

**Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting**  
**Monday, August 22, 2022**  
**6:30p.m.**

The mayor called the meeting to order. **Roll call**, Council Members George Ragland, Casey Whitman, Levoneia Ayers and Mayor Mary Caudle. Members present constituted a quorum. Council Members Jason Garstka and Erica Hopkins were absent.

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

**Approval of minutes:** Motion by Council Member Whitman to approve the minutes dated Aug. 8, 2022. Council Member Ayers seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Whitman to go outside the regular order of business to allow Senator Orr to address the council. Council Member Ayers seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Senator Orr stated he has been working with Ms. Betty Williams and they are finally getting the building finished with the Historical Society; And he is really excited about the Town's Veterans Memorial. He thinks he has a funding source to cover the 90%.

Senator Orr presented to the mayor a check in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the Triana Public Library. He stated if there is ever anything he can do for us just ask. Mayor Caudle thanked Senator Orr for his continued support to the town.

Motion by Council Member Whitman to return to the regular order of business. Council Member Ayers seconds the motion. Motion carried.

**Mayor Caudle's Report:** She has turned the paperwork over to Ms. Betty Williams to assist with the Veterans Park. She stated the quickest way would be to go through the Historical Society. If it were submitted by the town, we would have to bid it out. We are asking for \$48,000; the grant will pay 90% and the town will have to pay \$4,000.

She submitted paperwork to USDA on the Fire Dept last week. The Public Hearing has been set for the Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM. Anytime we apply for federal funds we must have a Public Hearing to let the citizens know what we are applying for and why we are applying. We have also run the Ad in the paper.

We received a letter from ADEM, our water system has been recertified until 2028. We did not have any violation notices. We received our permit and certificate. Because of our growth we are now required to submit six samples effective Oct. 2022

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Fire & Police:** Chairperson Ragland reported Fire Dept responded to 2 Fire Alarms and 6 Emergency calls.

Police Dept traveled 1,884 miles, made 40 traffic stops, 33 warning citations 24 traffic citations, 24 calls for service, 1 arrest and 10 reports.

**Finance:** Mayor presented the Bank Reconciliation Statement ending July 31, 2022. Motion by Council Member Ragland to approve the Bank Statement. Council Member Ayers seconds the motion. Motion carried.

**Utility:** No Report

Council Member Ragland reported he has been working with customers to get their services turned back on after hours. Mayor stated customers can call the police non-emergency number to contact someone about their water.

Council Member Whitman stated he can also help with reconnections after hours and on weekends if he has permission.

**Parks & Recreation:** Chairperson Ayers reported tomorrow is Horizon Middle School PTA meeting /Meet and Greet with the principal from 6PM-7PM. They are requesting to use this room as a rain delay. Mayor stated she has already approved it.

Ms. Ayers stated the Triana Warriors 1<sup>st</sup> game is this Saturday at William's they are asking everyone to come out and support them.

Mayor reported we ran the Ad for several job postings, Park & Rec, Police Officer, Maintenance and Fire Dept. We have run the Ads for two weeks. Hopefully, we will get some good applicants. Also posted Ads on AOL and Facebook.

Council Member Ragland stated he has some people that wants to use the park next month but there is no restroom down there. Mayor stated we have been telling people if they use the pavilion and must have a bathroom, they will have to rent a porta potty. We have no bathrooms available. According to our insurance the bathrooms have mold and roof damage.

Council Member Ragland asked could we rent the porta potty and take that money out of the Grant money. Mayor stated no we cannot do that.

Mr. Ragland asked for an update on the restroom. Mayor stated until the grant is awarded, we will not know anything. Once she hears anything she will let everyone know. She stated we are waiting on the grant we did for Park & Rec; we are getting paperwork ready for Veterans Park, and we have submitted loan grant application for USDA for the Fire Dept.

**Streets & Cemetery:** No Report

Council Member Ragland stated we need to decide on a logo for the utility truck. Mayor stated the measurements have already been made, we are using the same company that did the logo for the patrol cars. We are waiting on an estimate.

**RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mayor stated everyone should have a listing of the three violation notices that were sent out for junk and trash. The next step will be a letter from the Attorney.

Mr. Whitman, Chairperson of P&Z reported they had their meeting regarding the rezone request from Michael Caudle on Carr Lane. The Planning and Zoning Board have denied his request. Mr. Caudle has been sent a letter stating this. He has replied.

Mayor Caudle stated it will have to go straight to the Council because the Appeal Board have three spots that she must fill. Two of the members have moved up and one has resigned. Council will have to decide at next meeting.

Council Member Whitman was asked to draft a letter to Mr. Caudle instructing him to attend an Appeal Meeting on August 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM.

Mayor stated Chief Powell submitted cost on a patrol car through state bid, \$34,000 before the outfitting.

Council Member Whitman asked would they be ready to vote to dispose of the other vehicles at the next meeting. Mayor stated if we do not have the clearance from the state on the patrol car by next week then we will do it with the other vehicles and come back to look at the patrol car.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Roy Seay asked if someone appeals a decision it goes to the Council and not the Appeal Board. If the Council is going to be the Appeal Board, why can't it be done at the same time.

Mayor stated she is saying this because the Appeal Board is not in place therefore it's coming straight to the council. She stated Mr. Caudle will be given a date of August 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 if he can't meet then we will offer Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date Approved Sept. 12, 2022

Sharron Humphrey

Sharron Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Mary Caudle

Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore