

Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting
Monday, April 14, 2025
6:30PM

The meeting was called to order by the mayor.

Roll call:

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 accept the minutes dated March 24, 2025. Councilmember Ayers second the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle's Report: Our Chief of Police has submitted his notice of resignation. He will be taking a job in Tuscaloosa. She stated she will be posting notice statewide looking for a new chief.

- Received a new contract with Madison County Sheriff's Dept. for housing inmates, the cost will go up \$5.00 (\$60.00per day).

Motion by Councilmember Whitman to allow the mayor to enter a contract with The Madison Co. Sheriffs Dept. to house inmates. Councilmember Ayers second the motion. Motion carried.

- Plan to start spraying for mosquitoes 2-days a week beginning dusk to dawn on Thursday's and Friday.
- The open house for New Fire Station and Veterans Memorial Park will be held on May 24th . She will bring the estimated budget for refreshments to the next meeting.
- Our school liaison has submitted her resignation. She is stepping down because her schedule will not allow her to continue. We will need to appoint someone.
- Invitations to Bob Jones and James Clemmons HS graduation have come out. Anyone interested in going will need to RSVP by May 12th.
- The Attorney has submitted copies of Resolution for Unsafe Structures.
- Bldg. Inspector has submitted a request to attend the ICC Building conference held in Orange Beach May 5-9, total cost \$2,108.66.

Motion by Councilmember Whitman to approve the annual training for the Building Inspector. Councilmember Nelson second the motion. Motion carried.

Councilmember Hopkins asked if the town would have an interim chief. The mayor stated it depends on how long it will take, if we hire someone quickly or if not, we will have to have an interim.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fire & Police: Chairperson Ragland reported Police Dept. traveled 3,520 miles, made 12 traffic stops, 11 warning citations, 2 traffic citations, 59-calls for service, 3-arrest, and 8-reports.

Finance: Chairperson Hopkins presented the bank Reconciliation Statement ending March 31, 2025. The mayor stated we did receive the money from USDA, she stated we closed and paid off the loan to United Commercial Bank.

Motion by Councilmember Hopkins to approve the Bank Statement. Councilmember Nelson second the motion. Motion carried.

Utility: No Report

Parks & Recreation: Chairperson Ayers reported the following: The Easter Egg Hunt will be this Saturday beginning at 10:00am. She stated that the senior brunch would be held at the same time.

- Correction on the Joe Fletcher Scholarship Community Breakfast, she stated instead of it being on Saturday May 3rd it will be Saturday, May 10th beginning at 9:00am.
- There is a fundraiser that Community Action at Bridge St. Red Robbins on April 24th. Orders can be made in person or online. She stated 20% of food sales which will go back to the agency, and it may be a fundraiser we may want to do for the Fire Dept.

Ms. Ayers reported that the Parks & Rec Committee met in a work session. She stated that they discussed the gym and football field.

The mayor stated she has sent out emails but that she has not heard back.

Discussion on purchasing picnic tables near the basketball court.

The mayor stated that Officer Hector has submitted a request for a waiver in the Take Home Car Policy. She will be relocating, her new address totals 26.9 miles distance from Triana Police Dept, 2 miles over.

Motioned by Councilmember Ayers to allow the waiver for additional mileage to take the city vehicle home. Councilmember Hopkins second the motion. Motion carried.

Councilmember Nelson reported that she has a form from Make an Impact Community Outreach through Community Action. She stated they will present the audience with questions and answers for social security benefits, health insurance benefits. They will have representatives to answer any questions that anyone may have. Wednesday, April 23 from 12noon-3pm at Triana CPCA Church. She stated refreshments will be served and they will be giving away prizes.

Streets and Cemetery: Chairperson Nelson reported that no outlet signage has been posted. And the leaks on Fearn Dr. have been repaired.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCE, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

The mayor stated the Building Inspector has been working hard. She stated she had a few homes that were on the list not responding. She asked the council to review a list with comments as submitted. The mayor asked what their responds would be. She asked do they wanted to wait until the next meeting on their updated progress. Most of the council agreed.

The mayor reported that the bridge on the fishpond has been removed. At some point we hope to put something else there. She stated the guys did an impressive job cleaning up.

Councilman Ragland asked for an update on the block party.

The mayor stated it was discussed with the person requesting that they would not block off the street. They can have their block party on their own property. She stated it was more for safety reasons than anything.

Councilman Whitman reported that there was a structure fire that our Firemen were called out to, not a property within the town.

PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Roy Seay stated he would like to see Landess Cir. completely paved. He stated there should be something the town can do because the large trucks traveling on Landess Cir are causing damage to the road.

The mayor stated she does not know of anything legal to do as far as making contractors pay for repairing the street.

Mr. Seay stated the town may not have funds available now to completely pave Landess Cir he would like to know town may have the funds available.

The mayor stated it will not be in this budget cycle. She stated we used the money in our Capital Improvement account and were used for that. We have not written the check to the County, but it was allocated for that. She stated it was around \$200,000. She stated Triana fund we committed \$100,000 and the County committee \$100,000.

Larry Harris asked if the town's budget was completed if so, could he come by the office to pick up a copy.

The mayor stated yes, the budget is complete, and a copy can be picked up.

Mr. Harris asked if they were through districting off areas in the town.

The mayor stated everything has been approved and done. She stated we sent out letters and the County will send out another letter. She stated we plan to have two meetings for people to come out and ask questions if they do not understand.

Mr. Harris stated he was told it had to go through the state.

The mayor stated it has already been through the legislature, she stated everything went through the state, through the county. The County is the housing of voting they will do the notifications for Triana. She stated we got everything approved of by the state.

Ms. Hall-Parcus, Ms. Draper, and other residents from the Landess Cir expressed their concern for large trucks and cars speeding.

The mayor asked Councilman Whitman if he would put down the speed meter to record the speeding in their area to get some updated data.

Leon Grays asked for a streetlight on down by his house on 5th St.

The mayor stated 5th Street is on the list for Huntsville Utilities to install a streetlight.

Councilman Ragland reported that Triana Housing Mgt has cleaned area at 168 7th St and brought out dirt. He stated she had spoken with the resident about dumping.

Discussion: Triana Kids attending Madison City Schools, Kenyon Harris was asked to be the liaison representing Triana at the Madison School Board meetings.

Kenyon Harris accepted the position.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date Approve _____

Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore

Sharron Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer