

**Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting**  
**Monday, February 28, 2022**  
**6:30PM**

Mayor called the meeting to order. Roll call, Councilmembers George Ragland, Erica Hopkins, Casey Whitman, Levoneia Ayers and Mayor Mary Caudle. Councilmember Jason Garstka was absent. Members present constituted a quorum.

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

Motion by Councilmember Whitman to approve the minutes dated February 14, 2022 with correction. Councilmember Hopkins seconds the motion. Motion carried.

**Mayor Caudle's Report:** Met with Commissioner Chair Dale Strong, got him to donate \$35,000 towards a new patrol car.

We have our auditors from Tucker, Smith and Associates here to present the audit report ending Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. Philip Kelly went over the audit report in detail. He stated the town had a good year overall. Mayor Caudle stated if anyone has any questions regarding the audit report, they can call their office. Motion by Councilmember Hopkins to accept the audited financial statement as presented by Tucker, Smith and Associates. Councilmember Ayers second the motion. Motion carried.

**Reports of Standing Committee:**

**Fire & Police:** Chairperson Ragland reported the Police Dept. traveled 2,405 miles, made 74 traffic stops, 37 warning citations, 44 traffic citations, 25 calls for service, 0 arrest and 3 reports. Officer Mayfield has been deployed. Mayor stated the chief is asking the town to hire a part-time PRN while he is out. Fire Dept. responded to 3 fire alarms, 13 emergency calls and 1 motor vehicle accident. Mayor Caudle reported the body cameras are in and in use, also the equipment totaling \$8,100 for installing radars and cameras have been added to the car. Mr. Ragland stated he has been waiting on a heart defiberator for two years still have not received it. Mayor stated everything for the officers has been ordered or is on order. And for the new car he's on the list for when they do come in.

**Finance:** No report

**Utility:** Chairperson Whitman reported he would like to move forward on getting five of the street lights in the older parts of town approved and funded so we can get Huntsville Utilities out. Those five locations are, the beginning of Advent and at the end of Advent near the Seventh Day Advent Church, the end of Eighth Street at the top of the hill on Stone Street side, the end of Monique Dr. and between 937 & 944 Landess Cir. The estimated cost for each is about \$ 405.00, total cost will be \$2,100.00. Councilmember Whitman made the motion to approve installing street lights with the funding to be taken out of the appropriate gasoline tax. Ayers second the motion. Motion carried.

**Parks and Recreation:** Mayor Caudle stated we have asked our Historical Society Chair Betty Williams to speak and give update on what's going on with the clinic building. Betty Williams gave the following update, the gutter for the clinic is on back order for the second time. Things to be installed: kitchen faucet, trim work, shoe molding, upstairs flooring, toilet and sink. Floors to be sanded, two windows skirts to be installed and paint touchup. Mayor asked her to talk about the leak. Ms. Williams stated in January, Chris built a check dam in the basement to block the water and a concrete splash block for water coming off the stairway roof.

He also patched the roof in the park bathroom and discovered mold in the ceiling coming down the wall. A lot of water is getting into the basement due to the gutter being bent from someone breaking into the building. The windows have been repaired. Chris has stated he needs about two weeks to complete the carpentry. She stated the building is about 94% complete. The wood was removed piece by piece in 2010 by the habitat of New Orleans. The dimension of this wood is not here anymore. The wood they found came out of a school in Portland Oregon built in the 1940s match the wood that come out the clinic building so this is not a renovation it's a restoration.

The other things that are going on, they had a timeline history with the library this weekend that went well also she also received a letter from Juanita Lee who worked with Mr. Clyde Foster on the arsenal; she wants them to host a community forum/festival next year in honor of Mr. Foster. If the town is agreeable, they will host it. Ms. Lee has also applied for a grant to help with this public event.

Mayor Caudle asked had the architect looked at the leak, do we need to do something else.

Ms. Williams stated they will need a sump pump to go into the basement because when it rains water is coming in on the east side. Mayor Caudle asked her to price one out and asked if they were ready for cameras to be installed because council has already approved them. Ms. Williams stated they are and that they are going to need an air-conditioner for upstairs and down stairs.

They are partnering with the Humanity Alliance to host the Smithsonian exhibit next year called, The Crossroads Change in Rural America.

They received a grant to install the Veterans Park and will need a 20x20 space. Councilmember Hopkins asked if that was from the Ford Foundation. Ms. Williams stated no, that they will be getting something from them.

Councilmember Hopkins stated minus the pump, how much does she need to complete the project. Ms. Williams stated between \$10-15,000.

Ms. Williams stated the roof in the bathroom is leaking and that mold is all in the ceiling. She stated building is part of the Health Clinic, a part of the National Registry. Mayor stated we have a contractor looking at the roof. Councilmember Ayers asked would they repair the roof and get rid of the mold. Mayor stated we're taking bids for the repair. Ms. Williams stated there's also an electrical problem in the bathrooms. Mayor stated we will call the electrician the town use.

Councilmember Hopkins asked Ms. Williams if she had one thing she would identify as a priority what would it be. Ms. Williams stated the water getting into the building and the getting the gutter repaired. Ms. Hopkins asked how soon can she can get a price on the pump. Ms. Williams stated she will get started on tomorrow. Mayor Caudle stated she would like to add that all of the work Mr. McDowell has been doing has been volunteer. We as the town need to figure a way to acknowledge and thank him. He has been finding all of the material for repairs to the building. He comes and schedules weeks at a time to work. Ms. Williams stated this is what he does and he won't let anyone else mess with his floors. It may be taking a long time but it's being done right.

Ms. Williams stated they will be opening the Cultural Center this year and once this is complete they will lease it to the town.

P & R Chair Ayers reported they had the Park and Rec meeting on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of Feb. They discussed homeschool, they are looking at 1 session for 8 weeks starting next month March 2022 to run thru May 2022. Mayor will get with the coordinator to schedule the sessions. Then possibly another session to begin in July this will be determined later. The Parks Coordinator has been working on March Madness basketball mini-season. They do not have all the numbers for the quotes and dollar amounts for

purchases. They are hopping once everything is collect to have a meeting. As soon as he does, they will contact everybody.

Earth Day is Friday, April the 22<sup>nd</sup>. They are hoping to have a town cleanup day that has not been determined.

The Beatification/ Tree City Board have one applicant they do need more. She's hoping we can look at starting a Recreation Advisory Board, to have everyone from each organization to come together towards assisting, work towards ways to grow. She stated we need to look at getting disability board if we don't already have one.

Mayor Caudle stated when we say home school what we mean are we will provide time for P.E. for students in homeschool and a few recreations. They will set a call meeting once he gets his quotes to them. Mayor also stated she is looking at some things to get the senior program off she asked Ms. Ayers to help research some programs.

Councilmember Ragland asked for an update on the Clyde Foster plaque. Mayor stated she needs to get with another company because the company she was using did not print the wording right.

Councilmember Ayers asked if we were waiting on the plaque to do the re-dedication. Mayor stated we wanted to have the plaque when doing the dedication of the building. She will make that her priority.

**Streets & Cemetery:** No Report

**Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business:**

Mayor presented trainings for the clerk to attend, one is Magistrate training March 2-3 in Huntsville and the other is April 27-29 in Birmingham.

Councilmember Whitman reported last meeting the property owners for the Evergreen Mill Subdivision had requested a second street name for phase 1 of the development. Last meeting they approved Shirley Harris Drive, family members had spoken during last meeting requesting Alberta Harris Drive for the other street available in phase 1. The County House numbering has looked at the name and stated its fine. He is bringing it to the council for their consideration and discussion. Councilmember Ragland asked for clarity on the street names. Mr. Whitman stated there is already a street in Huntsville named Alberta Dr. That would be the only two streets open for naming in phase 1 the others are already connected to other streets.

Councilmember Ragland made the motion to name the two streets in Phase I Shirley Harris Dr. and Alberta Harris Dr. Councilmember Hopkins seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Whitman stated a couple of the subdivisions that are under construction are nearing completion. The Towne Homes are getting really close along with Southern Landing just south of Savannah. They both will be sending their final plats but there are still several punch list items to complete. They have asked to be on the agenda for next Monday for the zoning meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Pastor Amos Williams stated he was invited by Coach P to come and talk about his experience with getting a background check.

Mayor stated if he is having issues with getting a background check to go thru the Town Clerk so she can make a phone call. Mr. Amos stated he was given a fingerprint card and went to this company and paid \$8.00. He sent the information off and was told it would be back in two weeks. Mayor apologize on the miscommunication he should not have been given that form. She asked him to come by and see the clerk to get the correct paperwork.

Mr. Amos stated his reason for doing this is because he's planting a church south of 565 hwy. He came back here to present himself to serve in the community.

Beulah Draper presented the council with an idea to brighten up this town with a drive-in movie theater to help bring in revenue for the town. She stated she sales her ideas. She stated it doesn't cost a lot to get started, about \$150,000 to build on 10 to 15 acres of land.

Marvelene Freeman stated she would like to thank Ms. Williams. She has put a lot of time working on this project. Ms. Williams stated the architect them at \$230 – 250,000. They are just a little under \$200,000. They won't need that much more money to finish it. The city has given them \$20,000 but most of the funding has been through grants ad she has done all of the work She would like to see this city to recognize her in some form of fashion. The cultural center is privately owned by Ms. Betty on 5<sup>th</sup> Street. On behalf of herself she would like to thank her for all of her hard work and without her it would not be down there. The doctor and his son need to be recognized.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date approved March 14, 2022

Sharon Humphrey  
Sharon Humphrey, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor  
Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore