

**TOWN OF TRION  
COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 23, 2023**

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

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Phil Williams, Rusty Brown, David Gilleland, Peyton Elliott, Bill Bozian, Brandon Croy, Andy Melton, Chuck Campanelli, Senator Jeff Mullis, Spencer Hogg, 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, December Minutes, and November Financial Reports be approved by general consent. All were in agreement.

**Old Business:**

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

Mayor Thomas advised that this was a second reading of the Alcohol Ordinance to amend and clarify Chapter 4. Mickey McGraw made a motion with a second from Don Harris to accept this as the second reading. Passed unanimously.

**Town Audit for Year End June 2022:**

Mayor Thomas advised our auditor came and presented the audit at the last meeting for the year end June 2022. Mickey McGraw made a motion to accept the year end audit of June 2022. This motion received a second from Don Harris. Passed unanimously.

**New Business:**

**New Hire for WWTP – Chuck Campanelli to replace Lamar Spraggins:**

Mayor Thomas turned meeting over to Andy Melton to introduce Chuck Campanelli as the new hire for WWTP. Andy Melton advised everyone that Chuck comes to us with a Class 1 operators license and seven years experience working at a treatment plant. Jeff Wilson made a motion with a second from Becky McWhorter to hire Chuck Campanelli as the new operator at the WWTP. Passed unanimously.

**Approval of Agreement with Justice One Software Company – Chief Gilleland:**

Mayor Thomas advised our police department uses this software daily with their reports. Don Harris made a motion to approve this agreement. Cindy Anderson gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

**Approval of LMJC Drug Task Force Contract:**

Mayor Thomas advised the next item is giving me consent to sign and continue using the LMJC Drug Task Force. Don Harris made a motion to approve Mayor Thomas to sign the contract with the LMJC Drug Task Force. This motion received a second from Cindy Anderson. Passed unanimously.

**Qualifying Fee for Upcoming Election for BOE and Council:**

Mayor Thomas advised that we had have to set the qualifying fee for the upcoming election for the school board and council seats. The fee is already set by a percent of the salary for the seats. Mickey McGraw made a motion to set the qualifying fee for the school board and council seats at \$36.00. This motion received a second from Don Harris. Passed unanimously.

**Approval of LMIG Grant with GDOT:**

Mayor Thomas and Brandon Croy advised that this grant would help pay to add back the turning lane at Simmons and Central across from the school board office. Along with paving the road from that intersection onto the red light at Allgood. The grant is \$32,845.48 with a 30% match. Jeff Wilson made a motion to accept the LMIG Grant and use SPLOST money to go along with the grant to pay for the project. Cindy Anderson gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

**Approval of Resignation of Rusty Brown Recreational Director:**

Mickey McGraw made a motion to accept the resignation of Rusty Brown as the recreational director. Jeff Wilson gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

**Approval for Mayor to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Summerville for Building Inspector:**

Mayor Thomas advised this was an agreement between the Town of Trion and the City of Summerville to share hiring a full-time building inspector for both municipalities. Jeff Wilson made a motion with a second from Don Harris to approve Mayor Thomas to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Summerville. Passed unanimously.

**Executive Session for Pending Litigation:**

At 6:11 pm, Don Harris made a motion with a second from Cindy Anderson to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Passed unanimously.

At 6:18 pm, Don Harris made a motion with a second from Cindy Anderson to come out of Executive Session. Passed unanimously.

**Presentation of a Proclamation for Senator Jeff Mullis:**

Mayor Thomas let Dr. Phil Williams present Senator Mullis with a plaque, signed football, and Trion shirts in appreciation for his years of service. Then, Mayor Thomas presented Senator Mullis a framed proclamation and gift in appreciation for everything he had done for the Town of Trion during his years of service. Mickey McGraw made a motion with a second from Don Harris to approve the Proclamation for Senator Mullis. Passed unanimously.

At 6:38p.m., a motion was made by Don Harris and seconded by Cindy Anderson to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

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