

**Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting**  
**Monday, November 27, 2023**  
**6:30PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Caudle. The clerk called the roll.

Councilmember Ragland – Present  
Councilmember Hopkins-Absent  
Councilmember Garstka-Present  
Councilmember Whitman-Present  
Councilmember Ayers-Present  
Mayor Mary Caudle – Present

Members present constituted a quorum.

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

Motion by Councilmember Whitman to approve the minutes dated Nov. 13, 2023. Councilmember Garstka second the motion. Motion carried.

**Mayor Caudle's Report:** We closed on the Fire Station loan. Construction has begun on the building. We will be doing the first drawdown soon.

She stated we did have the phone-call meeting with the Slaughter Company it went well. They have been asked to get with the Attorney to make sure if we are required to do any reporting to the state in wanting to change to districting and find out the criteria?

Attorney Caleb stated he's sure there are some steps the town would have to go through with regards to reporting to the state. He stated he would look into it and provide the town with some type of outline of what we should expect and find out if there is preliminary approval required.

Mayor stated they were told by the Slaughter Co regarding City vs. Town in their research once we reach a certain number of residents that we will automatically become a city. She asked that he double check that. Attorney Ballew stated he will look into those issues and report back.

The mayor stated she received a call from Ms. Williams with the Historical Society stating they will need some place to store the crates when the Smithsonian takes place. She stated she had recommended we rent a storage building since they will be here for two months at a cost of \$150.00 per month. She asked the council if it was okay with them, council in agreement.

The mayor asked the council to consider doing a one-time payout leave to those employees who will lose their vacation time that they cannot carry over to the next year. Motion by Ayers to do a one-time payout of accrued leave for those employees that are approaching use or lose time. Councilmember Ragland second the motion. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Ayers to adjust the second meeting in December from Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 18 same time. Councilmember Garstka. Motion carried.

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

Mayor asked council to be prepared to vote on the minimum Habitability Ordinance at next meeting. Mayor stated we did have report from Building Inspector, she stated he issued 10 permits, 17 Certificate of Occupancy and 44 building inspections. He sent out 7 junk and weed notices.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Charley Muwonge stated he's a new resident in Brook Haven and he has purchased a house behind one of the burned houses. He stated there is still more activity going on. He stated people have stuff going on and that it's beginning to be a safety concern. Their house faces close to that house and if there's a fire being set up again, they may not be able to put it out. He asked could town have the house demolished.

Mayor stated one of the owners is in the process of getting it cleaned up and it has been reported that it's only one resident left. She stated according to our ordinance they do have up to 180 days to clean up from a fire or natural disaster. She is in contact with the owner of the second burnt house trying to let them know if any activity is going on. The person that owns that house is not the person going back and forth.

Theresa Nelson asked the mayor if Ms. Williams had gotten in touch with her about the representatives coming to speak at the next meeting.

Mayor stated she has responded back to Mrs. Williams to let her know they can be on the agenda.

Mayor stated we did get an estimate for the security cameras for the Cultural Center, we're waiting to receive a 2<sup>nd</sup> estimate.

Eric Ingram, resident of Brook Haven stated he supports the Minimum Habitability Ordinance.

Mayor stated we did have the Public Hearing today at 5:30 to discuss the minimum Habitability Ordinance.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date approved 12-11-2023

Sharron Humphrey  
Sharron Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Mayor  
Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore