

TOWN OF TRION
COUNCIL MEETING
July 28, 2022

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Lanny Thomas, Mickey McGraw, Jeff Wilson, Don Harris, and Cindy Anderson. Council Becky McWhorter was not present.

VISITORS PRESENT: Larry Simpson, Kristian Croy, Bill Bozian, Tony Jones, David Gilleland, Peyton Elliott, 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 the Agenda, June Minutes, and May Financial Reports be approved by general consent. All were in agreement.

Old Business:

Mayor Thomas advised that we had no old business.

New Business:

Hire Part-Time Employee at Police Department – Jeremy Reece:

Mayor Thomas turned the meeting over to David Gilleland he advised that Jeremy Reece had an accident and wasn't able to attend the council meeting. Jeff Wilson made a motion to hire Jeremy Reece as a part-time employee for the police department. Don Harris gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

Chattooga County Agricultural Fair Donation:

Lanny Thomas introduced Larry Simpson from the Chattooga County Fair Board. Mr. Simpson ask the town to continue its sponsorship that anything would be much appreciated. Don Harris made a motion with a second from Mickey McGraw to make a donation to the fair for \$5,000.00 out of our Hotel Motel fund. Passed unanimously.

2022 Charge Off List:

Mayor Thomas advised this is an accounting procedure that we do each year to move the old accounts to the inactive status while we still try and collect the amounts owed. Cindy Anderson made a motion to approve the 2022 Charge Off List. Jeff Wilson gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

Personnel Policy Change of Cell Phone Reimbursement:

Mayor Thomas advised this is just a personnel policy change to include the Mayor in the Cell Phone Reimbursement Policy. Mickey McGraw made a motion to approve the personnel policy change to include the Mayor in the Cell Phone Reimbursement Policy. This motion received a second from Cindy Anderson. Passed unanimously.

Probation Agreement with City Court:

Jeff Wilson made a motion to approve Mayor Thomas to sign the Probation Agreement with City Court. Don Harris gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

Letter for Intent to FIFA:

Mayor Thomas advised everyone this was a letter with the intent to FIFA and a reminder that their taxes are not paid. Don Harris made a motion with a second from Cindy Anderson to send the letters for intent to FIFA.

Vision and Dental Insurance:

After much discussion, Jeff Wilson made a motion to go with Anthem for dental and vision non-voluntary insurance. Don Harris gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

Natural Gas Connection Project Contract:

Mickey McGraw made a motion to approve the mayor to sign the contract. This motion received a second from Jeff Wilson. Voting for was Mickey McGraw, Jeff Wilson, and Cindy Anderson. Voting against was Don Harris. Motion carried.

Removal of Raised Cross Walks:

After much discussion, Jeff Wilson made a motion to order materials, signage, and paint. Then, go ahead and take the raised cross walks up. Mickey McGraw gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

Engagement Letter with Williams & Co., CPA for audit:

Mayor Thomas advised this was a letter to let Williams & Co., CPA do our audit again this coming year. Cindy Anderson made a motion with a second from Jeff Wilson to give Mayor Thomas permission to sign the engagement letter. Passed unanimously.

Council Comments:

Don Harris – The Town of Trion looks great and I think they done great this past weekend on the Disc Golf Tournament. We had a great turn out with a lot of people enjoying themselves.

Cindy Anderson – Yes, the Disc Golf Tournament was amazing, well organized, and enjoyable for all ages. We talked about having two or three of these a year. I wish the school would put some of these up on the hill so that the kids can learn how to play disc golf. If you haven't ever seen it, you need to go watch someone play disc golf because it was amazing to watch.

Mickey McGraw – We had so many people from out of town here on Saturday and also, had lots of locals out playing disc golf. Then, at the golf course we had several hundred people playing in a tournament up there. Thank you, Brandon for cutting and getting up all of the debris from the tree that fell on Park Avenue.

Jeff Wilson – I would like to thank Dr. Williams and the school for getting the caps and fixing the cemetery sign at Allgood Cemetery. Also, thank you all from the department heads and all employees for all you do.

Mayor Thomas – I would like to say congratulations to the 8 and under girls' recreation softball team for winning the State Georgia Park & Recreation Tournament. It was the first time they have won it, and we are really proud of the team and its coaches. To add to the Disc Golf turnout was wonderful. Prodigy did a great job and brought a lot of people from out of town. I had several tell me that they didn't even know where the Town of Trion was, but they do now. I have really enjoyed working with this Council; we don't always see eye to eye, but we work things out for the betterment of the town and this community.

At 6:23p.m., a motion was made by Don Harris and seconded by Cindy Anderson to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

MAYOR

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