

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

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

Legal counsel Caleb Ballew was present via internet and the clerk Sharron Humphrey was present.

Councilmember Whitman made the motion to approve the minutes dated February 22, 2021 with correction as stated by Councilman Garstka. Councilmember Hopkins seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle's Report: Our Police Officer made a visit to the Ebony Club to take an emergency contact form. While he was there in the establishment, he noticed they were violating the Towns Alcohol beverage Ordinance. Inappropriate dancing with no clothes on. The issue was discussed with our Attorney on last Thursday who advised that she and the council have a meeting with the Owner of the Ebony Club to review their license status. We will also have to review Parley's license. Town Council needs to meet with club owners to make sure they are in compliance. Club Owners cannot sub-lease without notifying council first. Meeting set for March 10th at 6p.m.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fire & Police: Chairperson Ragland reported the Fire Dept. made 5 emergency calls and responded to 1 motorcycle accident. Suggested town offer \$50.00 as an incentive to recruit Firemen. Mayor stated we have discussed that option the Attorney is researching it.

Police Dept traveled 2971, made 29 Traffic Stops, 21 Warning Citations, 12 Citations, 154 Calls for service, 3 Arrest and 13 Reports.

Finance: Chairperson Hopkins presented the Bank Reconciliation Statement ending Feb. 28th for approval. Motion by Hopkins to approve the Bank Statement. Ayers seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Utilities: Chairperson Whitman reported we are still waiting for lights to be installed in Rivers Landing Phase 3, developer issue. Brookhaven Homes design prospective is being worked out.

Park & Recreation: No Report

Streets & Cemetery: Chairperson Garstka reported the County has posted 45MPH signs on Wall Triana Hwy.

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business:

Mr. Whitman, Chairperson Planning and Zoning presented an Ordinance amending the official zoning map, as last amended, by classifying certain parcels of land from R-1 to R-3.

Councilmember Whitman made the motion for immediate consideration for Ordinance 2021-01, an Ordinance to rezone the Harris property, certain parcels of land from R-1 to R-3. Councilmember Ragland seconds the motion. Roll call vote, Ragland-yes, Hopkins-yes, Garstka-yes, Whitman-yes, Ayers-yes and Caudle-yes. Unanimous consent, Motion carried.

Councilmember Whitman made the motion to approve Ordinance 2021-01, rezoning the Harris Property. Councilmember Ayers seconds the motion. Roll call vote, Ragland-yes, Hopkins-yes, Garstka-yes, Ayers-yes, Whitman-yes and Caudle-abstain. Motion carried.

Attorney Caleb Ballew stated he will look into the options on what is available for volunteer firemen(s). City would not be able to set up payment for nonemployees.

Mayor Caudle reported town has received funds from the sell of land on 8th street the check is to be put into the towns General Fund. She also reported town received a check for \$69,000 under the Cares Act, we received these funds on Friday. She would like to make sure of what the funds can be used for before we start spending. Would like to purchase desks for the Police, Fire Dept. and Mayor's office, and some chairs.

Councilmember Ragland stated he would like for some of the funds to be used for a fitness room. Mayor Caudle stated it cannot be used for that, she will check to be sure.

Public Comments:

Chief Powell reported he requested assistance from the County Sheriff's Dept on this past weekend, he stated no one showed up. He stated he called to ask why no officers showed up and was told different reasons by three Officers. He and Officer Zivat even purchased pizza thinking they were going to show up. He stated this leaves him to believe they don't care about Triana.

Mayor Caudle stated she saw Officer's patrolling. She will reach out to them.

The following residents from cable Cir and wall Triana Hwy Earnestine Caudle, Sameul Glover, Brian Benford and Kathleen Cable all expressed concern over the traffic and parking going on at the Ebony Club. Their driveways are being blocked and people are parking in their yards they are asking the Town to get some control.

Mr. Glover asked what does their license have to do with it.

Mayor Caudle stated License Ordinance states what you can and cannot do.

Briana Benford stated the club should not be allowed to operate when they are at capacity. They should send everyone home. No emergency service an get through with parking on both sides of wall Triana. Safety of the citizens should come first.

Mayor Caudle stated we will work on it.

Nikki Terry, manager of the Ebony Club stated what happened Thursday was a one-time incident during amateur night. This was not a regular thing. She stated the parking lot closed after it was full.

Mayor Caudle stated they should not have to move cones from driveway to leave their home it is her responsibility they violated the Covid restrictions. Patrons reported it has happened before. Something has to be done. The owner has been notified.

Marvelene Freeman stated she shares the sentiment she doesn't want anyone coming and blocking her driveway.

Mayor stated this will be taken under consideration at the work session.

Kathleen cable stated she come to the council meeting because she did not know who else to go to.

Earnestine Caudle stated she does not want any pay she just doesn't want her driveway blocked.

Marvelene Freeman stated she heard the Chief's report, it is dangerous for him to be by himself, he does not need to be down here patrolling by himself.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date Approve March 22, 2021

Sharron Humphrey
Sharron Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

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Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore