

Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting
Monday, December 8, 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-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 Nov. 17, 2025 Councilmember Williams second the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle's Report: She was notified that the funding we will receive from Commissioner Strongs discretionary funds will be managed by USDA. She stated they have already contacted her once they receive information then they will start the process of getting the engineers to do the designs then the bid process.

She reminded everyone on the comprehensive plan committee and of any citizen that we have some cue cards. She stated they can hand them out or share them with their neighbors. They will be available for them to scan and do the survey online this will give us more information for the plan.

She has appointed Ms. Stacy Tanner as our Madison School Bd liaison. She stated we have been waiting for someone; she is the only person to have submitted her paperwork this will be for 1 year.

Mayor stated that some of our staff have family members that were a part of the furlough and she is asking the council to consider giving an incentive to our staff. She stated her recommendation to give \$1,000 to employees employed 10yrs or longer, 5-9yrs \$500, 1-4yrs \$250 and 1yr or less \$150.

Motion by Councilmember Ragland to approve of giving the employees a 1-year service incentive.

Councilmember Altice second the motion. Roll call:

Councilmember Ragland-yes
Councilmember Altice -yes
Councilmember Williams-yes
Councilmember Malone-yes
Councilmember Whitman-yes
Mayor Caudle-yes
Unanimous consent, motion carried

Mayor stated that when the furlough went into place the town suspended late charges and disconnections she stated now that workers are back at work, she asked that we end the suspension as of this billing cycle that went out in Dec. and start back in January.

Motion by Councilmember Ragland to go back to regular operations in the Water Dept. in January. Councilmember Whitman 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

The town still has not heard back from the Community Development Block Grant on the park restrooms. She stated we were originally scheduled to hear something back in November, hoping to hear something soon.

Mayor Caudle stated she and Councilmember Whitman met with Engineers of the South. She stated the previous council had already approved the study for them to look at water and sewer mains, anything south of 6th Street. She stated it was a great meeting; it's going to be a costly project; She stated they were given 2 options and that she would like to discuss them in a work session, with more details to be given under utilities.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fire & Police: Mayor Caudle reported that Officer Zivat is out on medical leave. She stated she has entered into an agreement with Madison County Sheriffs Dept. and the City of Huntsville for 2 months. She stated Sheriff deputies and Huntsville Officers have been assigned to patrol and monitor our town. All 911 calls will be dispatched to the Sheriff's Dept and HSV City.

The mayor also reported that the Sheriff Dept. is also helping with the background check for the Police Chief and Police Officers before we start the interview process. She stated she would also have a team to help with the interview.

Chairperson Ragland reported that Police Dept. drove 562 miles, made 0 Traffic stops, 0 Warning citations, 0 Traffic citations, 19 Calls for service, 0 Arrests and 5 Reports.

Fire Dept. responded to 1 alarm, 7 EMS and 7 wrecks. Please see attached sheet for updates from the Fire Dept.

Finance: Work session scheduled for Monday, Dec. 15th at 5:30pm to discuss the budget.

Utility: Chairperson Whitman reported that there was a water leak on Fearn Dr. last week that has been repaired. We still have not heard back from Huntsville Utilities on the streetlight installation.

Councilmember Whitman reported he and the mayor met with Engineers of the South for our water/sewer system. He stated we had asked them to come up with a preliminary plan for phase 1 of improving water system on Landess Cir, everything south of 6th Street. He stated they presented two options to them.

- Option 1st option would be 8in water lines to replace the existing water lines along Landess Cir/Wall Triana Hwy. He stated they were told this would be sufficient for water flow that we need and the estimated growth
- Option 2 would call for using a 10in line down Wall Triana this would provide more flow and room for growth should the 300plus acres on WT ever be annexed into Triana. He stated the 2 rough estimates they received will include all material, labor and engineering.

Councilman Whitman stated option 1, the 8-inch water main would cost an estimate \$3.4mil. Option 2, 10-inch water main down wall Triana with 8inch along Landess would be \$3.591mil.

The mayor stated they started with option 1 and they asked them to look at option 2 for better pressure. She stated option 1 will suffice but we don't know what will happen down the line.

Councilmember Whitman stated the next step in the process would be for them to start the actual engineering design. If we want to move forward, then the next step would be for them to provide a proposal package. He stated they will bring that back for council to vote to approve the funds.

The mayor added that the price estimates do not include any removal of the existing lines
Motion by Councilmember Malone to approve the contract proposal to do the actual design for the water/sewer study. Councilmember Whitman second the motion. Roll call vote:

Councilmember Ragland-yes

Councilmember Altice -yes

Councilmember William-yes

Councilmember Malone-yes

Councilmember Whitman-yes

Mayor Caudle-yes

Unanimous consent, motion carried

Streets & Cemetery: No Report

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

The mayor reported that we had a work session prior to the council meeting. She stated it was about Unsafe Homes/Structures. She stated new council members were caught up in the process. She stated we have 1 home that has completed the whole process. We are still working on getting bids in the event the homeowner does not meet the requirements of removing or bringing the structure safe. She stated they also discussed with the Fire Dept. on safe control burns that it went well. See attachment.

Councilmember Whitman reported that they held a Planning and Zoning meeting on Monday, he stated the topic of discussion was about setbacks and buffers for commercial and industrial districts when they are next to a residential district. He stated they looked at the requirements of what nearby cities do. He stated they will be holding a 2nd P&Z meeting on Dec. 29th at 6pm to finish their discussion and to solidify a recommendation for an amendment to the current zoning ordinance to bring to the council in January for review.

Mr. Whitman stated they have not received any plans regarding a gas station.

The mayor asked council how they felt about video recording the council meetings she stated she had had several people to ask her about it. Brief discussion, no action taken.

Councilmember Ragland took the time to thank Roy Lee Seay for attending the meeting with the Madison County Commission on Nov. 19th . and for asking them for funds to help widen Landess Cir.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (3MIN)

Roy Seay stated to the Council that he would like to see the street where he lives, Landess Cir. widened. He stated he has talked about it for years. He stated two cars cannot pass driving down the road on Landess.

Mr. Seay stated that it's time for their annual Juanita Christmas Toy Drive and he stated they are accepting donations at the Triana Fire Station, he stated the toy drive is for kids aged toddler to 18yrs.

The mayor stated in the past that the town has been giving \$300.00 toy drive.

Motion by Councilmember Ragland to give \$300.00 towards the Juanita Christmas Toy Drive.

Councilmember Williams second the motion. Motion carried.

Kim Holms, Triana librarian stated that she hopes everyone has seen the Christmas tree trail, she stated they are so proud of how everything looks. She stated they have great representations from several organizations, groups and families.

Ms. Kim stated the culmination of this is their art show which will be held Dec 17th from 4-7. She stated they will be filling the library with 200 pieces of art that their library kids have been working on. She stated they will have the tree lighting, kids singing and playing the violin. Hope they will all come out.

Ms. Kim stated in November they had over 3000 people walking through the doors, they circulated over 2000 books, and they set up 13 new library cards. They had 16 programs with 208 attendees.

Larry Harris stated there is a problem on Zierdt Rd & Record St. He stated people are running the stop sign on Zierdt Rd not recognizing that people driving in on Zierdt Rd have the right of way turning onto Record St. Mr. Harris also reported that they have a hole in the street coming out the driveway from Triana CP Church on Stone St.

The mayor stated that it's been reported.

Greg Nelson thanked the council for their services. He stated he has 2 issues; he thinks the police situation is taking too long. He stated we need representation in the town, speeding is out of control, he's hoping the council can do something to accelerate this process to get officers on duty. The mayor stated we only have 3 applications if they don't pass the background check then the positions will remain open until we can find and hire qualified officers. She stated we just can't hire anybody in. He stated he is very concerned about people speeding and running stop signs.

Mr. Nelson stated his 2nd issue is can we get some streetlights here. He stated it's pitch-dark around the building when walking out of the meetings.

The mayor stated she and Casey were talking about that. She stated our maintenance worker has been working on repairing the lighting. She stated she would have an electrician to come out to look at them.

Marvelene Freeman congratulated Ms. Kim, Friends of the Library and everyone for decorating the city, she stated everything looks beautiful.

Ms. Freeman commended our Fire Dept for their hard work and she stated they had been to her house several times within minutes of her emergency call to them. She stated she would like to see the council give our volunteer firemen some type of gratitude.

The mayor stated we did give the Fire Dept another position. She stated the Fire Chief had asked instead of hiring a full-time fireman that he could get more coverage with (2) part-time Firemen. She stated they do need to look at service awards for all our volunteers.

Mrs. Freeman stated she would like for the Park & Rec Chairman to put on his agenda the bathrooms in the park for the spring. She stated they had been talking about the bathroom for a long time and that she would like to see some action. She stated we need to show the community our appreciation and repair the bathrooms. They should not have to wait on a grant. The mayor stated we do have in our budget a contingent plan, she stated if we do not get the grant, it won't be the full thing that we would have done to the building, but it will be something close.

Ola Ayers reported that Mrs. Williams, president of the Historical Society wanted her to announce that the bricks have been laid at the Veterans park. She's asking everyone to go out to see them. She also announced that the clinic building is completed, she wants to invite anyone who would like to come to a walk-through at the clinic on Dec. 20th at 10:00AM.

The mayor asked if they were still selling bricks for the Veterans park. Ms. Ayers stated they will be taking new orders in the new year.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn

Date approved Dec. 18, 2025
Sharron Humphrey
Sharron Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer
May C. Call
Mayor or Chair pro tempore