

TOWN OF TRION
COUNCIL MEETING
January 23, 2024

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

VISITORS PRESENT: Jason Espy, Connie Harris, 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 asked that the Agenda, December Minutes, and November Financial Reports be approved by general consent. Passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Mayor Thomas advised that we had no old business.

New Business:

Street Department: Add Oak Hill Street and Melba Drive to routes for garbage pickup.

Mayor Thomas advised we would like to add Oak Hill Street and Melba Drive to our garbage route. We are already making a loop through these streets, and this would be to pick up garbage only no debris. Mickey McGraw made a motion to approve adding these two streets to our garbage route. This motion received a second from Don Harris. Passed unanimously.

Office: Approve policy for payment of utilities with credit/debit card.

Mayor Thomas advised he had sent out the new policy to allow us to take credit/debit cards as a form of payment for utility bills and other services. Don Harris made a motion to accept and approve this policy with a second from Jeff Wilson. Passed unanimously.

Resolution: Approve the resolution to increase the hotel/motel tax from 3% to 8%.

Mayor Thomas reminded everyone this was the resolution for our attorney Chris Corbin to finalize submitting this to the legislation for approval. Jeff Wilson made a motion with a second from Don Harris to approve the Hotel/Motel Resolution. Passed unanimously.

Town Hall Building: Take into consideration a quote for new doors for the Town Hall.

Mayor Thomas advised this item is to upgrade and improve the building by replacing the three old metal doors we have on the building with glass doors. Mickey McGraw made a motion to replace the doors. Dustin Rosser gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

Development Authority: Elect a member of the Council to sit on the Town of Trion Development Authority.

Mayor Thomas advised we have a member of Council on the Development Authority and Don Harris' term is up for renewal. Mickey McGraw made a motion to elected Don Harris to continue serving on the Development Authority. This motion received a second from Becky McWhorter. Passed unanimously.

Lease Agreement: Take into consideration leasing the "old kindergarten" building to African American Culture Inc., for the use of a museum.

Mayor Thomas asked if you would please consider leasing the "old kindergarten" building to the African American Culture Inc. Jeff Wilson made a motion with a second from Mickey McGraw to approve this lease. Passed unanimously.

Council and Mayor Comments:

Don Harris – Welcome everybody to the new year and welcome Dustin to the Council. I want everybody to be safe and if you want to see a good ball game, just come to Pepperell.

Dustin Rosser – I am excited to be on this side of the table. Thank you everyone for keeping your phones on and answering my questions.

Mickey McGraw – Welcome, Dustin Rosser. I would like everyone to know what I was talking to the Mayor about Amanda Samples with the Gas Authority. She was going out with her hair dryer and thawing out people's pipes, even those that did not purchase their hot water heater from us. She is doing a great job.

Becky McWhorter – Happy New Year, everybody. Welcome, Dustin, to the council. Also, a big thank you to Brandon Croy and the Mayor for uncovering the ditch. Thank you to the mayor for following through and finally getting it done.

Jeff Wilson – Thank you, Brandon Croy for getting a major leak fixed today; he and his guys had to work out in this frigid temperature. They went well above and beyond, thank you!

Lanny Thomas – Dustin, glad to have you aboard. We go way back. I used to coach him with my oldest son and he's definitely a team player. Kudos goes to Brandon Croy and Chris Corbin for getting the ditch open. Also, thank you to the county for helping get it open.

At 6:07p.m., a motion was made by Don Harris and seconded by Jeff Wilson to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

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