Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting
Monday, September 14, 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 - Absent
Mayor Mary Caudle – Present

Members' present constitutes a quorum.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Council Member Whitman to approve the minutes dated August 24, 2026. Council Member Malone second the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle's Report: Mayor publicly thanked St. Paul Church. She stated on August 30th they dedicated their service to Town of Triana by honoring the Employees, the Volunteers and Council Members. She stated they also gave us a beautiful plaque and they fed us lunch.

Mayor presented a set of plans for the bathroom, showing what the outside of building will look like. bathroom in the park. She stated the security bars will have to come out of the windows. She asked council if they wanted them back on once the work on building was complete. Mayor stated the reason the bars were placed on the windows is because someone kept breaking into the building.

Councilman Whitman stated if the intent is to have the doors locked overnight, then it would be good to have the bars placed back on the windows, council in agreement.

The Comp Plan has been completed. They had a meeting which consisted of the Mayor & Council, Planning and Zoning, Comp Plan Committee to finalize everything and now it's time to set the Public Hearing.

Public Hearing scheduled for Monday, Sept. 21, 2026, at 5:00PM. To discuss the Comp Plan.

Councilman Malone asked if the bathroom project was ready to go out for bids. Mayor Caudle stated once we receive the final plans, which are currently being worked on. They will have a pre-bid meeting open for the public to attend.

The water line project is moving along.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fire & Police: Chairperson Ragland reported that Police Dept. traveled 2,629 miles, made 33 Traffic Stops, issued 26 Traffic Warnings, 11Traffic Citations, 42 Calls for service, 1 arrest and 5 Reports.

Mayor Caudle reported that she met with Police Chief Powell. She stated he has 2 applicants that will have to go through the Police Academy for certification. She stated before he moves forward, he wants to make sure the Council is okay with sending the 2 applicants through the academy. She stated this will include travel, room & board depending on place training will take place.

Motion by Council Member Altice to send 2 applicants to the academy for 13 weeks. Council Member Whitman second the motion. Roll call vote:
Councilmember Ragland-yes
Council Member Altice-yes
Council Member Malone-yes
Councilmember Whitman-yes
Mayor Caudle-yes
Unanimous consent, motion carried.

Finance: No Report

Utility: Chairperson Whitman reported that on the water line project, the engineers have reported back on 10 easements they believe is needed to run the water line down the Wall Triana portion. He stated Engineers of the South have created a sample easement request. The intent is to send these requests to determine if an easement will be given by the homeowners. He stated once they receive those they can move forward with finalizing the plans for the water line project. They will also be ready to go out on bids for the project.

Council Member Malone asked if we were asking residents to give easement at no cost.
Mayor Caudle stated yes and that if they were not already hooked up to the water system then they would be hooked up for free.

Councilman Whitman and the Mayor reported that MU have repaired several water leaks around the town. It was reported that we have about 4 more on work order.

Motion by Council member Whitman that the Council move forward requesting utility easement along Wall Triana Hwy for the water line improvement project. Council Member Ragland second the motion carried. Roll call vote:
Councilmember Ragland-yes
Council Member Altice-yes
Council Member Malone-yes
Councilmember Whitman-yes
Mayor Caudle-yes
Unanimous consent, motion carried.

Parks & Recreation: No Report

Streets & Cemetery: Chairperson Malone reported the following: He received notification from our County Commissioner that he's put into their schedule to have Harold Murphy re-paved by the 2nd week in October . We have to make plans to have the speed bumps on Harold Murphy removed by the 1st week in October prior to the repaving.

Malone stated that they have started doing a traffic study on multiple locations on Landess Cir. It has been done at the south end working at the north end now to determine vehicle count and the speed at the different locations.

Street signs have been ordered.

Councilman Malone stated he received a call from a resident regarding the plots in the cemetery. He stated he and Sharron will try to get out and identify the open plots in the cemetery.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS
Mayor Caudle presented Ordinance 2026-02, for the Town of Triana to Levy lodging Taxes and Regulate Short term Rental and establish License fees.

Motion by Council Member Whitman to adopt 2026-02 regarding short term rental. Council Member Altice second the motion. Roll call:
Councilmember Ragland-yes
Council Member Altice-yes
Council Member Malone-yes
Councilmember Whitman-yes
Mayor Caudle-yes
Unanimous consent, motion carried.

Mayor Caudle presented Ordinance 2026-03, an Ordinance to establish Temporary Moratorium on certain large Scale Residence and Subdivisions. She stated they are appealing to the prior.

Motion by Council Member Whitman to adopt Ordinance 2026-03 regarding temporary moratorium on large scale subdivision developments. Councilmember Malone second the motion. Roll call:
Councilmember Ragland-yes
Council Member Altice-yes
Council Member Malone-yes
Councilmember Whitman-yes
Mayor Caudle-yes
Unanimous consent, motion carried

Attorney Caleb Ballew stated he will meet with Councilman Whitman on the easements for Wall Triana.

Mayor Caudle asked Attorney Ballew to also review the sample easement letter requests to determine if we need to make some adjustments.

OTHER BUSINESS:
Betty Williams, president of the Triana Historical Society stated that the society will be doing a 250-nation. This project will serve our Veterans and their families from the brick campaign. They plan to have a luncheon on November 7th in the park. They are asking all veterans who participated in the brick campaign to come out.

Mrs. Willimas is asking the town to assist in this project. She stated they have incurred about $6,200 in expenses. They are asking the town for anything they can give.

Mayor Caudle asked how many bricks they have sold. Mrs. Williams replied about 95.

Mayor Caudle asked would the luncheon would just be for the Veterans and their family. Mrs. Williams stated the luncheon is for the people who purchase bricks. Planning for about 110 people. Special guest speaker will be Carl Gamble a former Vietnam Veteran.

Motion by Council Member Ragland to allocate between $5,000- $6,500 to the Veterans celebration. Council Member Whitman seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Mr. Lowrey, resident of Towne Lakes, wants to discuss the lake in Towne lakes subdivision. Mr. Lowery stated the lake is being taken over by invasive cattails, a primarily non-native narrow-leaved cattail and its aggressive hybrid are aggressive wetland plants that form dense monocultures and crowd out native biodiversity. Please see the attachment listing the introduction to the invasive vegetation, the solutions and contact information and cost for treatment and restocking pond.

Councilman Altice stated he lives over on Princewater Dr, he stated they have the same issue with the grass, he stated they wait until the water goes down then spray it with a ground clear that safe for the fish and have had great success. He stated this can be sprayed on the trees as well.

Mayor Caudle stated no citizen can go in and spray anything in the pond.
Councilmember Whitman suggested we contact the state to determine what can and cannot be done.

Mayor Caudle stated that Park & Rec Committee needs to have a committee meeting to discuss and come up with a plan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
Roy Seay asked the council what they are doing to fix Landess Cir. He stated he did notice the traffic machine out but that they had been moved off the street.

Councilman Malone stated they had the traffic study done on the north end of Landess Cir. and then it was moved closer to Wall Triana on south end. He stated that we are planning to do the traffic study in other areas, putting a center line on the north side and post speed limit signs to lower the speed limit

Councilman Whitman stated that when he came out, he noticed the hoses had been moved. He looked at the machine and saw that he did have sufficient data for 12 of the 14 days hoses were out. He stated if anyone should see that the ropes have been moved or taken up to please call the office.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.
Date Approved Sept. 28, 2026
Sharron Humphrey
Sharron Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer
Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore