

**Town of Triana
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, July 13, 2020
6:30p.m.**

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

Legal counsel Caleb Ballew and the clerk Sharron Humphrey were also present.

Motion by Whitman to approve the minutes dated June 22, 2020, Ayers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle's Report: Conference meeting set for Wednesday or Thursday of this week to do a walk thru in the gym. Mayor asked Council to go inside gym and look around. Eagle Scout Trope coming down to do a project on the river, they plan to build picnic tables. One of the tables will be handicap assessable. Plans to meet with leader on tomorrow at 1p.m. The football field is just about ready.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fire & Police: Chairperson Atchley reported Police Officers traveled 2260 miles, made 34 traffic stops, 31 warning citations, 11 citations, 91 calls for service, 0 arrests and 29 reports.

Fire Dept., traveled 102 miles on engine 45, made 3 medical calls and 1 fire call. Scheduled a work session for July 20th at 6p.m. to discuss some of the challenges they're facing.

Councilman Ragland asked the Mayor about the Police Grant.

Mayor Caudle reported state money has been placed on hold. She stated we are still taking applications for police officer.

Ragland asked about the patrol cars.

Mayor Caudle stated there are no cars out at this time to purchase plan is to purchase 2021 they are not out yet.

Councilman Whitman also stated there were no 2020 cars out to purchase.

Finance: Chairperson Ayers presented the Bank Reconciliation statement ending June 30, 2020.

Motion by Ragland to approve the Bank Statement as presented, Ayers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ayers asked about the safety of the guys riding on the back of the utility truck suggested getting an ATV vehicle.

Mayor asked for pictures of the ATV to be brought to the next council meeting.

Utility: Chairperson Ragland reported water pressure has been low in Savannah.

Mayor stated we have been trying to investigate where the water is going. Our inspector talked with builders; we believe it's a construction problem. Plan to get with the Fire Dept. on locking the fire hydrants and have keys placed in a particular area.

Councilman Ragland reported a customer called the office asking if he could get a refund from having low water pressure.

Mayor stated no since he is only charged for the water that goes thru his meter but that she does understand his frustration.

Park & Recreation: Mayor reported we're getting ready to close out gym project; we will need to have final inspection. We may be able to open gym following the CDC guidelines. Not sure if they will get started with football the field is looking good. The County paid for the sprinkler system.

Councilman Ragland asked what the next step is for Bingo.

Mayor Caudle stated the pump station at the Bingo has to be totally built per the contractor agreement. It would be cost wise to hook Bingo up to the Advent pump.

Streets & Cemetery: Chairperson Whitman reported he has been asked by a resident if town could put up a Special Needs signage.

Councilman Ragland stated we need a No Littering signs on 6th Street.

Mayor stated to check on signage we have in storage to order what's needed.

Council approved Child at Play signage for Tybee Dr.

Council member Freeman stated before we let our cemetery fill up to look at purchasing the property of land across from the cemetery where trailers are. Mayor asked her to bring suggestion to work session.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCE, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Attorney Caleb Ballew presented Resolution 2020-03, authorizing the Mayor to investigate the processes and procedures necessary for the formation of a fire department.

Motion by Atchley to approve Resolution 2020-03, Ayers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Whitman suggested hiring the building inspector full-time to help with some of the issues we've been having in the subdivisions.

Councilman Ragland stated \$80,000 is too much to pay an inspector.

Mayor asked that suggestion to hire building inspector be brought to work session.

Mayor reported bids on the Dump truck brought in \$800.00 and X-mark mower \$551.00.

Councilman Ragland asked Mayor Caudle to give update on Wall Triana property.

Mayor reported developers were working with landowners no update. Town is not in business to condemn any land. Until the agreement is worked out there will be no sewer.

Councilman Whitman stated town needs a growth policy in place this will include any construction, building homes anything that comes with it.

Councilman Ragland asked about residents connecting onto the sewer.

Mayor stated they would not because of the way lines are and that the residents have already stated they do not want to connect to the sewer. She further stated she will continue to look for grants to assist.

Councilman Ragland stated that the land John D Ragland owned was not annexed into the town that property was skipped over.

Mayor stated paperwork shows the whole circle was annexed into Triana.

PUBLIC/RESIDENT COMMENTS:

Shelia McNeil stated the issues reported at last meeting were the same. She stated the grass between her property and the property owners behind her house needs cutting.

Mayor stated the grass between the two fences is the landowner's responsibility.

Ms. McNeil stated the area around pond needs cleaning and that if they had someone to go to it would help.

Mayor stated the developer has been ill but that someone had been contacted to clean the pond. She will keep pushing maybe consider having a fundraiser to help, working together.

Mr. Seay asked has anything been done to widen Landess Circle. There is more traffic coming in and out on such narrow roads. Does council have a plan in place?

Mayor stated developers looking at two things, widening of the curve or putting in a turning lane. They have engineers looking at it.

Brenson Parks asked if citizens could be a part of committees.

Councilman Whitman stated residents are part of planning and zoning. He and the Mayor are also a part of that committee.

Mayor Caudle stated the website will be updated soon we are finalizing the paperwork for .GOV it should be up next week. The next billing cycle customer will be able to see their bills, get forms and other features.

Selena Slaughter stated her neighbor has been complaining about her dog. She stated her dog does not bark all day as reported but that he is a dog and that is what dogs do.

Mayor stated the Town does have a nuisance ordinance and that there are procedures you have to follow once you are cited. Town does not get involved with HOA. Resident has to do an official report and take it to the next level.

Erica Hopkins asked how to get involved she's new to the community.

Mayor stated our website will be informative. They are planning to implement the Tree City Board.

Library open three days a week, they are looking at having the bookmobile come out help with story time.

Tiffany Smith stated she has a son with special needs she is concern about the traffic speeders.

Mayor stated we have a fulltime and part-time officer that work. They work rotating shifts and they do work at night. She further stated we have full and part-time positions open if anyone knows of someone interested to send them our way.

Councilmember Whitman was asked to do a study on street for speed bumps.

Ms. Smith asked about after school programs, she stated a lot of the kids go to the library like it's an after-school program or day care. It's not the librarian's job to look after them.

Mayor stated the grant we did was in phases we need volunteers to open gym.

Alex Zitting stated there's a website that serves as a forum for volunteers if we need volunteers.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date approved July 27, 2020

Sharron Humphrey

Sharron Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

May Caudle

Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore