

**Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting  
Monday, February 13, 2023**

**6:30PM**

The mayor called the meeting to order, the clerk called the roll.

Councilmembers: George Ragland-Present

Erica Hopkins-Present

Jason Garstka-Present

Casey Whitman-Present

Levoneia Ayers-Present

Mayor Mary Caudle-Present

Members present constituted a quorum.

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

Motion by Councilmember Whitman to approve the minutes dated Jan. 23, 2023. Councilmember Ayers second the motion. Motion carried.

**Mayor Caudle's Report:** Everyone should have received a copy of the audit report to review and that the auditors can be here at the next meeting to answer any questions. We need to let them know so we can get them on the agenda.

She has signed and sent back the contract with EOS.

ADEM is coming to do their annual visit. They were scheduled for next month looks like they will have to let us know the rescheduled date from March 1<sup>st</sup>.

She stated council had asked her to look for someone to help update our policies and procedures. She has contacted two people who plan to give us a quote. They are certified HR in writing policies and procedures. Once she receives the quotes she will get back with council.

Also reminding council of the Community Meeting this Sat. Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>. She's working on a side presentation if anyone has something they want to add please get that to her, Sharron or Casey who is helping her with the presentation up.

She has also sent out town data sheets which will be included in the presentation about the Town's demographics such as the age, income, number in household, etc. the census profile. Also, the Chambers of Commerce have done a marketing profile it shows the town limits and 6 miles surrounding what's available in the town limits, a need assessment. Using the point of the Town Hall and going out 6 miles from the town limits.

Councilmember Hopkins asked what the intent of the meeting is held on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>. Mayor stated during the Community Meeting they plan to present to the residents where we are, how things in the town are zoned, what it looks like and where we came from vs where we are now. To get input from them. Their interest in the town, what they want to see. She stated this could be a good kickoff to the Comprehensive Plan. The survey can be sent out to the residents who can't be at the meeting so they can start answering those questions. She wants those that can't come to the meeting to participate any way they can.

Mayor further stated in talking about the Comprehensive Plan what they did develop marks that was a hit and that it's time to do another one. They need to make sure they update it.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Fire & Police:** Chairperson Ragland reported Fire Dept. responded to 2 Alarms, 7 Emergency calls and 1 Outside fire.  
Police Dept. traveled 3,199 miles, made 37 Traffic stops, 22 Warning citations, 12 Traffic Citations, 52 Calls for service, 0 Arrests and 14 Reports.

Mr. Ragland stated F&P had their Committee Meeting, Councilmember Hopkins asked the mayor when she was going to contract out rewriting of the towns Policy and Procedures.  
Mayor stated she's getting quotes to bring all the Policy and Procedures current; this will include P&R for the Police Dept.

Councilmember Hopkins suggested they wait for the Take Home Policy to be completed. Mayor stated they really need to because they may want to add or take away recommendations from the policy. She stated it's the Chief and her responsibility to write the policy and it's their responsibility to make recommendations. The turnaround time to get this completed may take 3 months because of all the information that has to be submitted. She stated their committee needs to have a work session to go over their recommendation.

Mayor presented council with an estimated mileage and repair cost for the Police Officers, see attached sheet.

**Finance:** Chairperson Hopkins presented the Bank Reconciliation Statement ending Jan. 31, 2023.  
Motion by Councilmember Hopkins to approve the Bank Statement ending Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>. Councilmember Garstka second the motion. Motion Carried.

Finance Committee work session has been rescheduled from Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> to March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6PM

**Utility: No Report**

Councilmember Ragland stated we need a full-time maintenance worker. Mayor stated we have that position open and we are advertising for it. Mr. Ragland stated we have subcontractors in the subdivisions stealing water, breaking up meters damaging water lines. He stated we need someone to ride around to catch this. Mayor stated she agrees.

Mr. Ragland stated we have a development in Landess Cir that has never paid for any water. Mayor stated those persons have been caught and they will be fined. She stated they were caught washing the street down. They have been told to check out the meter from the office before using any water.

**Parks & Recreation:** Chairperson Ayers reported P&R had their committee meeting on last Thursday, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>. The meeting minutes were presented, (see attached minutes from the P&R).

Motion by Councilmember Ayers to accept the minutes from the P&R Committee meeting as written.  
Councilmember Hopkins second the motion. Motion carried.

Councilmember Hopkins stated she has a templet that can be used for the Proclamation.

**Streets & Cemetery:** Chairperson Garstka reported our citizens need to expect traffic delay from Beadle Lane & Zierdt Rd and down to Barren Fork Road due to the road construction.

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

Attorney Caleb Ballew reported he received a list of names and addresses from Sharron on last week for those violating the junk and scrap Ordinance. Mayor stated they were from the Code Enforcer Officer. Attorney Ballew stated he has a templet letter on the junk and scrap to go out this week.

Councilmember Whitman reported he thinks we're done with the mailbox issues. He stated the mailboxes have been stalled and keys have been handed out to the residents in Brookfield Manor Phase II. He stated the new subdivisions that are under construction have mailboxes up also.

Councilmember Ragland asked the mayor if she had a number to contact Redstone Arsenal about the blasting. Mayor stated she does not.

Mayor stated she received an email from the Architect working on the fire station. She stated paperwork has gone to both engineers working on the fire station. In addition to that, she has contacted the contractor who has stated they would help clear some of the trees down at no charge.

Mayor also checked on the grant coming up for firefighters. She stated we can't use it for the building. She's been told to wait and not apply until we get the building up. We should apply for the grant the next time it come around for the fact you have to have spent the money in a certain period. The building will not be completed at that time, we will look at applying when that time come up again.

Mayor stated she has been contacted by some residents interested in doing a Farmer's Market in the park this summer. She stated we will have to get permission from Ms. Betty to use it on her property. They want to make sure it's something the town is interested in before putting it out to the community.

Councilmember Hopkins stated she thinks it's a great idea but what if someone must use the restroom where would they go.

Mayor stated we would have to work through that, we may have to rent porta potty for that day. Ms. Hopkins asked if there were any plans with getting the restroom repaired. Mayor stated if anyone knew anyone wo would like to bid on it to let her know.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Marvelene Freeman asked a question regarding the census that's been taken, she asked what is our number now? Councilmember Whitman stated for the 2020 census taken it's 2,090. Mayor stated they did send an update, according to the ratio that puts us at 4,860. She stated we will have that information at the Feb 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Ms. Freeman stated residents who have lived here for many years know about the blasting from Redstone Arsenal. She stated this blasting has damaged windows, doors, and several other areas of our homes. She stated the Federal Government is trying to amend for that by putting up money to help take care of the damages. She stated she will put some applications with the address in City Hall if that's okay. Mayor stated most definitely, she thanked Ms. Freeman for providing them.

Ms. Freeman asked how many policemen we have.

Mayor stated right now we have 3, we're still recruiting. Ms. Freeman stated her reason for asking is that she ran into one of our former Police Officers who works for City of Madison now. She asked how many new residents do we have coming in under the new development. Councilmember Whitman stated we average about 100 to 200 houses per year.

Ms. Freeman reported we have people coming down dumping on streets she asked can we have some signs put up to say no dumping. Mayor stated yes, we can.

Madge Griffin stated on Thursday, Madison Utilities repaired a leak at Wall Triana & Landess Cir. She stated mud was left on the street. She thanks to Fire Dept for cleaning the street. Mayor stated MU were trying to repair all our leaks, we asked the Fire Dept to wash the street. She stated MU were scheduled to come back out to clean street.

Theresa Nelson stated a concrete truck traveling on Landess Cir spilled concrete on in the road, she stated those trucks come through driving fast early in the morning and late in the afternoon. Mayor stated she will get with Chief on patrolling during those times.

Larry Harris asked who they contact when the County bulk trash pickup dig those large holes in the ground when picking up trash. Mayor stated the County District II, she stated they'll bring out dirt when you call them. She stated she will follow up with a call also.

Mr. Harris asked what's the plan for the city going on in 2023. Mayor stated P&R is working on a lot of things, Ayers is working on an event calendar.

Mr. Harris asked if our Fire Dept. was still working with the other volunteer Fire Dept. Mayor stated they are and that they attend all their meetings.

Mr. Harris asked did we get any of the supplies that were given away last month at the County Volunteer Fire Dept meeting, something to protect firefighters from chemicals when fighting fires. Mayor stated they have been given exhaust fans and other donations. She stated they are very active with the Fire Association.

Ola Ayers stated they still have some concerns about the drainage coming from the subdivision on Landess. She asked who they need to get to come out and show them how this will work. Mayor stated she will ask Commissioner Haraway to come back out and look also, we agreed once they give EOS the proposal on the sewer, they will do a study on all the drainages around Triana.

Francis Goggins stated he has his mailbox now but that it's been 10 months and 18 days with no mail.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date Approved: Feb. 27, 2023

 Sharon Humphrey

Sharon Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

 Mayor Pro Tempore