

Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting
Monday, February 10, 2025
6:30PM

The meeting was called to order by the mayor. The clerk was asked to call the roll.

Councilmember George Ragland - Present
Councilmember Erica Hopkins-Present
Councilmember Theresa Nelson-Present
Councilmember Casey Whitman-Present
Councilmember 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 accept the minutes dated January 27, 2025.
Councilmember Ayers second the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle's Report: Still waiting to close out grant for the Fire Station.

REPORTS OF STANIINDG COMMITTEES:

Fire & Police: Chairperson Ragland reported that the Fire Dept. responded to 2-fire alarms, 2-outside fires, 10-medical calls, 2- motor vehicle accidents and made 1-service call.

Triana Polie Department traveled 2,313 miles, made 32-traffic stops, 28-warning citations, 7-traffic calls, 37-salls for service, 1- arrest and 1 report.

Finance: No Reports

Utility: Chairperson Whitman reported Madison Utilities made repairs to the Savannah West waste station.

Parks & Recreation: Chairperson Ayers reported that she received a call from a person stating we were not keeping up with maintenance in the park. She stated this person is requesting that we acquire additional space and turn it into green space.

Ms. Ayers stated she went down to look at the park and that everything looked to be well maintained. She stated we will be adding additional mulch to the playground area in the Spring.

Councilmember Ayers also reported that the ADA restrooms were still in the park area being serviced weekly, and that she's waiting to get a copy of the Easter Egg Hunt flyer. She plans to bring the flyer back to the council to help with spreading the word.

Councilmember Hopkins asked a question about the Challenger Grant from AARP, she asked Councilmember Ayers had she reviewed the grant info to see if there is anything the town can apply for.

Councilmember Ayers states no but she will keep looking.

Streets & Cemetery: No Report

The mayor reported that she talked with Steve on Friday, he stated the engineers will give an estimate for the paving on Landess Cir. She is waiting on getting the cost to do everything.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Motion by Councilmember Ragland to approve Ordinance 2025-01, For the setting of Qualifying Fee. \$25.00 for Council and \$50.00 for Mayor. Councilmember Nelson second the motion. Roll call vote:

Councilmember Ragland-yes
Councilmember Hopkins-yes
Councilmember Nelson-yes
Councilmember Whitman-yes
Councilmember Ayers-yes
Mayor Caudle-yes
Unanimous consent, motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Hopkins for immediate consideration to Ordinance 2025-02, For setting of salaries of Mayor and Town Council. This will consist of an increase to the mayor's salary to \$1500 per month, increasing Councilmember salaries to \$750.00 per month, Utility Chair an additional \$250.00 per month and Mayor Pro Tempore to \$100.00. Councilmember Ayers second the motion.

Roll call vote:
Councilmember Ragland-yes
Councilmember Hopkins-yes
Councilmember Nelson-yes
Councilmember Whitman-yes
Councilmember Ayers-yes
Councilmember Caudle-yes
Unanimous consent, motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Ayers to approve Resolution 2025-01, For the establishment of compensation rate for 2025 Municipal Election Staff and Workers. Councilmember Hopkins second the motion.

Inspector: \$300.00
Manager: \$250.00
Workers: \$200.00

Roll call vote:
Councilmember Ragland-yes
Councilmember Hopkins-yes
Councilmember Nelson-yes
Councilmember Whitman-yes
Councilmember Ayers-yes
Mayor Caudle-yes
Unanimous consent, Motion carried.

Council member Whitman asked for an update on the letters sent out to property owners regarding unsafe structures. He stated there were 2 or 3 we sent letters to that had not responded. The clerk stated letters were sent out a 2nd time to those property owners. The mayor stated hopefully at the next meeting everything will be finalized; Council will need to set a work session to discuss the next step moving forward. next meeting if they need to move forward

Councilman Ragland asked, when the last day a candidate running for Mayor and Council could qualify.

The mayor stated June 24th by 5:00pm is the last day to qualify for the municipal election.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Roy Seay asked Council if they had a budget in place.

The mayor stated that we do not have a budget in place yet. She stated we are operating and taking care of everything that's needed but that they have not settled on a budget yet.

Mr. Seay asked, "Do the town have any positions open for maintenance person, if so, what are they. He stated we need to hire some workers, so we won't have to be dependent on Madison Utilities.

The mayor stated qualifications would be to read meters, cut grass, everything that our other employees do. She stated we are trying to find contractors that we can call in to make repairs. She stated we don't have experienced workers to make repairs, our workers have trained with MU to install and change out water meters. She stated you must be certified when digging for water and sewer repairs. With the town not having the proper equipment to work with it would be hard to get those repairs done.

The mayor stated we have the County Commissioner and the City of Madison to help us look at finding a good contractor that we can retain when needed.

Mr. Seay asked the city if they had considered purchasing any property for future growth.

The mayor stated they have not discussed it.

Councilmember Whitman stated he personally does not see any use for the town to buy up property.

Attorney Caleb stated the town would be looking at ways to decrease the ownership of land if they are having some type of commercial business for town revenue.

Tanesha Roach, Dir of Triana Housing stated she would like to follow up with what was asked at last meeting. She stated the brush on 7th St has been cut back and that the water meter that was not working has been repaired. They still have some water meters on their side that need repairing.

Mrs. Roach reported on street lighting that's out.

Councilmember Whitman stated that street-light outage/repair can be reported to Huntsville Utilities.

Mrs. Roach asked the mayor for help with appointing members to the Triana Housing Authority Bd. The mayor stated she will have her two appointed members signed and ready on the following afternoon.

Councilmember Whitman stated he spoke with someone interested in joining the Tree City Board.

Betty Williams stated the Triana Historical Society will be having a ribbon cutting for the Veterans Park soon.

Ms. Williams also stated they will be having a dedication ceremony in May.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Dat approve February 24, 2025

Sharron Humphrey

Sharron Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Mary Canale

Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore