



Town of Trion

COUNCIL MEETING

April 28, 2022

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

VISITORS PRESENT: Peyton Elliott, Bill Bozian, Justin Lowe, Brandon Croy, Mike Hughes, Jacob Brown, David Durham, Andy Melton, Arti Cherry, Zoey Cherry, Rose Cherry, Chelsea Morris, Kim Connell, Linkin Farrar, and Missy Duncan.

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

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

Old Business:

Mayor Thomas advised we had no old business.

New Business:

Approval of Employees for WWTP (David Durham) and Sanitation Department (Jacob Brown):

Andy Melton introduced David Durham and Brandon Croy introduced Jacob Brown as their recommendation for replacement employees. Mickey McGraw made a motion to approve the two new hires. Don Harris gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

Proclamation for Previous Mayors and Council Members who are Veterans of Armed Forces:

Mayor Thomas advised this is a Veterans Proclamation to honor previous mayors and council members who are veterans of armed forces. Don Harris made a motion to grant Mayor Thomas permission to sign the Veterans Proclamation with a second from Cindy Anderson. Passed unanimously.

Proclamation for Arbor Day:

Mayor Thomas advised we needed an Arbor Day Proclamation to continue being a Tree City. Mickey McGraw made a motion to authorize Mayor Thomas to sign the Arbor Day Proclamation. Becky McWhorter gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.



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Authorize a Council Member to be the Official to vote on behalf of the Town for Officers of District 1 for 2022-2023 Year:

Mayor Thomas advised that we need to appoint someone to vote on behalf of the Town because he had to abstain since his name is on the ballot. Don Harris made a motion to nominate Becky McWhorter with a second from Jeff Wilson. Passed unanimously.

Locator for Underground Utility Lines:

Mickey McGraw made a motion to purchase the utility line locator from C & S Solution for \$5,710.23 using SPLOST funds. Jeff Wilson gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

Repair Incoming Sewer Line to Aeration at WWTP:

Mayor Thomas advised that the total cost of the repair would be \$20,619.20 with Mount Vernon paying \$19,382.05 and the Town paying \$1,237.15 to repair this line. Don Harris made a motion to repair the sewer line going to the aeration basin. This motion received a second from Becky McWhorter. Passed unanimously.

First Reading of Amendment to Town's Existing Alcohol Ordinance Obtaining to Liquor License:

This is the first reading of an amendment to the Town's existing Alcohol Ordinance. Jeff Wilson made a motion with a second from Mickey McGraw to accept this as the first reading. Passed unanimously.

Take Action to Accept the Gift of Property Through a Limited Warranty Deed:

Mayor Thomas explained that this was a limited warranty meaning it was a gift contingent upon the Town developing and maintaining property as a park and naming it in memory of their parents Tollie Fay Hurley and Linda Sue Woods Hurley. Don Harris made a motion to grant authorization to Mayor Thomas and Town Clerk, Missy Duncan, to act on behalf of the town to receive the gift and consent to the terms of the gift. Cindy Anderson gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

Executive session for purpose of personnel – to discuss hiring, compensation, evaluation, or disciplinary action for a specific public officer or employee (O.C.G.A. & 50-14-3(b)(2):

At 6:21 pm, Don Harris made a motion to go into executive session for personnel with a second from Mickey McGraw. Passed unanimously.

At 6:44 pm, Mickey McGraw made a motion to come out of executive session with a second from Jeff Wilson. Passed unanimously.



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No action was taken.

Council Comments:

Jeff Wilson – I would like to thank all of the employees for all you do.

Becky McWhorter – Thank all of the employees.

Mickey McGraw – I swapped over to gas in my current house about 15 years ago. Now, that I am building a new house I have purchased a gas stove, tankless hot water heater, and gas logs from NGC out here in our lobby. My wife and I have learned a lot and how well Amanda Samples really knows these products. She done a great job. Also, I will add to Jeff Wilson and Becky McWhorter’s comments and say thank you for all you do.

Cindy Anderson – Being new and driving around town you take a different prospective of what you see. As you drive around, it is amazing how many hours you put in, how many hours you’re out in the sun, how many holes you do dig, and everything else. Y’all are some of the hardest working people that I have ever worked around. That speaks value to someone who has really took it for granted for a while, and now I don’t take it for granted anymore. I appreciate it from a different prospective, and I think everybody notices the hard work you all do.

Don Harris - I would like to say thank you to all employees of the Town of Trion. Also, I would like to give a personal invitation to everyone to come out on May 28th at 1 o’clock for our Memorial Day Ceremony to honor the Veterans who gave their all.

Mayor Thomas – One thing about our employees, they resemble what would be like an offensive lineman at a football game. You do a good job as long as your number don’t get called. And you guys don’t get a lot of those calls because y’all do such a good job. The only time you recognized most time if something goes wrong, and then they call me. Take advantage of the book box over at the pavilion. The library has already stocked it with lots of books and anybody can go get a book; you just need to put one back. They are trying to get more people involved in the Library.

At 6:50p.m., a motion was made by Don Harris and seconded by Mickey McGraw to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

MAYOR

MAYOR-PROTEM



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MOTION TO ENTER INTO A CLOSED MEETING OF A CITY COUNCIL

Council member Don Harris makes the following motion with a second from Council member Mickey McGraw:

(1) That this Mayor and Council now enter into closed session as allowed by O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(2) and pursuant to advice by the Town Attorney, for the purpose of discussing the following: TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL (*specify the purpose(s) by which the meeting is to be closed*);

(2) That this body, in open session, adopt a resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor or presiding officer to execute an affidavit in compliance with O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(2), and that this body ratify the actions of the Council taken in closed session and confirm that the subject matters of the closed session were within exceptions permitted by the open meetings law, said resolution to the form as attached hereto.

MOTION APPROVED:

Those voting in favor of the motion for closure: Council Members:

Jeff Wilson, Becky McWhorter, Mickey McGraw, Cindy Anderson, and Don Harris

Those voting against the motion for closure: Council Members:

None, _____ and _____.



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RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF TRION COUNCIL

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Trion council as follows: At the meeting held on the 28th day of APRIL, 2022, the Council entered into closed session for the purpose of discussing DISCUSS PERSONNEL. At the close of the discussion upon this subject, the Council did vote to re-enter into open session and herewith takes the following action in open session:

(1) The action of the Council and the discussion of the same regarding the matter set forth for closed session purposes are hereby ratified.

(2) Each member of this body does hereby confirm that to the best of his or her knowledge, based upon the advice of the Town Attorney, the said subject matter of the meeting and of the closed session portion was devoted to matters within the specific relevant exception(s) as set forth above.

(3) The Mayor, or the presiding officer, is hereby authorized and directed to execute an affidavit, with full support of the members of this Council, in order to comply with O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(2).

(4) The affidavit shall be included and filed with the official minutes of the meeting and shall be in a form as required by the statute, which shall be substantially as follows:

See attached.

Approved this 28TH day of APRIL, 2022.

Attest _____
Town Clerk, Missy Duncan

Mayor, Lanny E. Thomas



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AFFIDAVIT

Personally, appeared before the undersigned attesting officer, duly authorized to administer to administer oaths, __Lanny E. Thomas_____, who, after being duly sworn, deposes and oath states the following:

(1) I was the presiding officer of a meeting of the Town of Trion of the Trion council held on the ____28TH ____ day of __APRIL_____, ____2022_____.

(2) That it is my understanding that O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(2) provides as follows:

When any meeting of an agency is closed to the public pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, the chairperson or other person presiding over such meeting shall execute and file with the official minutes of the meeting a notarized affidavit stating under oath that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law and identifying specific relevant exception

(3) The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the ____28TH ____ day of __April_____, _2022__, which closed for the purpose (s) of DISCUSS PERSONNEL as allowed by O.C.G.A., Title 50, Charter 14, was devoted to matters within those exceptions and provided by law

(4) This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(2) that such an affidavit be executed. This ____28TH ____ day of __April_____, 2022_____.

Mayor/Presiding Office, Lanny E. Thomas

Sworn to and subscribed before me
This 28TH, day of April 2022.

Notary Public, Melissa A. Duncan