

TOWN OF TRION
COUNCIL MEETING
March 28, 2024

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

VISITORS PRESENT: Peyton Elliot, Chris Mosley, Andy Melton, Christian Hatch, Garret Brown, Patricia Hensley, Austin Cornett, John Cornett, Josh Cornett, Anna Brown, Aubree Hines, Jacob Cook, Hannah Price, Abbie Stephens, Dusty Brown, 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, February Minutes, and January Financial Reports be approved by general consent. Passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Mayor Thomas advised that we had no old business.

New Business:

Proclamation for Trion High Basketball Teams.

Mayor Thomas presented the proclamations to the Trion High School Basketball teams both girls and boys for their performance this past season. Don Harris made a motion to approve the Trion High School Basketball Teams Proclamation's. This motion received a second from Becky McWhorter. Passed unanimously.

Audit Report for year ending June 30, 2023.

Mayor Thomas introduced Christian Hatch from Williamson & Company, CPA's to present the year end audit for June 30, 2023. Jeff Wilson made a motion to accept the audit as presented with a second from Don Harris. Passed unanimously.

Budget: Amend the 2023/2024 Budget for Cemetery.

Mayor Thomas advised the company has increased the cost of mowing all three cemeteries by \$300.00. We have \$35,000.00 budgeted for approximately 17 mowings which would increase the budget by \$5,100.00. So, we need to amend our budget from \$35,000.00 to \$40,100.00. Mickey McGraw made a motion with a second from Don Harris to amend the budget. Passed unanimously.

Parks and Recreation: Bids to paint the interior walls of the gym.

The sealed bids were opened at a public meeting on February 21, 2024, at 11:15 a.m. with Mayor Thomas, Don Harris, Chris Mosley, and Missy Duncan present.

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Bid</u>
1. Pro Coat Painting & Pressure Washing Co. Tracy Shaw 200 East Teloga Road Summerville, Ga 30747	\$14,325.00

After discussion, Jeff Wilson made a motion to accept the bid and pay for the repairs with SPLOST money. Don Harris gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

WWTP: Accept bid from Utility & Water Services.

Mayor Thomas advised we have an emergency situation at the WWTP/Sewer plant where a 24" line has blown out and needs to be repaired. Andy Melton has given us a proposed fix from the Utility & Water Services company that he recommends we utilize to restore the problem. Also, Mount Vernon has asked that they pay their 94% in six monthly installments. We can pay our 6% with SPLOST money but 94% will be paid out of our Sewer Fund, and as Mount Vernon makes its payments it will get reimbursed. Don Harris made a motion to move forward with this plan and pay our 6% out of SPLOST. This motion received a second from Dustin Rosser. Passed unanimously.

Purchase CD: Remove \$200,000.00 from the Sewer Fund and place it in 6-month CD with the interest rate of 4.65%.

Mayor Thomas apologized for adding this at the last minute but advised that we are only getting .05% interest in our checking account, and we could move \$200,000.00 into a CD and receive 4.65% interest for the same money. Don Harris made a motion with a second from Dustin Rosser to purchase a CD. Passed unanimously.

Council and Mayor Comments:

Jeff Wilson – I want to go back to the department heads and everyone, fire, rec, police, public works, WWTP, Missy, and this office. I really appreciate everything y'all do.

Becky McWhorter – Thank you Chris for getting the ballfields ready. They really look great. Also, thank you for getting the net for that concerned citizen. Andy, thank you, I know you have a load on your shoulders and a lot of the time we don't always know what's going on, but you're what makes things tick and run smoothly. Missy, I hope you know how much we all appreciate you. And I am glad to know that Brandon's ok. I have been worried about him all week. Thank you to everybody for all you do.

Mickey McGraw – We need a mission statement on our webpage. Most cities have one, and this is something that GMA highly recommends that we have. So, if anyone has any suggestions, please pass them on to Lanny.

Dustin Rosser – I appreciate the fact that this Mayor and Council acknowledges the ball teams. It really helps add to the memories of these youths.

Don Harris – I would like to thank the department heads for all they do. Andy, when is that guy going to be able to start work in getting the line repaired? Andy – “He was able to start today and hopes to finish up by Sunday if he can find enough 24-inch fittings.”

Lanny Thomas – I would like to read a text message I received from Ron Beagle thanking us for working with him and Mount Vernon to help him keep everything running smoothly. Also, I would like to thank the Council for helping everything run smoothly. In reading the Summerville News, several of the other municipalities are having some issues and problems, but you make it a joy to be able to come to a Council meeting, and y’all are fantastic to work with.

At 6:29 p.m., a motion was made by Don Harris and seconded by Jeff Wilson to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

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