

TOWN OF TRION
COUNCIL MEETING
August 25, 2022

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Lanny Thomas, Mickey McGraw, Jeff Wilson, Don Harris, Becky McWhorter, and Cindy Anderson.

VISITORS PRESENT: Peyton Elliott, Hannah Goodridge, Rusty Brown, Justin Lowe, Bill Bozian and Missy Duncan.

Mayor Thomas opened the meeting and Mickey McGraw said the prayer. Then, Don Harris led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Thomas ask that the Agenda, July Minutes, and June Financial Reports be approved by general consent. All were in agreement.

Old Business:

Mayor Thomas advised that we had no old business.

New Business:

New Hire at Recreation Center – Hannah Goodridge:

Mayor Thomas turned the meeting over to Rusty Brown where he introduced Hannah Goodridge to the council. Mickey McGraw made a motion to hire Hannah Goodridge at the recreation center. Becky McWhorter gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

Recreation – Heating and Air Schedule Maintenance:

Mayor Thomas let everyone know this was to up-keep the heating and air system we have at the recreation center with a regularly scheduled maintenance program. Don Harris made a motion with a second from Becky McWhorter to accept the proposal from W.J. O’Neil Company for scheduled maintenance on the Yanmar system. Passed unanimously.

Resolution Excessive Leak Protection Program:

Mayor Thomas advised this program will put into effect that each resident will now be responsible for the water line from the meter onto their house. For two dollars a month, we will forgive them from a massive water leak of everything up to \$500.00 minus their average water bill. This is a once a year forgiveness. All residents will be included except for the ones that would like to opt out will have to come sign a form saying they want to opt out. Don Harris made a motion that we change the wording on the last page,

section 5 paragraph B, from advance written notice to advance calling, and strike out the word refill. Cindy Anderson gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

Request to Close Will Dendy Road:

Mayor Thomas advised this was a request from Heather Dendy at Dixie Fibers to possibly help them sell the building in our industrial park. Mickey McGraw made a motion to close Will Dendy Road with a second from Becky McWhorter. Passed unanimously.

Council Comments:

Jeff Wilson – I would like to say thank you Brandon Croy. He let me borrow two mover belts he had to fix our school mowers, and we repaid him back. It kept us from being down a few days waiting on the belts, and it was wonderful that he was able to help us out.

Becky McWhorter – I would like to thank Brandon Croy for helping me out when I had a citizen complaining about the sidewalks and grass on them. He got right on the problem and got it fixed. Also, I have had someone ask me if we can fix up the walking track behind the Tavern, and I wanted to see if we could do something with it?

Jeff Wilson replied, “that track is so wet that is almost impossible to maintain.”

Mickey McGraw – Showed pictures of a drain that was uncovered with all of this rain that Brandon Croy and his crew didn’t even know was there, and they are getting it fixed. Thanks, Brandon Croy for doing a great job.

Cindy Anderson – I just want to say with that rain the other day, that curve close to my house fills up and covers the road I am usually calling someone to come close the road and put signs up. But the last two times the police have been on top of it, and we all appreciate the good respond time. I would like to say welcome Hannah because I have known her a long time and see how hard she works, and I am glad you are working with us.

Don Harris – I would like to thank the Trion Fire Department for all you do. You assisted Walker County this past week and also put out a house fire on Creekside Drive. Also, Congratulations to the Bulldogs for the win over Gordon Lee.

Mayor Thomas – I would like to talk about the flooding a minute. We have had a lot of rain this last Friday; we got over 5 inches in less than a 24-hour period. If I remember right, the Hydrology Study said that if we got 4 inches of rain in a 24-hour period the house would flood and it didn’t get into the houses which I think uncovering the grate has help the water flow. Something else that has helped in reference to what Mickey McGraw was saying about the ditch. Something that has helped the Council approved a purchase of a camera that goes through the pipes and Brandon Croy and his crew can see and find all kinds of things. Just recently they have pulled out a child’s picnic table and

aerobic step-up bench. Since I have taken over as Mayor, Attorney Chris Corbin has asked what our top priority is, and it has been the Park Avenue ditch. We haven't gotten it open yet, but we have worked on it. We have tried to talk with Chris Sisco several times over and over to avoid the condemnation process, but it didn't work out. So now we are in the process of condemnation to get the ditch open, but it is a slow process and you want it to be a slow process because you don't want the government to just take over other people's property with ease. We have been working on this and will continue to work on opening the ditch. It's just going to take some time. Lord knows that I have been praying for them and for this to be resolved.

At 6:18p.m., a motion was made by Mickey McGraw and seconded by Cindy Anderson to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

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