

Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting
Monday, August 24, 2026
6:30PM

The meeting was called to order by the mayor. Roll call:

Councilmember George Ragland – Present
Councilmember Scott Altice - Present
Councilmember Casey Whitman-Present
Councilmember George Malone-Present
Councilmember Kathy Nilsen - Present
Mayor Mary Caudle – Present

Members' present constitutes a quorum.

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 August 10, 2026. Council Member Altice second the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle's Report: Plans to have Attorney Ballew look at notes taken at the Madison County Animal Control meeting held on July 24, 2026. Mayor stated they will begin charging for picking up lost animals. The owner could possibly be charged as well.

Attorney Caleb Ballew stated he will look at the notes to determine if it's feasible to adopt and follow their recommendations.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fire & Police: Chairperson Ragland reported the following for the Fire Dept.:

For the month of June, they responded to 172 Medical calls, 63-Fire alarms, 17-Vehicle crash.

For the month of July, they responded to 33-EMS, 5-Fire alarms, 2-Vehicle crash and 1-Vehicle fire.

Police Dept. traveled 1866, made 4 Traffic stops, issued 7 warnings citations, responded to 30 calls for service, made 0 arrest and wrote 7 reports.

Finance: Chairperson Nilsen presented the Bank Reconciliation Statement ending July 31, 2026, for approval.

Council Member Nilsen made a motion to approve the Bank Reconciliation Statement ending 07/31/2026. Whitman seconded the motion . Motion carried.

Utility: Chairperson Whitman reported that we had the roadway repaired on Willie Sanderson Dr. He stated they had to drill 6 holes during the repair, and that GTEC will monitor the site for a while.

Parks and Recreation: Chairperson Altice reported that we were still waiting for sign-ups for the after-school program. Mayor reported that we had a few people to call but no one has signed up.

Streets & Cemetery: Chairperson Malone reported that a Public Hearing was held regarding Landess Cir. He stated they discussed putting down a center line eliminating the outside lines to help with driving safely.

Councilman Whitman suggested putting speed breaks or putting lighting up in the curve on both sides, and Mayor Caudle was to follow-up with asking the county to see if we could use their contractors to assist with making necessary repairs to the road.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor presented an Ordinance to Levy a Lodgings Tax, Regulate Short-term Rental and establish a License requirement and fee schedule for discussion.

Section 7. License Fee, decide whether to limit the number, put a percentage on it, go without it or to monitor it.

Council in agreement to monitor the units.

Roll call vote to leave Section 10. Suspension and Revocation as written in the red text.

Council Member Ragland – no

Council Member Altice – yes

Council Member Nilsen – yes

Council Member Malone – yes

Council Member Whitman – yes

Mayor Caudle – Abstain

Section 11. Administration; Enforcement; Penalties.

Council all in agreement to leave in, all licenses shall display their license, occupancy and parking limitations in the interior of the residence near the primary entrance.

Mayor Caudle stated this ordinance has been introduced tonight; she asked Council to be prepared to vote at the next meeting.

Mayor Caudle presented the Ordinance to establish a temporary moratorium on certain large-scale residential subdivisions. She stated a meeting was held and everything presented has been included.

Councilman Whitman stated his concern is Section 9, roadway improvements. His recommendation is to make it on a more case-by-case basis.

Councilman Ragland stated his concern is that when the land was sold, we should have told them up front road is too narrow and that there is no sewer.

Mayor Caudle asked council to be prepared to vote on ordinance at next meeting.

Mayor presented an Ordinance collecting Impact Fees. Motion by Council Member Altice to approve adopt Resolution 2026-01. Council Member Malone second the motion. Roll call vote:

Council Member Ragland – yes

Council Member Altice – yes

Council Member Nilsen – yes

Council Member Malone – yes

Council Member Whitman – yes

Mayor Caudle – yes

Unanimous consent, motion carried.

Attorney Caleb Ballew stated he has a lot of things to figure out Wall Triana easement water line issue a few things to tie up to make sure before presenting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Roy Seay read a letter from Senator Arthur Orr offering his assistance to help with Landess Cir.

Mr. Seay presented a petition signed by the residents for a safer Landess Cir, a call for one united Triana.

Council Member Whitman stated at the Public Hearing for Landess Cir., it was stated that the road used to be stripped. He stated he has gone back and pulled google images back to 2007 street shots he stated there was double stripping on the street.

Greg Nilsen asked what the town is doing about the Police Dept. Are we still with two officers
Mayor Caudle stated we are still hiring; we have applications coming in.

Mr. Nilsen asked if the Police Dept. could bring in Officers from other departments to work shifts like the Fire Dept does. Mayor Caudle stated we do not bring in other Firemen to work shifts just happen to be that couple of our part-time fireman also works for the City of Huntsville. She stated we're not bringing in workers they are hired by the town. She stated we have an agreement with the Fire Dept, but the Police Dept is not willing to do that.

Mr. Nilsen suggested putting up yield signs on Landess Cir for the new residents that are not too familiar with the street.

Council Member Whitman mentioned painting white horizontal across the street as a slowdown, this could be done either north bound or south bound

Mayor Caudle stated we are doing our best to work on what we can do and what we can't do for Landess Cir. She stated it is not going unheard.

Mayor Caudle stated that the Director of Triana Housing has stated they will be having 2 vacancies coming up on board. She stated she has filled one seat, if anyone knows anybody interested have them contact her.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date approved

Sept. 14, 2024

Sharon Humphrey
Sharon Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Mary Caudle
Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore