

TOWN OF TRION
COUNCIL MEETING
December 15, 2022

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

VISITORS PRESENT: Peyton Elliott, David Gilleland, Ibzan Ramirez Hernandez, Christian Hatch, Randy Henderson, Phil Williams, Sarah Guallasamin, Brandon Croy, 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 we strike item a) Proclamation for Senator Mullis because he isn't able to make the meeting due to being stuck in traffic in Atlanta. With this item being removed I would like to ask that the Agenda, October Minutes, and October Financial Reports be approved by general consent. All were in agreement.

Old Business:

Mayor Thomas advised that we had no old business.

New Business:

Proclamation for Mayor's Reading Club:

Mayor Thomas advised that this item is to promote literacy throughout school in the state of Georgia. This proclamation will declare January 9, 2023, as Mayor's Reading Club Day. Don Harris made a motion to grant Mayor Thomas permission to sign the Mayor's Reading Day Proclamation. Cindy Anderson gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

Naming of Road going to New Police Station for 911.

Mayor Thomas let everyone know that we need to name the road leading up to the new police station so that 911 can give them a physical address. Jeff Wilson made a motion with a second from Mickey McGraw to name the road "Phil Williams Drive." Passed unanimously.

New Hire for the Police Department – Everildo Ibzan Ramirez Hernandez:

David Gilleland introduced Everildo Ibzan Ramirez Hernandez and advised that he would be finishing up the police academy in March. The reason I would like to go ahead and put him on payroll is we need help with the code section of things around town. He

will sign a two-year contract and go ahead and start working with us on days he is not attending school. Mickey McGraw made a motion with a second by Don Harris to hire Iban Ramirez with the Trion Police Department. Passed unanimously.

Town Audit, Christian Hatch:

Mayor Thomas introduce Christian Hatch with Williamson & Company, CPA's. Mr. Hatch went over the Town of Trion's audit for year-end of June 30, 2022.

First Reading of Ordinance to Amend and Clarify Chapter 4 – Alcoholic Beverages:

Mayor Thomas advised this item would be the first reading of Chapter 4 – Alcohol Ordinance to amend and clarify parts of the ordinance along with adding the correct wording allowing liquor by the drink following the recent election. Mickey McGraw made a motion to approve this as the first reading. Don Harris gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

Approval of Alcohol License:

Mayor Thomas let everyone know that we have received two applications for alcohol license renewal. To comply with the new ordinance our attorney, Chris Corbin, has advised that we approve them a temporary until January 31, 2023. This would give time for the new ordinance to be processed and passed by the Council. Then if approved, we would issue them a current license. Don Harris made a motion to approve the two applications with a second from Mickey McGraw. Passed unanimously.

Authorization of Acquisition Process of Appraised Land for Uncovering Ditch at Park Avenue:

Mayor Thomas advised that Chris Corbin has sent everyone an email with the appraised values for each of the landowners, so that we can move forward with uncovering the ditch at Park Avenue. Becky McWhorter made a motion with a second from Cindy Anderson to formally authorize the acquisition of the properties as shown on each plat for the amounts as outlined below. Passed unanimously.

<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Total Appraised Value</u>
1. CSL Georgia System, LLC	0.008	\$ 472.50
2. Zachary T. Farrow & Kristyn Farrow	0.004	\$ 182.00
3. Robert E. McQuese	0.013	\$ 595.00
4. Christopher D. Sisco, Jr	0.138	\$13,559.00
5. Vanguard Estates LLC	0.043	\$ 1,700.00

Bids for Mold Remediation in Town Hall Building:

The sealed bids were opened at a public meeting on December 9, 2022, at 11:30a.m. with Mayor Thomas, Councilman Don Harris, Brandon Croy, Missy Duncan, and Andrew Firestone – Camco Services present.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid</u>
1. Camco Services LLC 402 Cedar Ave. Rome, GA 30161	\$32,013.60

After discussion, Mickey McGraw made a motion to accept and award the bid to Camco Services LLC for \$32,013.60. Don Harris gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

Mayor Thomas advised that we need a motion to allow myself and Missy Duncan to sign the contract with Camco Services LLC. Don Harris made a motion with a second from Cindy Anderson giving Mayor Thomas and Missy Duncan permission to sign the contract with Camco Services LLC. Passed unanimously.

Bids for Town Hall Front Entrance Construction:

The sealed bids were opened at a public meeting on December 9, 2022, at 11:30a.m. with Mayor Thomas, Councilman Don Harris, Brandon Croy, Andrew Firestone, Camco Services, and Missy Duncan present.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid</u>
1. Curb Appeal Construction 17 Lyerly Dam Road Lyerly, GA 30730	\$100.00 an hour

Mayor Thomas advised that he needed to step aside for personal reasons and let Mayor Pro Tem Mickey McGraw take over because his son has turned in a bid for this project. After discussion, Jeff Wilson made a motion to award the bid to Curb Appeal Construction for \$100.00 and hour not to exceed \$12,000.00 and the project must be completed in 15 days. Don Harris gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

Executive Session for Personnel:

At 6:22 p.m., Don Harris made a motion to go into Executive Session with second from Cindy Anderson. Passed unanimously.

At 6:55 p.m., Don Harris made a motion to come out of Executive Session with a second from Jeff Wilson. Passed unanimously.

Council Comments:

Jeff Wilson – Thank you for the Town of Trion Bag and Merry Christmas to everyone.

Becky McWhorter – I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mickey McGraw – Merry Christmas everyone. Thank you for coming. It was great to have you come out. I wish more citizens of the town would come to the meetings. Brandon Croy, the Christmas Lights look great, thank you. Also, I would like to wish everybody a Happy New Year!

Cindy Anderson – Merry Christmas to all and tell all of the employees that they are appreciated. Thanks for all you do and Happy New Year.

Don Harris – Merry Christmas to all employees, and I hope everyone has a safe and happy new year. If you want to see a good basketball game, come on up to the hill with me.

Lanny Thomas – I will make it brief, but I would like to say we have had a good year and I really appreciate all of the Council because I know you don't do this for the money; it's because you love our town and community. I would like to thank all of the department heads and employees for all they do. The Christmas luncheon is Thursday at 12 pm up at Trion First Baptist Church, and it's being catered by Jim's Family Restaurant.

At 6:58p.m., a motion was made by Don Harris and seconded by Mickey McGraw to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

MAYOR

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