

**TOWN OF TRION
COUNCIL MEETING
September 28, 2023**

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

VISITORS PRESENT: Peyton Elliott, Lisa Hall, Johnny Brimer, Kay Brimer. Mike Hughes, Zach Pettett, Andy Melton, Jackie Womack, David Gilleland, and Missy Duncan.

Mayor Pro Tem Mickey McGraw opened the meeting and Andy Melton said the prayer. Then, Don Harris led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem McGraw asked that the Agenda, July Minutes, and June and July Financial Reports be approved by general consent. All were in agreement.

Old Business:

Mayor Pro Tem McGraw advised there was no old business.

New Business:

Police Department – Introduction of New Part Time Employee for Approval:

David Gilleland introduced Jackie Womack as a new part-time employee for the police department. Jeff Wilson made a motion that we follow Chiefs’ advice and hire Jackie Womack. Don Harris gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

Gas Department – Introduction of New Employee for Approval to Replace Wayne Whited who has been with the Town for Over 40 Years:

Mike Hughes introduced Zach Pettett as a new employee for the gas department to replace Wayne Whited. Jeff Wilson made a motion that we follow Mikes’ advice and hire Zach Pettett. Cindy Anderson gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

Bid Proposal on Real Property Located at 189 Eleventh Street:

The sealed bids were opened at a public meeting on September 1, 2023, at 12:01 p.m. with Mayor, Lanny E. Thomas, Councilman Don Harris, Brandon Croy, and Missy Duncan present.

<u>Name</u>	<u>BID</u>
1. Tina Brewer	\$1,011.00

173 Eleventh Steet
Trion, GA 30753

Mayor Pro Tem McGraw explained that we only received one bid for the property. After discussion, Don Harris made a motion with a second from Becky McWhorter to accept the bid and authorize Mayor Thomas and Missy Duncan to execute deed conveyance on behalf of the town. Passed unanimously.

WWTP – Slide Gate Proposals:

Mayor Pro Tem McGraw let Andy Melton explain the two different proposals to replace one of the slide gates. Cindy Anderson made a motion to accept Andy Melton's recommendation and go with RW Gate Company's proposal for \$13,825.00. Becky McWhorter gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

WWTP – Bar Rack Purchase:

After discussion, Don Harris made a motion to purchase the bar rack from Hames Industrial. Cindy Anderson gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

First Reading Ordinance Amendment – Amending Code of Ordinances Chapter 50, Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Public Places:

Mayor Pro Tem McGraw advised this was a first reading of the ordinance. Don Harris made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance to amend Chapter 50, Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Public Places. Jeff Wilson gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

First Reading Ordinance Amendment – Amending Code of Ordinances Chapter 38, Offences and miscellaneous Provisions/ The Discharge of Firearms in the Town:

Mayor Pro Tem McGraw advised that this too would be the first reading. After much discussion, Cindy Anderson made a motion to table this until we have more information. The motion received a second from Becky McWhorter. Passed unanimously.

First Reading Ordinance Amendment – Amending Code of Ordinance Chapter 10 – Animals/Chickens:

Mayor Pro Tem McGraw advised that this would be the first reading of this ordinance. Don Harris made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance Amendment for Chapter 10 Animals/Chickens. The motion was seconded by Jeff Wilson. Passed unanimously.

Police New Pay Schale for Patrol:

Mayor Pro Tem McGraw advised that they had all received the information from the Chief. Don Harris made a motion to accept the new pay scale with a second from Becky McWhorter. Passed unanimously.

Council Comments:

Jeff Wilson – Thank you all for coming out and expressing and letting us know what’s going on because I am all about safety. Also, I hope that everybody has a great weekend.

Becky McWhorter – I want you all to know that your safety is the main thing and I want us to be able to enforce the ordinance. I think we really need to get it in writing and do it correctly so we are able to make sure we can enforce what we pass.

Mickey McGraw – I appreciate all of you for coming. Lisa, it’s good to see you, I haven’t seen you much lately. I really appreciate what all of y’all said about the issue and all of your concerns. I spoke to David Gilleland, and I think David has got it handled.

Cindy Anderson – I want to welcome the new employees, Welcome aboard! Andy Melton, I know there have been several sicknesses over at the plant and hope you all get better. Also, thanks to David Gilleland for coming over and handling the situation. All of us in that area really appreciated your being there because it was scary. Thank you!

Don Harris – I appreciate y’all being here and if you have any more issues, please get a hold of the Chief. I would like to see y’all come out and support the Bulldogs tomorrow night as they start their region plays. I hope to see y’all in Dade County, Go Dogs!

At 6:32 p.m., a motion was made by Don Harris and seconded by Cindy Anderson to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

MAYOR

MAYOR-PROTEM