

**Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting
Monday, May 25, 2025
6:30PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Caudle.

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 was present via zoom. The clerk Sharron Humphrey was present.

Approval of minutes: Motion by Councilmember Whitman to approve the minutes dated May 12, 2025. Councilmember Ayers second the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle's Report: No Report

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fire: Chairperson Ragland reported that the Fire Dept responded to 0 fires, 16 medical calls, 0 outside fires, 1 water rescue, 2 fire alarms and 1 wreck.

Police: The Police Dept traveled 1,601 miles, made 13 traffic stops, wrote 5 warning citations, 7 traffic citations, 41 calls for service, 1 arrest and 8 reports

Finance: No Report

Utility: No Report

Parks and Recreation: Chairperson Ayers reported that they had the Veterans Park dedication on Saturday. She stated it was a huge success. She thanked everyone for coming out in the rain.

Ms. Ayers stated the Park and Recreation Committee met on tonight to discuss the use of the football field and the gym. She stated that they decided on a set rate for the actual usage per day for the field and the equipment.

Motion by Councilmember Nelson to approve the contract with 256 Football and Cheer with the equipment rental being \$50.00 per month, storage fee \$30.00 per month and the field 300.00 per month a total cost of \$380.00. Councilmember Hopkins second the motion. Motion Carried.

Councilmember Ayers reported that the summer reading program at the library is getting started with the theme, "Color our World". She stated the library has plans all summer long, the kickoff will be this

Saturday from 12:00noon to 4:00pm. They are asking those interested to come by to pick up summer reading logs and grab some free scholastic books to make your summer journal.

Councilmember Ayers presented the following weekly summer calendar for the library:

Mondays, they will create art in the style of famous artists.

Tuesdays, trashy art, they will be making art out of trash

Wednesdays, the day to the week they set aside for visiting programmers. She stated they are planning everything from animals to magic

Thursdays, they will have arts and science; registration will be required.

Fridays will be open art day, that will mean you can just come in and enjoy.

The mayor reported that summer camp will start on June 2nd. and that we are only accepting 15 kids due to staffing.

Councilmember Ayers reported that the Fire Departments grand opening was held this Saturday, she stated it was great. We had a lot of people to come out. The Fire Chief gave an excellent speak which included how to become a fireman. We had coverage from news channel 19 and 48.

Streets & Cemetery: No Report

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

The mayor stated our building inspector has submitted updates on the buildings that are deemed unsafe.

Councilmember Hopkins asked the questions, could they implement prayer before the council meetings. The mayor stated she can at the next council meeting but that the order of the council meetings was established at the beginning of the term. She stated during that meeting no one recommended that.

Councilmember Hopkins asked have council ever done that.

The mayor replied no, not since she has been mayor, she stated she does not oppose it.

Councilmember Hopkins stated there is a program called Transformation Tables Program implemented by United Way. She stated she would love to have the council to participate in that. She stated it's a free program and that United Way is willing to come and do a presentation to the council to provide more information about it.

The mayor stated she is welcome to invite them.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Larry Harris asked if we were going to fill in what each District Chair will be before the election.

The mayor stated that it will not take place until the Mayor and Council are elected. She stated there is no more voting for a place.

Mr. Harris stated they were informed by Montgomery that each District must be assigned a Place before the election.

The mayor stated that we no longer vote for a Place, we have gone to Districts. She stated that each chair of the committee is not appointed until the organizational meeting. She stated you will be running for Districts 1-5.

Leon Grays stated he is concerned about lighting on 5th Street and at the pump station. The mayor stated we will check on the lighting at the pumpstation and that she will also check on the lighting to be installed.

Tanesha Roach, Director of Triana Housing Authority, is asking if the City of Triana has any resources for their park improvements. She stated their park was run down and she wanted to see if the town had anything they could contribute to the housing authority. She stated anything that they can partner with or contribute extra supplies to make their park for their children better. She stated if not they could help give her some resources to help with that.

The mayor stated that we don't have any resources to give because we're trying to write grants for ourselves. She stated she can meet with her and give her information on how to search for resources.

Ken Harris stated that he was told by the Probate Judge of Madison County and Secretary of state the mayor would assign the chair of districts. He asked when they would find out which district has what seat.

The mayor stated at the very 1st meeting after the election. She stated people will no longer run for a place they will run for the district they live in.

Ken Harris stated after researching the agreement with the City of Madison School Board, he learned through an attorney that there is nowhere in the agreement that it states Triana does not have a voice in any decisions. He stated we should be able to vote.

The mayor stated she informed him that we had a liaison that we appointed, she stated the liaison does not have a vote. She stated there is nothing in the contract that says we can't vote but through the legislature and because it's Madison City Schools; And because we are not residents, Madison City has appointed their board. She stated it was agreed upon that we would have a liaison put on that board. She stated she would have to help him reach that because that was before her time. She is going by what she was told by Mayor Foster and others.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn

Date approved June 9, 2025

Sharron Humphrey
Sharron Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasure

Mary Caille
Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore