

Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting
Monday, May 10, 2021
6:30p.m.

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

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

Motion by Councilmember Whitman to approve the minutes dated April 26, 2021 with correction. Councilmember Ayers seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle's Report: Presented the Franchise agreement with AT&T a 5% franchise fee. Motion by Councilmember Whitman to authorize the Mayor to renew the AT&T Franchise agreement. Councilmember Ayers seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Estimate on pump station on Wall Triana Hwy presented, asked council to declare it an essential emergency.

Councilmember Hopkins asked the question why is this being considered an emergency.

Mayor Caudle stated because it building on that pumpstation that does not have use of sewage and they are needing it to open up.

Motion by Councilmember Whitman to declare the repair of the pump station at Wall Triana HWY an essential emergency and authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract to repair the pump station once all paperwork is in. Councilmember Ayers seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Alcohol Beverage License presented asked council to review and give feedback, will not approve tonight be prepared to vote at next meeting.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fire & Police: Chairperson Ragland reported Fire Dept. responded to 4 emergency calls and drove 25 miles.

Police Dept. traveled 2620 miles, made 54 Traffic stops, 40 Warning citations, 26 Citations, 62 Calls for Service, 0 Arrests and 3 Reports.

Mr. Ragland asked for an update on the two heart defibrillator for the Police Dept that was discussed about a year ago

Mayor stated that Chief was working on an additional list of things he needs for the Police Dept.

Finance: No Report

Councilmember Hopkins made the motion to have a Financial Committee meeting on Thursday, May 27th at 6pm. Ragland seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Utility: No Report

Park & Recreation: Chairperson Ayers reported that the sprinkler on the football field was repaired, they are still accepting applications for football and they have put out more herbicide. The football program currently has 45 kids that are signed up for participation. The job posted for the Rec Program Coordinator.

Ms. Ayers is currently working on the Tree Board, got some information from TARCOG on staffing. They have a program that they will do 19.75hrs per week for an individual to come in and work, and until June they can work up to 29hrs for week.

Mayor stated this someone would have to go apply there and qualify.

Ms. Ayers stated this could be something the Town utilizes until we get an active Program Coordinator in. She further stated this is a four-year program; this program helps to aid the person with getting back into the work force.

Mayor stated we have been sent individuals there they have not qualified, we definitely need to keep pushing people to apply.

Streets and Cemetery: No Report

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business:

Attorney Caleb Ballew reported the letter to the Ebony Club went out on last week has not heard back.

Mayor Caudle reported there is a work session scheduled for tomorrow to review the Alcohol Beverage License.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Marvelene Freeman asked for an update to repairing a bad place in the street on Ervin Lane.

Mayor Caudle stated the County intended to start the repairs today if rains then sometime later this week.

Mitch Cunningham, a Board member with Partnership for a Drug-Free Community, Inc. they want to coordinate and come out education and establish a relationship with the community. Their program is a nonprofit organization, their mission is to coordinate alcohol and drug prevention, education and awareness services. They want to come out and promote the awareness and promotes some of the services they provide. Open communication and provide a date and approval.

Mike Woods, a Certified Recovery Support Specialist with Alabama Dept. of Mental Health, stated their mission is to go out into the community, talk to people somewhere in trouble with drugs or alcohol. They help ones with insurance to get in but they specialize in the people that don't have insurance the people that fall through the cracks (see attached information).

Mayor Caudle stated this sounds like a great program.

Mr. Cunningham stated our Police Chief was on board with them.

Attorney Caleb Ballew asked if they were able to do assessments for people in jail.

Mr. Woods stated they have but that it's a lot harder. They have to have permission from the jail and the person. They have to have written consent from the individual to come inside to talk on their behalf.

Mayor Caudle stated as they start looking at stuff they can coordinate with Chief since he's on the board and he can reach out to them to get things planned.

Chief Powell stated Sherriff Turner is on board, Huntsville Police Chief, Madison Police Chief and Clergy to name a few are also on board. They have a website we can take a look at and Triana has always had a Rep on board. They have also been very successful with the disposable prescription medication.

Roy Seay asked if there were any funds being set aside for infrastructure for bridges, roads and highways.

Mayor stated we always have funds but they are limited, right now we are working on the sewer project and we're doing a new water intake working with the City of Huntsville and we do road repair on an as needed basis.

Mr. Seay stated he would like to see us put something in place if we don't already have something in place for when something comes up. The reason he's saying this is because he has been asking for work to be done on Landess Cir.

Marvelene Freeman stated she would like to see the City do something in memory of Mr. Joe Fletcher in the future.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date approved May 24, 2021

Sharon Humphrey

Sharon Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

May [Signature]

Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore