

Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting
Monday, January 12, 2026
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 December 22, 2025. Councilmember Malone second the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle's Report: Our Dollar General is being changed to a Fresh Dollar General Market. We won the grant for the repairs to the bathrooms in the park. She will be meeting with Sheriff Dept on Friday to go through their findings from the background checks. She stated police officer position will remain open.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fire & Police: Chairperson Ragland reported the following for Triana Fire Dept – Call Summary:

- January 2026 (Month to Date) Total calls for service: 20, 14 medical calls, 2 motor vehicle accidents and 4 fire alarm calls.
- 2025 Annual call volume: total calls for service: 417, 41 more calls than 2024.
- County Call Volume Ranking: 12th out of 17 fire departments in Madison County
11 Departments ran more calls
5 Department ran fewer calls Staffing Snapshot
- 8 Volunteers that have passed their college EMT courses. 5 have tested and passed their national Test and are now official EMT's in the state of AL. The other 3 will be testing soon.

Mr. Ragland stated we need to hire some police officers.

Mayor Caudle stated she has advertised and put notices out, not many have responded.

Finance: Finance Committee meeting scheduled for next Thursday, January 22, 2025, at 5:30p.m. to discuss the budget.

Utility: No Report

Parks & Recreation: No Report

Mayor Caudle suggested he look at having a committee meeting to start planning stuff for the Rec Dept.

Streets & Cemetery: Chairperson Malone reported that a resident at 224 Gwinnett Dr emailed him asking what we can do about a drainage issue he has been having near his property.

Mayor stated that the guys went out and cleaned the drain. She stated it's the way the drain and road is sloped, there is nothing we can do about it. She stated residents need to know they can't blow leaves and grass down the drain.

Attorney Caleb Ballew stated he will record the Resolution on junk houses once he receives it. He stated how to make sure that it becomes a regular part of the practice.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Casey Whitman, Chairperson of Planning and Zoning, reported that they met twice in Dec. He stated they met to discuss final recommendations for an update to the zoning ordinance specifically to do with establishing some setbacks and fencing requirements for commercial and industrial districts that are adjacent to residential.

He stated the recommendation has to do with establishing either a 30ft or 50ft buffer along the edge of the property (council should all have a copy). He stated, if possible, council could consider it for a vote to amend the zoning ordinance at next council meeting.

Councilmember Williams asked when the survey for the Comprehensive Plan would be over.

The mayor stated the survey for the Comprehensive Plan has been extended until January due to lack of response. She asked each citizen to participate.

Councilmember Ragland reported that we have some people doing some illegal dumping, He stated the main area is on 5th Street near the lift station and a sign that states no dumping. He stated someone dumped on his property while he was out of town.

Mr. Ragland stated they're doing this because they know we don't have any police officers patrolling. The mayor stated we have more police patrolling, the County is patrolling streets every day. She stated that there's no excuse for them dumping.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Theresa Nelson reported that the annual MLK breakfast will be this Saturday beginning at 8:30am at Triana CP Church. She stated that tickets are \$15.00, and all funds that they collect will go towards scholarships. She stated they give away 2 scholarships to seniors that attend Madison City High School.

Mrs. Nelson reported that water pressure is still low in her area.

Mrs. Nelson stated she was asked to have town step up police presence in front of Housing area during the A.M & P.M.

Marvelene Freeman stated she's happy to hear that the grant for the bathrooms has been approved. She asked how much funds the town must put up to match the grant.

Mayor Caudle stated 30% of the grant.

Mrs. Freeman asked how much the grant is for.

Mayor Caudle replied \$400,000, through Community Development Grant Block Grant.

Mayor Caudle stated as soon as we get the official, the architect will start plans for us to start the bid process. She stated our goal is to have it done by summer.

Mrs. Freeman stated she heard Councilman Whitman state that planning and zoning was bringing their recommendations to the next meeting. She asked if reorganizing affects the whole city or just for a certain place

Councilman Whitman stated he sent council a draft copy of ordinance in Dec. He stated that the rezone is for existing commercial zones and industrial homes.

Mayor stated it includes all Triana except for existing buildings that are grandfathered in.

Mrs. Freeman asked council to check on the fence around both cemeteries.

Mayor Caudle stated they were on the list to be cleaned.

Mrs. Freeman reported that she drove around and saw 2 street signs down. She stated that the street sign at Ervin Cir. is leaning.

Roy Seay stated he would like to get a written statement of appreciation from the Planning & Zoning Board. Mayor Caudle stated she sent him an email to him thanking him for serving.

Mr. Seay asked council would the town have a budget this year.

Mayor Caudle stated they have not approved a budget for this year. She stated that's why the finance committee has scheduled a meeting.

Mr. Seay stated he has last year's budget. He asked if all the money in last year's budget for the Police Dept been spent, if not how much is remaining.

Mayor stated just because it's on the budget does not mean it was spent. She stated all was spent except for the salary part.

Mayor Caudle stated the budget is what is allocated to each department. She stated the council gets every quarter a comparison of what is spent and what is remaining. She stated council also knows that if an emergency comes up monies may have to be pulled from a different account that's not allocated for that expense.

Mr. Seay asked the council to submit a budget to the county.

Mayor Caudle stated no we do not, she stated we send them a list of what we need or may need assistance with; no dollar amount is given.

Mr. Kosiba stated he is one of the potential candidates for police office. He stated he has not had the best response from the county. He stated he was recruited by Officer Zivat. He stated he had called the mayor's cell phone just trying to get some kind of response. He stated he would like to be given the opportunity to work here in Triana.

Mayor Caudle reported that the Community nurse program will begin Jan. 29th from 1:00-6:00. They will set up their 2 mobile units in the parking lot of the tornado shelter. She stated the services would be free. She stated our goal, if everything goes well, is to eventually build a clinic here in Triana.

Mayor Caudle stated the clinic is sponsored through UAH and other partners working with us. We have pharmacies, and different doctors. She stated any type of referrals have someone in place for that. She stated if you receive a referral that you may have to use your insurance. Startup is January – the summer.

Theresa Nelson asked why they couldn't use the clinic, it's been remodeled for use.

Mayor Caudle stated they have their own mobile unit.

Debroah Riace stated she asked about the clinic restroom, and someone stated it did not belong to us.

Mayor Caudle stated the building is the Town of Triana's, but the Historical Society were given permission to remodel it. She stated that Ms. Betty wants to do a museum type of thing.

Marvelene Freeman apologized for stating that the clinic did not belong to the town as she stated it does but that the Historical Society has been working on it.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date approved Sept. 26, 2026

Sharron Humphrey

Sharron Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Mary Cade

Mayo or Chair Pro Tempore