

Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting
Monday, November 23, 2020
6:30p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor. The clerk was asked to call the roll, Council Members Jason Garstka, Casey Whitman, George Ragland, Levoneia Ayers, Erica Hopkins and Mayor Mary Caudle. Members present constituted a quorum.

Attorney Caleb Ballew was present via zoom and the clerk Sharron Humphrey was present.

Motion by Whitman to approve the minutes dated Nov. 11, 2020, Ayers second the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle's Report: Held Public Hearing to close out Grant for Gym, paperwork has been submitted. It should take a couple of weeks to finalize. Had work session to discuss hiring a full-time Building Inspector/Code Enforcer combining the two positions. We will advertise for the position at a salary from \$65,000 to \$75,000 this is based on information that has been gathered. Councilman Whitman made the motion that the Mayor be authorized to put out notice to hire a Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer at a salary from \$65,000 to \$75,000, Councilman Garstka second the motion. Roll call vote, Garstka-yes, Whitman-yes, Ragland-no, Ayers-yes, Hopkins-yes and Caudle-yes, motion carried.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Fire & Police: Chairperson Ragland reported the Police Officers traveled 2562 miles, made 18 Traffic stops, 13 Warning citations, 9 Citations, 31 Calls for service, 0 Arrests and 10 Reports.

Finance: Chairperson Hopkins reported the Finance Committee will hold a work session on Nov. 30th at 6:30p.m. to discuss towns finance.

Utility: Chairperson Whitman reported: Sewer project pre-bid meeting was held. We have one developer that has paid the deposit for street lighting. Working with Huntsville Utilities water system GPS to evaluate another water intake hoping it will help with the water pressure. Sewer-waiting to get information back from EOS who is working with Madison Utilities on the lift station on Wall Triana hopefully we can get the issue resolved as soon as possible.

Park & Recreation: No Report

Streets & Cemetery: Chairperson Garstka thanked Councilman Whitman for helping put up speed limit signs on Gwinnett and Bridgemill.

There's a damaged sidewalk on Princewater Dr., believe it's from the sewer drain.

Mayor stated it's on the developer and the builder to repair.

Garstka stated he will do an inventory of all old street signs that needs to be replaced.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Motion by Ragland to consider Ordinance 2020-11, Amended Junk Ordinance, Ayers second the motion. Roll call vote Garstka-yes, Whitman-yes, Ragland-yes, Ayers-yes, Hopkins-yes and Caudle-Yes. Unanimous consent, motion carried.

Motion by Ragland to approve Ordinance 2020-11, Amended Junk Ordinance, and Ayers second the motion. Roll call vote Garstka-yes, Ragland-yes, Whitman-yes, Hopkins-yes, Ayers-yes and Caudle-yes. Unanimous consent, motion carried.

Attorney Caleb Ballew reported the road closure issue on Murphy Circle is not a state requirement for a public hearing for construction. We are not creating a street and not vacating a road. Mayor stated we should give some type of notice that this will happen, have meeting so community can come out voice their opinion. Public Hearing scheduled for 5:30 on December 7th.

Discussed selling easement on 8th Street to the Developer. Councilman Whitman made the motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement to sell the easement for \$13,780, Garstka second the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle stated she will send the Planning and Zoning appointment to council before next planning meeting.

Covid-19 Funding – Ayers asked if we are in position to tap into those funds. Mayor reported that some agencies have to return the money because they cannot justify spending it. Council member Hopkins reported the CDC does offer training and we could get reimbursed. We could put together a list of things we need, come up with some recommendations.

Councilmember Ayers suggested we get a purchase cleaning equipment to clean facility. Mayor stated that was one of the items Chief Powell picked up from Montgomery.

Discussion on employee pay wage, Mayor stated she is working on the Budget.

Public Comments:

Roy Seay asked about the salary discussed in the work session for the full-time Fire Chief. Mayor stated they discussed a salary but that she did not have information with her.

Fire Dept., inventory discussed at work session logging and labeling equipment, Mayor stated that will be one of the things to do in the meeting with the County President and Fire Marshall.

Dusty Lambert VP with Triana Warriors reported they had a great 1st season. They had one team to go to the play-off. Mr. Lambert presented a plaque to the Mayor and Council thanking them for their support.

Theresa Nelson reported the Historical Society had a fundraiser on last Thursday and raised \$2,000.

Marvelene Freeman reported the fire hydrant replaced at Lakeside and Berth Drive needs to have something put around it so it won't get hit again. Mayor stated yes we can.

Ms. Freeman stated the town needs to make sure our Police Officers are paid the max if we plan to pay the building inspector the stated amount salary. She also stated they still have the odor on Ervin Lane late in the afternoon.

Mayor stated we've had testing done in the lines no one can seem to find where odor is coming from.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date approved 12-14-2020

Sharron Humphrey
Sharron Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

May C. Cole
Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore