casey Whitman-Present

Councilmember George Malone-Present

Councilmember Misty Williams-Present

Councilmember Scott Altice-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 Oct. 27th, 2025.

Councilmember Ragland second the motion. 1-abstain, motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Ragland to approve the minutes dated Nov. 3, 2025, with necessary corrections. Councilmember Malone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle's Report: The town applied for funding through Congressman Strong for sewer upgrades. We will be receiving \$1,087,000 for our phase 3 sewer project. She stated we applied for the funds in 2024 which at that time did not make the list. She stated we resubmitted and funds were secured for Triana.

- Mayor stated the funds will be used to purchase backup generator on our key lift station, and to install remote data monitoring.
- There is no update on the gas station, no site plans, building plans or anything at this point. She stated in preparation for the gas station; she and Councilman Whitman did a teleconference call with ADEM so they will be prepared when the gas station comes, they will know what the state requirements will before installing the pumps. She stated that she will put a fact sheet together to share with the public.
- Mayor stated she plans to discuss during the next planning and zoning meeting plans to ensure that everything is in place from our end. She stated we need to update our Ordinance if needed to include buffers, fencing, trees, anything to keep from having setbacks that we can do from our end to protect everyone involved.
- Mayor stated at the beginning of each term the council must appoint a person to the Planning and Zoning Board, right now Councilman Whitman is appointed. She stated we will be voting on that.

- Town is preparing its Comprehensive Plan. They have had 2nd meeting. She stated they we will be putting out signage and that there is a survey out asking each resident to complete to help us move forward.
- We have applied for Park Grant with the state, hope to hear something soon.

Work session scheduled for Dec. 8th at 5:30pm to discuss unsafe houses and junk Ordinance.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fire & Police: Chairperson Ragland reported that the Fire Dept responded to 17 medical calls, 5 fire alarms, 1 Fire, 1 Co Alarm, 365 calls for the year so far.

Fire burn has been lifted, please purchase a burn permit before burning \$50.00.

Police Dept. traveled 1,009 miles, 9 Traffic stops, 8 Warning Citations, 6 Traffic Citations, 16 Calls for Service, 1 Arrest and 4 Reports.

The mayor reported that Fire Chief Beddingfield held a Kids CPR class, they had about 12 youths to attend.

Finance: Chairperson Williams presented the Bank Reconciliation Statement ending Oct. 31, 2025. Motion by Councilmember Williams to approve the Bank Reconciliation Statement, Councilmember Ragland second the motion. Motion carried.

Utility: Chairperson Whitman reported that the Fire Dept were out doing some hydrant flow testing today, they began on Carr Lane, Jesse Bennett, the Crossings, Southern Landing and Brook Haven. He stated customers may see a little debris in the water that will clear. We have 2 water leaks on Zierdt Rd currently being worked on.

Parks and Recreation: No Report

Streets and Cemetery: Chairperson Malone reported that they will be identifying roads that will need to be resurfaced. We have one road signage down at Ervin Cir. & Wall Triana.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Caudle presented Ordinance 2025-06, Building Codes for State Codes, to update and adopt the building Ordinance related codes for the Town of Triana. She stated these are state codes we must comply with. She stated we follow the same codes as Huntsville, Madison and Athens.

Motion by Councilmember Whitman to consider Ordinance 2025-06, Councilmember Malone second the motion. Roll call vote:

Councilmember Ragland-yes

Councilmember Altice-yes

Councilmember Whitman-yes

Councilmember Malone-yes

Councilmember Williams-yes

Mayor Caudle- Yes , unanimous consent, motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Whitman to approve Ordinance 2025-06, Councilmember Altice second the motion. Motion carried.

Attorney Caleb Ballew asked about the houses that council had mentioned previously but that they had been addressed in the mayor's comments. The mayor stated she will meet with him after the work session.

The mayor stated council needs to select someone from the council to serve on the planning and zoning board. Councilman Whitman stated he is willing to continue serving. Motioned by Councilmember Whitman that he, Mr. Whitman remains a representative from the council. Councilmember Ragland second the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments (3min):

Jurlene Rogers reported that she is having a problem with her water pressure.

The mayor stated that we are getting ready to do upgrades in that area, and we are testing the water lines. She stated she will have a better answer for her after all tests have been done.

Roy Seay asked when the Comprehensive Plan is being discussed to include widening the road on Landess Cir.

Councilman Malone stated that the Comprehensive is a plan for the community, he stated that everyone can do the survey and tell what they think Triana needs.

Marvelene Freeman stated she is a lifelong resident of Triana, she stated she just realized that the gas station is in the planning stage. She stated that they worked with Alan Murphy to get that land annexed into Triana. She stated that area is zoned for commercial property. She stated they have fought too hard and the city needs the revenue; residents need the convenience to drive to. She stated that she is in full support of the gas station.

Theresa Nelson stated that she is a lifelong resident of Triana in support of the gas station.

Leon Grays stated that he is in favor of the gas station.

Mr. Grays asked for an update on the streetlights for 5th Street and the paving of 4th and 5h Street. The mayor stated she does not have an update on the streetlights. She stated paving for those streets is on the list.

Kim Holmes, town librarian, stated that Friends of the Library will be doing a Tree Trail at the library for those wanting to donate a tree. She stated they will start putting the trees out this weekend.

Larry Harris asked if the town had received any applications for the Chief of Police position or Police Officer.

The mayor stated we have 6 applications for Chief of Police and 2 applications for Police Officer. She stated that Sheriff Turner will help with interviewing this week. She stated hopefully we will have someone hired soon.

Marissa Chester stated she is not in favor of the gas station being in residents back yard or in the vicinity of her family where it can cause health concerns. She stated she speaks pro-life of the location of the gas station but not the gas station itself. She stated they would love to see a business there; they are not against commercial growth on that corner. She asked had the land been sold to the developer.

The mayor stated we don't get involved in any transactions or anything.

Marissa Chester stated that she has received information from a council person stating that the mayor was somehow involved in the deal between the landowner and the developer.

The mayor stated she is the mayor, she's always going to be somewhat involved. She stated she is not involved with anyone negotiating a price, no one putting their land up for sale, no transaction of a sale or anything. She stated she did not bring the developer and the landowner together; she did not introduce them or anything. Mr. Murphy has his land for sale, she stated she does know who wants to purchase the land nor is she involved. She stated she has not had any conversation with any councilmember regarding that.

Marissa Chester stated that ADEM does not monitor the air quality around the gas station, and she stated they don't test or monitor the vending levels. They do very little when it comes to air quality, which is their main concern.

Marissa Chester asked if there were any vacant seats on the Planning and Zoning Bd. Mayor Caudle stated that there are no vacant seats.

H. Lenore stated transparency has been hardest to have faith in Council and the Mayor. She stated they have been trying to get information about the gas station but have not been successful.

Ms. Lenore read from her phone a text message she received from the mayor, stating that she did not introduce or bring them together or negotiate anything between them. She was never involved or present during any discussions, whoever told her was misinformed. She also does not know why the landowner did not list the land for sale.

Ms. Lenore stated that she also had a text message from a council member stating that the mayor did work with the business owner and landowner.

Mayor Caudle stated that she does not know which council person told her that but that she does not have to defend herself, she is the mayor, and she has been trying to get all types of businesses to locate here.

Ms. Lenore stated that a gas station would be good for the community except in the right place at the right time. She stated that if there is no way of getting around it, she would ask that the new council to speak up for the people and not just comply.

Patsy Parvin stated that they have been asking the mayor and former council members for business for a long time, and she stated she is thankful for the possibility of a service station being built on commercial property. She stated this service station will serve everyone that lives here.

Ms. Parvin stated we need these businesses to come in to support the tax base. She stated she fully supports the gas station and any other business that the council can bring in.

Caroline Binford, a lifelong resident, stated she and others that have lived here in Triana for 7 or more years have gone through a lot. She stated we have had a gas station and a daycare center in the past and we are not asking for something that we've never had. She stated we need the business back.

Sybrenna Harris stated that she is in support of any legal establishment or business that we can get here in the Town of Triana that will give us a tax base to better the Town of Triana and its residents. She stated they have been here and have helped build this place up we want to see everyone do better.

Mrs. Harris stated that there is a bad odor coming from the lift station at Zierdt Rd and Foster Dr. Mayor stated that we had to replace a pump that went out.

Caroline Binford stated they have a problem with gnats on her street. The mayor stated that where she lives, Landess Cir there are two sewer treatment plants owned and operated by Madison Utilities and City of Huntsville. She stated she and others have tried to stay on them to turn the beds and spray.

Madge Griffin stated she calls on a regular basis. She stated she lives 25 steps from Huntsville's plant, when they flip the beds they get the smells, gnats, bugs and everything. She stated the ones complaining against the gas station don't have a clue as to what they put up with.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date approve January 16, 2016

Sharron Humphrey
Sharron Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Mary Caudle
Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore