

Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting
Monday, April 28, 2025
6:30PM

The mayor called the meeting to order.

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 approve the minutes dated April 14, 2025. Councilmember Ayers second the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle's Report: The grand opening will be held on May 24th at 10:00AM. The ribbon cutting will begin at Veterans Park then on to Fire Station. will be Sat, May 24th. They plan to do a tour then serve refreshments.

Invitations have been sent out to our State Senator, County Commissioner and to Representative Dale Strong, they have all been confirmed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fire & Police: Chairperson Ragland reported that the Fire Dept. responded to 20 medical calls, 3 outside fires, 1 structure fire, 4 false reports and 3 wrecks total 31.

Police Dept. Traveled 1,431 miles, made 17 traffic stops, 8 warning citations, 5 traffic citations, 27 calls for service, 2 arrests and 7 reports.

The mayor reported that Chief Powell's last day was last Saturday. She stated we have received 3 applications for the positions; one is from one of our officers. The position will be open for 2 months

The mayor asked council if the town needed an interim Chief. Discussion. The mayor stated she had met with Officer Zivat and the other office to let her know that Officer Zivat was the senior officer for her to communicate with him and he would communicate with her.

Motion by Councilmember Hopkins to appoint Officer Zivat as the interim Chief of Police.

Councilmember Ayers second the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Ragland-yes
Councilmember Hopkins-yes
Councilmember Nelson-yes

Councilmember Ayers-yes
Councilmember Whitman-yes
Mayor Caudle - abstained
Motion carried.

The mayor stated that the Interim Chief salary will be a couple dollars more, council in agreement.

The mayor stated she has spoken with the county to patrol more to help us out when we don't have anyone on duty.

Finance: No Report

Utility: No Report

Parks and Recreation: Chairperson Ayers reported the following: She has checked the concrete for the park benches they were looking to purchase. She stated companies are not bringing out anything less than a yard which will not be what is needed. She will continue to look for tables to be placed in the park.

- She has received confirmation of a meeting with 256 and the Mayor on Wednesday, April 30th to discuss the use of the football field.
- The Easter Egg Hunt was great, they put out about 7,000 eggs. Terance & Alexis Toney gave the town a portable microphone. Mary and Blanche did an excellent job coordinating the event.
- She thanked our Fire Chief for all his help, all those who donated and volunteered. She stated it was well attended.
Photos to come later.

Streets and Cemetery: Chairperson Nelson reported that the paving will start back on Landess Cir. The mayor stated the paving project that the County was working on at Slaughter Road came in well under budget. The County met and will be transferring the funds to finish Landess Cir. And the low spot on 6th Street where we have flooding comes up to the Fire Station.

Ms. Nelson reported that there's a low spot on 6th Street.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

The mayor they had talked about a Resolution at last meeting about Unsafe Structures. She stated everyone should have a copy. She stated as part of the package submitted by our Bld. Inspector, we have one property at 1372 Wall Triana Hwy that has not responded. She asked does Council want to move forward.

Councilmember Whitman stated that he has not done anything for the last several years, he suggested we move forward with it.

Councilmember Hopkins asked what the owner's discussion was when he came by the office last week.

The mayor stated the Bldg. Inspector had received a phone call from the owner asking him to submit his plan. He did not and he had been asked to submit his plan in writing he did not. He has not turned in anything. He has been in the hospital and given extra time he still has not.

Attorney stated there is no ownership that's changing hands we would be demolishing the unsafe structure. Any liens would follow the property.

Councilmember Whitman stated that they can vote on the resolution tonight and pass it, he will still have 30 days to appeal.

Motion by Councilmember Whitman adopt Resolution 2025-02, designating 1372 wall Triana Hwy, parcel ID number 25-04-17-0-000-010.000 as a public nuisance. Councilmember Ragland second the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Ragland-yes

Councilmember Hopkins-yes

Councilmember Nelson – yes

Councilmember Ayers – yes

Councilmember Whitman – yes

Mayor Caudle – yes

Unanimous consent, Motion carried.

Attorney Caleb Ballew stated the Public Nuisance notice needs to be posted on the property and sent certified to the owner.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Roy Seay reported that the County Commissioner contacted him about repairing Landess Cir. He stated to the council that in the future if anything needs to be done to please consider the people's feelings that live there first.

Mr. Seay asked the council about the future growth in Triana to please share with him, acquiring property.

The mayor stated no one is willing to sell any property to the town. She stated nothing is out there pending or being negotiated. She stated the growth with the subdivisions is continuing. She stated We're still under a moratorium for large developments. She stated we are always looking for someone to invest in the Town of Triana to build.

Councilmember Hopkins asked for an update on the Comprehensive Plan.

The mayor stated we can reach out to TARCOG since it's after the 1st qtr. to assist, we must have ideas for them to put into plan.

Beverly Love and neighbors on Landess Cir. have been having trouble with their water pressure. The clerk was asked to contact Madison Utilities to come out and to also have our Fire Dept. flush the fire hydrant and to have Huntsville Utilities check the water flow pressure.

Tenesha Roach, Director of Triana Housing, stated that she appreciates the private residents cleaning off their property. They have been doing more to keep things clean. She stated she wants to build a good relationship with the city.

Mrs. Roach stated to the council that she had a situation with a Councilmember about tenants dumping trash onto his property. She stated she had asked the tenants not to dump on his property. To resolve the issue, they got it up. She stated he did not handle the situation in a professional manner. She stated no one from the City Council has come to congratulate her some have. She stated that it is a hard job. She hopes that they can all come together and make a change.

The mayor stated citizens' communication she has the right to express her experience and what she felt and how she felt. Every citizen is allowed to make their comment without a rebuttal.

Councilmember Ayers asked Mrs. Roach what she needs from the City Council to work with her. She asked if there was something that had been overlooked.

For the record the mayor has asked Councilmember Ragland not to speak.

Councilmember Ragland stated he has known Mrs. Roach for a long time. He stated he helps everyone.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date approved _____

Sharron Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore