

**TOWN OF TRION
COUNCIL MEETING**

January 27, 2022

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

VISITORS PRESENT: Dan Little, Rusty Brown, David Gilleland, Peyton Elliott, Bill Bozian, Brandon Croy, Jason Alexander, Phil Minter, Bobby Ward, Chris Mosley, Steve Baker, Ansley Smith, and Missy Duncan.

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

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

Old Business:

Mayor Thomas advised that we have no old business.

New Business:

Mayor Pro Tem:

Mayor Thomas ask if we had any nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. Don Harris nominated that Mickey McGraw remain Mayor Pro Tem with a second from Jeff Wilson. Passed unanimously.

Approve Contract with Chris Corbin for Town Attorney:

Mayor Thomas advised that we need to approve this contractual contract with Chris Corbin. Mickey McGraw made a motion with a second from Don Harris to approve this contract for Chris Corbin to become the Town Attorney. Passed unanimously.

Approval of employee for Police Department – Jason Alexander:

Mayor Thomas advised the next item is approval of an employee and Chief Gilleland has presented to you Jason Alexander. Jeff Wilson made a motion to approve Jason Alexander as the new employee. This motion received a second from Cindy Anderson. Passed unanimously.

Discuss Steve Baker – Annexation – Tim Perry Enterprises:

Mayor Thomas advised that we had Mr. Steve Baker speaking with you on annexation of Tim Perry Enterprises into the town. Mickey McGraw made a motion to postpone this until we can consult with our newly hired town attorney concerning the legality of this business. This motion received a second from Don Harris. Passed unanimously.

Tony Jones – Health Insurance Presentation:

Don Harris made a motion to accept Tony Jones as our insurance agent through Flegal Insurance Company. Jeff Wilson gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

Water Connection at Riegel Crossing:

After much discussion, Jeff Wilson made a motion to sell the property currently where the dumpsite is located to the County for \$5,000.00 and pay them \$15,000.00 for the water lines in the ground at Riegel Crossing. With the stipulations that the County will put up a privacy fence around the site, and if they ever move the dumpsite the property reverts back to the town. Mickey McGraw gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

First Reading of Change in the Travel Ordinance concerning Per Diem:

Mayor Thomas advised the main change would be the payment for meals would be a per diem instead of bringing back itemized receipts for every meal purchased. Don Harris made a motion with a second from Mickey McGraw to accept as the first reading. Passed unanimously.

Approval of LMIG Grant – Town pays 30% of requested \$46,975.00

Mayor Thomas advised the next item was approval of the LMIG Grant with the towns portion being 30% of \$46,915.00. Becky McWhorter made a motion to approve the LMIG Grant. This motion received a second from Cindy Anderson. Passed unanimously.

Approval of Three Positions on the Development Authority Board:

Mayor Thomas let Don Harris explained that we have three members of the Development Authority Board whose term was expiring and needed renewing. The board members Bobby Ward, Amy Kennedy, and Mike Wright have agreed to serve for another four years. Cindy Anderson made a motion with a second from Jeff Wilson to approve the renewal of the three board members. Passed unanimously.

Approval of Contractual Agreement with Drug Task Force:

Mayor Thomas advise that he needed to set aside at this time and let the Mayor Pro Tem McGraw take over because my wife is the drug task force agents' auditor. Becky McWhorter made a motion to approve the contractual agreement between the Town of Trion and Drug Task Force. Don Harris gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

Council Comments:

Jeff Wilson – I would like to thank Brandon Croy and Chris Mosely. Anytime I call, ya'll are there for the school and the kids. Tell all of the department thank you. Ya'll all do a great job!

Becky McWhorter – I would like to thank all of you, and Bobby Ward thank you for being a part of the Development Authority and helping out with that too. Thank you for pressurr washing the Town of Trion sign and redoing the mulch around it. You did a wonderful job, and it looks great.

Mickey McGraw – I love all of ya'll. (Missy Duncan) How many times do I call you a day? Thank you for putting up with me and answering all of my questions. The Chief helps me out, too. He helps answer personal questions along with work questions. I have just come back from training, and they have extended what you can go into executive session to discuss. Now, you can go into executive session to discuss cyber security because discussing it in the open just opens you up for an attack. We have I.T. in a Box & GIRMA, and it was rated one of the highest to have in the class. Also, I took a workforce class on how to retain employees, and I have some good ideas to help that I would like to share.

Cindy Anderson – I too would like to thank Missy Duncan for helping me and answering my questions, Thank you! Also, thank you Lanny Thomas for getting me information and always being there for answering my questions and helping me out. I really appreciate all you are doing.

Don Harris - I would like to touch on the same, thank you to all employees for helping me out and answering questions. It doesn't matter who I go, to they always go out their way and try to help me. Mayor, I would like for you to check on seeing if we can get direct deposit because I have had several employees ask if we can set this up.

Mayor Thomas – I would like to thank all of the Department Heads for helping me get settled and adapting to getting a new Mayor. They have not had a new mayor in over 8 years, and they are adapting quite well. Sometimes when I go to any of them and ask, they are usually already working on it and I don't have to ask twice. I appreciate all of their help. Council, I hope you are getting the information you need anytime you have any questions. I know Missy Duncan is a wonderful asset; she helps me tremendously. If any of you want me to look into something just ask, and I will look into it.

At 6:40p.m., a motion was made by Don Harris and seconded by Jeff Wilson to adjourn.
Passed unanimously.

MAYOR

MAYOR-PROTEM