

Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting
Monday, November 14, 2022
6:30pm

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

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

Motion by Council member Whitman to approve the minutes dated Oct. 24th. Council member Ayers seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle's Report: Working to get bids to repair park bathrooms. She stated we have got to make the necessary repairs before we can open them back up for operation. We had one person to come last week to look at the building. She has called others but have not heard back from them. The playground equipment that was damaged in the park has been removed and area cleaned. The new playground equipment has been ordered.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fire & Police: Chairperson Ragland reported the Fire Dept. responded to 1 outside fire, 1 structure fire 1 fire alarm and 5 emergency calls. Police Dept. Traveled 2,840 miles, made 43 traffic reports, 34 warning citations, 13 traffic citations, 40 calls for service, 2 arrest and 14 reports.

Mayor reported: We are having some car break-ins she is asking residents to lock their car doors and to not leave valuables visible. She stated there was an incident where the keys were left inside a truck, and someone drove off in it. The truck has been recovered with no damage, but it was still taken.

She and Chief Powel have been discussing different ways to recruit police officers. She stated council had approved at one-time if we had a candidate who fits the criteria to send them to school or a refresher course to get recertified. She asked if council was still onboard with that. Council still agreement.

Finance: Chairperson Hopkins presented the Bank Reconciliation Statement ending October 31, 2022. Motion by Council Member Hopkins to approve the Bank Statement. Council member Garstka seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Hopkins reported the sale of surplus property. She stated bids were received sealed up and they were opened on November 10 at 6pm. The winning bids were sent to the Town Clerk who notified the winners.

She stated they had two items (2009 Chevy Impala and 2009 Crown Victoria) that did not receive a bid on, or the bid did not meet the requirements. Those two vehicles need to put back out for bids. The original bid amount for those vehicles were \$2,000.00. Mayor suggested we reduce the minimum bids on both vehicles to \$1,500.00.

Ms. Hopkins stated we will receive bids beginning Tuesday, Nov. 15 – Nov. 30th and we will open bids on Dec. 1, at 6:00pm with the Finance Committee.

Mayor reported we received a wonderful donation from Commissioner Chair Dale Strong, \$100,000.00 towards the Fire Dept to be used to furnish and equipped the fire station once it is built.

Council member Hopkins asked for an update on the Fire station.

Mayor stated we're waiting on the Architect to submit plans to USDA once plans and sketch has been approved, they move forward.

Utility: Chairperson Whitman reported one of the things they would like for council to approve is better assistance with reviewing of plans for subdivisions. Currently when a developer submits plans for subdivisions. They have had

a couple of things related to storm drains to come up over the years. They would like to get the same company who reviews plans for the sewer upgrade. Right now, plans are reviewed by Madison Utilities and our building inspector.

Mayor stated we have projects that were coming up and they want to make sure the drains are installed correctly. Commissioner Haraway had the County engineers at her request to come down and look at drainage in the subdivision coming up on Landess Cir. there were some issues that came up that are now being worked on. She stated she's not approving any plans until the corrections have been done. Since we already have EOS engaged working on our sewer upgrade, they do have that division in their area. It would not be an ongoing thing only when we need them review plans.

Mayor stated she wanted to know if council was okay to engage with EOS Utility to get a price first. Council member Whitman added to have them look at plans if there's a cost per set to have it covered by the developer as a submission fee. Council in agreement with mayor engaging with EOS Utility.

Council member Ragland asked if the road coming onto Landess Cir through the subdivision in front of the Ayers property was that apart of the original plans. Council member Whitman stated that's the original plan.

Mr. Ragland stated there's going to be a lot of traffic under the hill on Landess Cir., dangerous. He stated Council told developers wanting to develop property off Stone Street that the road would have to come out on Record because it would be too dangerous come out under the hill. He asked did council approve that.

Council member Whitman stated yes back in 2019 it was approved. He stated regarding the property on Stone Street they put in a request to change it from Apartments to Towne Homes, that's still working its way through the process. A Public Hearing is scheduled for next Monday to discuss that. Developers were told they could make whatever changes they wanted except to drive out onto Stone Street from the subdivision that still has to stay the same. They have to also do the drainage pond and the park playground.

Council member Ayers asked once traffic start coming out onto Landess would they have to widen that street. She stated that was the case with Stone Street. Mayor Caudle stated they had two options they would not to widen Landess to do so they would have to widen the entrance and exit to that street. They did discuss a blinking light or warning signal.

Council member Whitman stated they could make that entrance one way only. Council member Ayers stated they need to look at the lifelong residents living in the area and the traffic that's going to be on a very narrow road along with children. Mayor stated they will secure what will happen on Landess before moving forward.

Mayor stated at the next meeting she will have EOS Utility here to talk about the 2nd phase of the sewer project and give us an estimate cost to review our drainage plans.

Council member Ragland asked did council approve one-pumps on the Harris property. Council member Whitman stated there are no lift stations on the Harris property. The sewer will drain to the Oregon lift station then on to the Advent side the new pump stations on the Town Homes. He stated the grinder pumps are on the Foster property.

Mr. Ragland asked did council approve that. Council member Whitman stated yes.

Parks and Recreation: Chairperson Ayers reported they had their Park & Rec Committee meeting on Nov. 4th. They discussed home school programing, Thanksgiving break which will be Nov.21-Nov 23 and the Christmas holiday break for the children which will be Dec. 19th-23 and Dec. 27th – 30th. They are recommending not to charge for the remanding portion of the year and began charging the standard fee in January 2023 this will affect the afterschool program.

Motion by Council member Ayers to consider at this point waiving the charges for the camp program until 2023 and January 2023 will begin the normal charges for the programs. Council member Hopkins seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Council member Ayers stated the Committee was asked to consider having a basketball team for ages 9-14. This would be a travel team. The request to practice was made for twice a week from 6pm-7:45pm. They want the town to pay for referees, score keepers and gym managers. Ms. Ayers stated the committee at this time does not recommend the town sponsor a team they recommend getting the equipment needed for practices and for allowing a two day a week time from 6pm – 7:45pm if it does not interfere with any activities the town has scheduled. This will be through a voluntary run program like the local football organization.

Council member Ayers made the motion to allow the basketball team to utilize the gymnasium two days a week from 6pm-7:45pm. Council member Whitman seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Council member Ayers stated they also discussed the Christmas parade she spoke with Alexis Toney about the Christmas parade. Because this is last minute and the date with something else already scheduled. They plan to wait until next year. She stated they could assist with the toy drive.

Streets & Cemetery: Chairperson Garstka reported utilities have marked area for street sign post on 6th & Zierdt Rd and for south bound lanes for Stop Ahead signage. Also, he and Casey have marked the area for speed cushions on Harold Murphy. He thanked Casey for helping with that.

Mr. Garstka has been coordinating with Southern Sealing they want to pick up the speed cushions from Traffic Engineering and they want to start installing on tomorrow or Thursday of this week. He stated he keeps seeing trucks turn onto 6th Street from Zierdt. The truck drivers are not reading the signage to not turn right onto 6th Street not sure what else to do. Mayor stated she called the police office after she saw a truck on 6th street the officer was able to stop the trucker before he turned onto 6th.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Whitman, Chairperson P/Z reported the following things are coming up: The 1st phase of Malvern Hills, developer has asked for approval on the final plat they're not quite ready. He thinks they will have enough ready for approval at their next meeting in December. He recommends approving the 1st phase on the Wall Triana Hwy side for the 1st 40- 50 homes.

Southern Landing phase 2, phase 3 they just started sending the construction plans for that. This is one that they will need assistance from EOS Utility to review storm drainage.

Crossings Phase 2, developer has started putting in concrete pads cluster mailboxes to comply with post office directives. All the other new developers, subdivision that are coming thru are aware of that requirement. Prior to them approving any other plans they are requiring them to show an agreement with the post office. They still do not have an approved place for Brookfield Manor. Mayor stated she has instructed the staff to not issue any Certificate of Occupancies or building permits until they send us something showing they are working with the post office and that they have approved to allow the existing residents have the boxes or that they have a plan in place where they will put the boxes. She stated right now we are penalizing the residents instead of the developers she asked council if they agreed, Council replied yes.

Public Comments:

Francis Goggin's stated it's been 7month 22 days and he still has not received any mail. Mr. Goggin's thanked the Council for what they are about to do.

Roy Seay asked how will the one-way traffic coming from the subdivision help with the traffic coming from the south end over the hill? Mayor stated the developer was asked to put up some type of signal letting them know traffic is coming over the hill.

Mr. Seay stated we're having issues with trucks traveling Wall Triana. He stated there's a signpost asking them to use the south end entrance they need to have the police out more.

Vonia Seay reported the Christmas Toy Drive will be Saturday, Dec. 17th from 10am-12pm. They plan to have toys for ages new born to 15yrs. They will have snacks. She stated last year they did about 20 bags they had a good turnout. They are asking the town to donate and anyone in the community to donate. They can reach out to Roy or herself. She asked that they town also help advertise.

Ola Ayers announced that the Triana Historical Society has been approved for \$5,000.00 grant from Northrop Grumman thanks to that company and Ms. Erica. That money will be used for equipment

Ola Ayers asked for more information on the drainage issue down on Landess Cir, new development. Mayor stated it could be an erosion problem from the piping along with the size and location for it to continue to flow on anyone's property.

Ms. Ayers stated she also agrees that Landess Cir is too narrow for all the traffic that will be put out there and agrees that the population is aging. She stated it will be hard getting out when all that traffic starts coming thru. Mayor stated they will try their best to make sure they have some type signal and as safe as possible based on where we are now.

Ms. Ayers asked is possible that when these issues come up can they be notified. Mayor stated there was no meeting on drainage she brought it up at the planning and zoning meeting. Council member Whitman stated a lot of this little stuff gets worked out behind the scenes it does not always come to the meeting they get worked out between the engineers with Madison Utilities and our building inspector.

Mayor stated if anyone sees anything that needs to be brought to their attention to please let them know.

Madge Griffin stated she is concerned that if the drain overflows it will end up on their property in the back next to sewer plant. Mayor stated that's why you have to put in specific drainage because when you build or move dirt, you're not supposed to interrupt the natural flow of the land. She will not sign or approve the drainage until it has been reviewed and installed correctly.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date Approved NOV. 28. 2022

Sharron Humphrey
Sharron Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

May [Signature]
Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore