

**Town of Triana
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 28, 2019
6:30p.m.**

Mayor called the meeting to order. The clerk was asked to call the roll, Council members Casey Whitman, George Ragland, Marvelene Freeman, Zach Atchley and Mayor Mary Caudle. Members present constituted a quorum.

Legal counsel Caleb Ballew and the clerk were also present.

Motioned by Freeman to approve the minutes of May 13, 2019, Whitman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle's Report: Everyone should have gotten a letter from the resident asking for a 6 months extension to clean off property.

Motion by Atchley to give a 6 months extension from May 28th, Ragland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor stated she received email from the Architect; she is preparing the bid notification to publish in the paper. This grant will be for redoing the gym. TARCOC will be managing the work.

Received an email from Ralph Malone, Triana Industries who sent a summary stating in 1996 Triana Industries quick deeded the Town 200sqft of property adjacent to their property now. They are asking if we could quick deed it back to them. She suggested they have a work session.

Council member Ragland stated back in the 90's the town had turkey shoot's and to keep the town from being liable for anyone being hurt they allowed the town to have the land, Discussion.

Motion by Ragland to quick claim the 200sq ft of land back to the Malone's, Whitman seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Whitman-yes, Ragland-yes, Freeman-yes, Atchley-yes and Caudle-Abstain. Motion carried.

Levoneia Ayers was sworn in as Council member for the Town of Triana by Attorney Caleb Ballew

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fire & Police: Chairperson Atchley reported the Police Dept., traveled 1082 miles, made 11 traffic stops, nine warning citation, 5 citations, 19 calls for service and 7 reports.

Police car rear window being repaired. We've offered the full-time position of Police officer to Don Carr. His start date will be June 10th.

Fire Dept., reported 4 medical calls, 1 fire and 47 miles logged on the explorer and 2 miles on the pickup.

Chief Hardin is planning on teaching a class in this room from 9-4 on Thursday, Friday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, wanted to check with council make sure there was no conflict starting May 30th.

Mayor stated the summer programs starts tomorrow.

Finance: No Report

Utility: No Report

Park & Recreation: Chairperson Freeman stating they have been discussing hiring someone for the summer. She received a call from Mr. Fletcher who stated they are planning a program at Triana C.P this year. They thought it may be a good idea to get the two programs together. They will meet to discuss working together. They interviewed three people and one has accepted.

Mayor stated, Mr. Moorer will began tomorrow doing an inventory of what we have and start working on programming. Freeman stated we will give him an agenda of what we would like done.

Mayor stated they will get together and do that.

Ragland asked about the food program.

Mayor stated for now kids will have to bring their lunch and the town can look at providing a snack for the morning and afternoon.

The mayor and Ms. Freeman stated they were told William's school would not be serving lunch this summer. Freeman asked what was the town allocating for the summer in terms of refreshments. Mayor stated they have not decided they will have to come up with a summer budget. They will make it work. Work session scheduled for June 5th at 5:30p.m. to discuss a small budget.

Streets & Cemetery: Chairperson Whitman reported he and the Mayor sprayed the Town for mosquitoes. Signage for Savannah came in got it posted. Had a brief discussion before the meeting on parking ordinance. The Police Chief has done some research on other city ordinances, more work to be done on that.

Whitman asked if we had hired a prosecutor.

Mayor stated she has two applicants that she's talking to this week. She stated we had to advertise for a Water Operator. We are getting assistance from Huntsville and Madison. She asked if anyone knows of anyone interested and already certified to send them her way.

Mayor stated Alonzo Toney who has served as the Town's water operator passed away to keep the family in your prayers.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCE, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Attorney Caleb Ballew presented an amended version of the school tax.

Motion by Ragland to consider Ordinance 2019-06 an ordinance to amend Ordinance 2009-04 to call and provide for notice of a special election, Whitman seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Whitman-yes, Ayers-yes, Ragland-yes, Freeman-yes, Atchley-yes, Freeman-yes and Caudle-yes. Unanimous consent, motion carried.

Motion by Whitman to adopt Ordinance 2019-06 amending the previous Ordinance 2019-04, Ragland seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Whitman-yes, Ayers-yes, Ragland-yes, Freeman-yes, Atchley-yes and Caudle-yes. Unanimous consent, motion carried.

Whitman stated they had talked about the projects phasing 50 homes per year, City of Madison are doing legal contract agreements to be those kinds of things in place. He asked what the mechanism we're going to use is. Mayor stated in the development agreement it states that they will do 50 homes per year.

Whitman stated the planning and zoning committee want to address some concerns that have come up in terms of why the town is pushing on this growth now why not wait until the school vote has been approved. His response to that is if they sit and wait for the tax vote to go thru we run the risk of losing a lot of development and growth to City of Huntsville.

Mayor stated a lot of the planning from one of the land owners that we annexed property in has been working on that for a few years and now it's happening.

Motion by Whitman to consider Ordinance 2019-05 a rezoning Ordinance, Ragland seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Whitman-yes, Ragland-yes, Ayers-yes, Atchley-yes and Caudle-yes

Motion by Whitman to adopt Ordinance 2019-05, Ayers seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Whitman-yes, Ayers-yes, Ragland-yes, Atchley-yes, Freeman-yes and Caudle-yes. Unanimous consent, motion carried.

Council member Whitman referenced the grass Ordinance was passed back in 1987 sets a 12inch for grass. He stated the Alabama Code lays out the process of what we have to do dealing with properties where grass needs cutting on 11-2-67. He stated it's a long process. Our grass Ordinance is out of date, recommends we look at redoing our ordinance to say if the grass is 12in or longer that the town code enforcement official or the Mayor send a warning to say they have 10 days to bring their grass or property in compliance otherwise town will initiate proceedings.

Mayor stated if we cut their grass and they don't pay then we can place a lien on the property.

Whitman stated he would like to work with the Attorney to bring our Ordinance up to code to bring to everyone.

Mayor stated while they are spraying this week she will list those addresses that need grass cutting.

Whitman stated the 4th of July is coming up we need to post the ordinance as a reminder to people what the authorized day and time to shoot off fireworks.

Mayor stated we can post the notice on water bill cards.

Freeman asked the Mayor do we have any applications for the Code Enforcement person.

Mayor stated we had one person to fill out an application but changed his mind afterwards.

Ragland stated we need town worker's, we have 4 full-time persons talking care of the town.

Mayor stated we are advertising for a certified water operator who can also read meters

Freeman stated she agrees with Mr. Ragland in saying we do need to hire a full-time.

Whitman asked the Mayor if she thought she needed to hire someone.

Mayor asked for a motion from the council to hire a full-time person

Atchley suggested we let the Town Executive make the decision.

Public Comments:

Jane Robinson expressed concern over the growth of Triana and how it has affected our school system. She asked, what the plan is if the tax does not pass and to think about waiting what they are doing to possibly wait to see if tax will pass.

Giles Vaden resident of Towne Lakes stated he uses the trails a lot when they were cleaned off. He would like to volunteer labor willing to help clean up trails. He stated this will not cost the town anything.

Mayor stated County has been out in the past to help with cleaning trails.

Whitman stated there is a group that's on Face book Triana Green Team they do a monthly cleanup around town.

He stated he can pass that information on to them about the trails.

Mayor thanked the gentleman for volunteering.

Theresa Nelson reported the summer program would begin June 10th.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn

Date approved _____

Sharron Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Mayor or Chair Pro Tem