

TOWN OF TRION
COUNCIL MEETING
July 27, 2023

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

VISITORS PRESENT: Chris Mosley, Peyton Elliott, Brandon Croy, Steve Pfarr, Cindy Rivers-McGraw, 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 asked that the Agenda, June Minutes, and May Financial Reports be approved by general consent. All were in agreement.

Old Business:

Bid on Automated Meter Reading (AMR):

The sealed bids were opened at a public meeting on May 16, 2023, at 10:00a.m. with Mayor Thomas, Mike Hughes, and Missy Duncan present.

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Bid</u>
1. United Systems & Software, Inc.	Start up only with 100 meters for \$21,000.00 or a full system for \$209,495.00

After discussion, Mickey McGraw made a motion to postpone/table this item until our next meeting. Don Harris gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

New Business:

Recreation Department – Introduction of new Part Time Employee:

Chris Moseley introduced Mike Stoker as a new part-time employee for the recreation department. Mickey McGraw made a motion that we follow Chris' advice and hire Mike Stoker. Don Harris gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

Recreation Department – Purchase of new Mower:

Mayor Thomas discussed the three different quotes and the difference between the X-Mark and Hustler mowers. After discussion, Jeff Wilson made a motion with a second

from Mickey McGraw to purchase the Hustler Mower from Equipment Outlet for \$13,800.00. Passed unanimously.

Recreation Department – Quote for Outdoor 20-foot Professional Cinema System:

Mayor Thomas explained that we could have a movie night with up to 500 people and concessions can be sold during the event. It would help to bring our community together. Don Harris made a motion that we purchase the Elite Outdoor 20’ Professional Cinema Outdoor System with the two upgrades for \$14,299.00. Jeff Wilson gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

WWTP – Bids on Roof:

The sealed bids were opened at a public meeting on July 21, 2023 at 11:15 a.m. with Mayor, Lanny E. Thomas, Andy Melton, Missy Duncan, and Jessie Bannister from Bannister Roofing.

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>BID</u>
1. Median Roofing 402 Shorter Ave Rome, GA 30165	\$51,615.00
2. All Star Roofing 30 E. Main Street Cartersville, GA 30121	\$54,050.00
3. Bannister Roofing 191 Hill Street Trion, GA 30753	\$166,000.00

After discussion, Don Harris made a motion to accept Andy Melton’s recommendation and award the bid to Median Roofing for \$51,615.00 with Mount Vernon Mills doing a 6-month reimbursement for their portion. Becky McWhorter gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

Office – Approval of Utility 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. Jeff Wilson made a motion to approve the 2023 Charge Off List. Don Harris gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

Office/Election – Set Qualifying Dates for Council and Board of Education Seats:

Mayor Thomas advised that we needed to set the qualifying dates for the upcoming election for council and school board. We are looking at August 23rd to 25th which would keep us in compliance with the state regulations. Don Harris made a motion with a second from Jeff Wilson to set the qualifying dates on August 23rd to August 25th, 2023. Passed unanimously.

Legal – Authorize the Sale of Town’s Interest on Property at 189 Eleventh Street Through Sealed Bids:

Mayor Thomas advised that we have had some interest in someone purchasing 189 Eleventh Street which the town currently owns. Don Harris made a motion for the town to take seal bids to sell the property at 189 Eleventh Street. The motion was seconded by Jeff Wilson. Passed unanimously.

Street – Purchase of New Garbage Truck:

Brandon Croy advised that he was sorry, but he just received this quote for the garbage truck today and wanted to go ahead and get everyone the information. Our garbage truck is a 2009 model and is the most used equipment in the town. We average around 100 tons of garbage a month and if give the go ahead today the turnaround time for a replacement is over a year out. After much discussion, Don Harris made a motion to go ahead and purchase a new garbage truck using the COVID relief funds that we have in the general fund. Jeff Wilson gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

Executive Session – Real Estate and Personnel:

At 6:27 p.m., Becky McWhorter made a motion to go into Executive Session with a second from Mickey McGraw. Passed unanimously.

At 6:48 p.m., Mickey McGraw made a motion to come out of Executive Session with a second from Don Harris. Passed unanimously.

Mickey McGraw made a motion to sell the property at the Trion Industrial Park to Georgia Power where the sub-station is located for \$88,000.00. Also, to authorize the Mayor and Town Clerk to sign all documents needed to complete the sale. Don Harris gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

At 6:49 p.m., a motion was made by Don Harris and seconded by Mickey McGraw to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

MAYOR

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