

Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting
Monday, February 8, 2021
6:30p.m.

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

Attorney Caleb Ballew and the clerk Sharron Humphrey were also present.

Councilmember Whitman made the motion to approve the minutes dated January 25, 2021 with the necessary corrections. Councilmember Garstka seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle's Report: No report

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fire & Police: Chairperson Ragland reported the following: Fire Dept. responded to 2 outside fires and made 2 medical calls.

Police Dept. logged 1,995 miles, made 41 Traffic Stops, 30 Warning Citations, 22 Citations, 45 Calls for Service, 1 Arrest and 5 Reports.

Fire Chief Hardin has painted one of the Fire Dept. doors black, he thinks it should have been painted another color.

Mayor Caudle stated all of the exterior doors and window frames will be painted black to match.

Councilmember Ragland made the motion to paint Fire Dept. doors red. Motion died for lack of second.

Finance: Councilmember Hopkins asked about the availability of having the City Address at the library. Mayor Caudle stated we may need to discuss having a virtual meeting at the next work session.

Mayor Caudle stated all members of Council should have a copy of the Audit report if there are a lot of questions the auditors will come out and answer them. She asked council to look over audit report and digest it. She has gone over the audit and everything looks good, each year we do better and better.

Utility: Chairperson Whitman reported Savannah phase 3 designs for street lights have been completed. Huntsville Utilities came out on last week to mark area for the street lights to go on Monique, Oregon and Fearn Drive.

Comcast is still working throughout the town. They have hit and repaired water lines. There's a sink hole between 304 and 306 River Rock Dr. Madison Utilities came out and determined there was no issue with the water lines. The owner will work with the builder on the issue.

Councilmember Ragland reported there's a problem with the lift station on Oregon Drive.

Mayor Caudle stated Madison Utilities was called out, Oregon Dr. Lift station is up and running.

Streets & Cemetery: Chairperson Garstka reported he received an email from Nate Mathews with DSLD Homes concerning the damaged sidewalk on Princewater Dr. They will have a repair crew to tear out and re-pour the sidewalk no later than Feb. 19, 2021, see attachment.

Parks & Recreation: No Report

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Caudle presented the License Tax Ordinance, she asked Council to look it over and be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting. She stated town needs to pass this License Tax Ordinance to be in compliance.

Attorney Caleb Ballew stated if anyone has any questions, they can reach out to him.

Mayor Caudle state the quick claim deed for 8th Street is ready to be signed.

Attorney Caleb Ballew stated he as been working with Prosecutor Brian Williams on the Burn Ordinance. He stated the Police can be the only person to issue a citation. The Fire Chief can only issue a Summons.

Councilmember Whitman suggested we send all Builders and Developers letters informing them that we have passed a Burn Ordinance.

Councilmember Hopkins made the motion to change the regular order of business to allow Mary Helinser to address the council. Councilmember Whitman seconds the motion. Motion carried. Ms. Helinser began by stating Main Street Alabama is a nonprofit organization, it stresses public-private partnerships, broad community engagement and strategies that create jobs, spark new investment, attract visitors and spur growth.

Main Street Alabama is focused on bringing jobs, dollars and people back to Alabama's historic communities.

Mayor Caudle thanked her for coming out and that she will be reaching out to her for any assistance they can provide Triana.

Councilmember Hopkins made the motion to return to the regular order of business. Councilmember Whitman seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Whitman, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning stated the Board denied the request presented by Cory Miller to rezone property on Ervin Lane.

Mayor Caudle stated it is the recommendation that we don't rezone the property, he can appeal. The Town has an Appeal Board.

Council was asked if they were in concurrent with sending letter to Cory Miller stating the Planning and Zoning Board has denied his request. All members of council are in agreement to send out letter.

Councilmember Hopkins asked, do we need to put the reason for denying the request in the letter.

Attorney Caleb Ballew stated the Town does not have to give a reason.

Councilmember Whitman was asked, what is the time frame for the appeal? Whitman responded by stating he is not sure.

Attorney Caleb Ballew was asked to look into the appeal process.

Councilmember Whitman stated the Public Hearing on the Harris property is scheduled for next Tuesday at 6pm.

Councilmember Ragland asked Mayor Caudle if she knows why surveyors were out on 6th Street. Mayor Caudle stated she has not authorized anyone to come out.

Councilmember Ragland reported someone has been dumping trash on 5th Street near the lift station. Mayor Caudle stated she will contact the County about picking it up.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

James Parcus stated he has been cleaning his property. It's going to take him a little longer to clean it all up. He apologized to the council and asked for more time.

Mayor Caudle stated he needs to submit his request for more time in writing.

Mr. Parcus submitted a request in writing, asking the Town for more time to remove rubbish and garbage off his property.

Mayor Caudle stated Council will discuss it and reply back in writing.

Theresa Nelson stated the street light at the second Landess Circle off Wall Triana Hwy is still out.

Mayor Caudle stated Huntsville Utilities has been out and looked at that street light. She will contact them again.

Roy Seay turned in petition for speed bumps on Ervin Lane.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date approve Feb. 22. 2021

Sharon Humphrey
Sharon Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

May Caudle
Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore