

Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting
Monday, December 22, 2025
6:30PM

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

Councilmember George Ragland – Present
Councilmember Casey Whitman-Present
Councilmember Scott Altice-Present
Councilmember George Malone-Present
Councilmember Misty Williams-Absent
Mayor Mary Caudle – Present
Members' present constitutes a quorum.

Legal counsel Caleb Ballew was present via zoom, and the clerk Sharron Humphrey was present.

Motion by Councilmember Whitman to approve the minutes dated December 8, 2025. Councilmember Altice second the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle' Report: She has been having conversations with the developer who is an LLC about the gas station. She stated we should be getting site plans soon. She stated she mentioned to him the things council had discussed, such as the buffer and the different types of fencing. She stated he is considering those things and willing to do those things for us. She stated he plans to put building close to Wall Triana Hwy and they plan to accommodate parking.

- We should hear something in January about the Grant for the bathrooms in the park. She stated she called to check on the grant and was told there was a delay and that they were trying to catch up.
- Background check on the applicants for Police Chief and Police Officer is finished along with testing. We should start the interviews first of the year, beginning in January.
- Madison County Sheriff Dept is doing a really good job in the Town of Triana. They have given out several tickets. She stated the town does not get the revenue written from the tickets, but that safety was her main concern. They have also responded to a few domestic calls and car break-ins; they believe cars are being left unlocked.
- They have been working on the Comprehensive Plan; they have about 60 responses to the survey. She's asking residents to ask neighbors, they want to get everyone's input.
- Neighborhood nursing begins Jan. 29, 2026. They plan to open from 1pm – 6pm 1-day a week. She stated once it picks up, they will go to 2 days. The mobile unit will be staged at the tornado shelter; she will post the schedule.
- The Christmas program at the library turned out good, they had a great turnout, she stated the Historical Society had their walk through at the clinic.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fire & Police: Fire Dept has responded to 17 total calls for service since the last town council meeting, 13 medical calls, 1 fire alarm, 2 motor vehicles accidents and 1 other call. See attached sheet for detailed report from Fire Dept.

Finance: Mayor Caudle presented the Bank Reconciliation Statement ending November 30, 2025. Motion by Councilmember Whitman to approve the Bank Reconciliation Statement. Councilmember Malone second the motion. Motion carried.

Utility: Chairperson Whitman reported that Huntsville Utilities did install those streetlights we've been asking for. He stated he sent out email recommendations for what he thinks the next 4 or 5 streetlights to be installed next year. He also reported that Huntsville Utilities were in the process of installing streetlights for the Foster Community.

Parks & Recreation: No Report

Streets and Cemetery: Chairperson Malone reported that he did a personal review of the streets. He found that we had two street signs down, Mary Caudle Way & Riverfront Dr and Abercorn Dr & Zierdt Rd did not have a street sign. He stated there are multiple potholes on Harold Murphy between Daymark & Tybee also on Tybee & Harold Murphy. He stated he was informed that Harold Murphy was one of the three streets we're trying to get paved with assistance from the county.

Mr. Malone stated that pavement would be for 4th & 5th Street and Harold Murphy Dr. Record St and Triana CP & Stone St have potholes. He stated we have a concern for the widening of Landess Cir. which will go onto the list also. He asked if anyone sees or hears about street repair or signage down to please let him know.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilmember Whitman reminded members that they have a Planning & Zoning meeting on Monday to finalize recommendations for the commercial setbacks and buffers.

Mayor Caudle recommended that Town Hall closes at 1:00 on Wednesday, Christmas Eve. Council in agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Theresa Nelson reported that the walk-through at the clinic was okay, she stated the purpose was to see what the Historical Society has done in the building. She stated Ms. Williams plans to turn the keys over to the town soon.

Ms. Nelson reported that the annual MLK Breakfast will be Sat, Jan. 17, 2026, at Triana CP Church beginning at 8:30AM. She stated that tickets are \$15.00, this will go towards 2 scholarships to be given away.

Roy Seay thanked everyone for their help volunteering with Juanita's Toy Drive. He stated they did not have enough toys, but everyone left with something. He stated they will try again next year.

Mr. Seay stated that he would like to receive something from the Planning and Zoning Board stating his time served on board.

Mr. Seay asked for a copy of the town's budget.

Marissa Chester stated she met with the developer of the gas station and the general contractor today. She stated she left the meeting feeling good about the project. She stated the plans seem to show the gas station to be more neighborhood friendly.

She stated the developer also has plans to build a Strip mall once the gas station is built. They plan to share the plans with her once they are given to the town. She will take them back to their community to share.

Mrs. Chester stated they plan to approach the City of Huntsville near the completion of the gas station to see if they will conduct a traffic impact study to put a light on at that intersection.

Mrs. Chester stated they asked the developer about putting in sidewalks from where their neighborhood comes out to the development. The developer replied that he would have to check to see what all is approved for that.

Debrah Rice asked council if they were aware that Mrs. Chester was meeting with the developer. Mayor Caudle stated they both met with the developer that Ms. Chester was just reiterating some of the things they had going on. She stated they can meet with the developer, but the town has to approve the plans.

Councilmember Ragland stated he's a City Official and he feels the developer should come talk with the full council first. He stated he had not heard anything about a Strip mall.

The mayor stated they have not submitted any site plans. She stated he did mention that he is willing to bring in more development. She stated she cannot control who the developer speaks to.

Councilmember Malone stated he understands everyone's concern, but what happens in situations like this is most people don't know about deals until they are done. Council zoned that area commercial until they submit plans to the town where the developer can do anything he wants with his property, but council has to approve plans.

Councilmember Ragland stated Paul Bracey came to the council wanting to open a restaurant on Landess Cir, he stated some people wanted it and some said they did not want it. He stated Mr. Bracey he did not talk to people in the community first he came to the council first.

Debrah Rice stated that the 500 people who signed the petition against the gas station are working with a councilmember, an inside person on the board giving them the inside information.

The mayor stated Mr. Bracey did not get turned down because he wanted to open a restaurant, it was because he asked for a bar to sell liquor. The concern was that it was going up in the middle of the neighborhood.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date approved May 18, 2026

Sharron Humphrey
Sharron Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Mary Caudle
Mayor or Chair pro tempore