

TOWN OF TRION
COUNCIL MEETING
July 25, 2024

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

VISITORS PRESENT: Jason Espy, Brandon Croy, John Dennis, Kristin Croy, Lynn Hall, Tracy Chaney, DeShun Williams, Maurice Chaney, Dale Barnett (Johnson Energy Solution), Wesley Johnson (Johnson Energy Solution), Randy Johnson (Johnson Energy Solution), 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.

Non-Action Items:

Discussion of Renewable Energy Plant for Public and Council:

Mayor Thomas advised this was the third meeting for anyone that might have any questions.

We had the signing of lease agreement between the Town of Trion and African American Culture, Inc. on the old Pre-K building at 141 Echols Drive.

Old Business:

Mayor Thomas advised we had no old business.

New Business:

Chattooga County Fair – Contribution from Hotel/Motel Tax:

Mayor Thomas let Brandon Croy introduce Lynn Hall and Kristian Croy here to speak on behalf of the Chattooga County Fair Committee. Lynn Hall advised that because of the high attendance on Sunday's, the committee would have to use our contribution differently this year. The committee plans on using the sponsorship to pay for the cover band or the free kids zone area. Becky McWhorter made a motion to make a contribution of \$5,000.00 to the Chattooga County Fair. This motion received a second from Don Harris. Passed unanimously.

Auditor – Change Auditors from Williamson’s to Estes & Walcott:

Mickey McGraw made a motion with a second from Becky McWhorter to cease using Williamson & Co. CPA’s and change to Estes & Walcott pending attorney review and approval of contract. Passed unanimously.

Street Department – Paving Project from LMIG & LRA – Paving Tatum Road, South Melba Drive, and some on Gray Street:

Mayor Thomas advised y’all have saw the paperwork and streets we are looking to pave. Don Harris made a motion to move forward with both projects. This motion received a second from Becky McWhorter. Passed unanimously.

Street Department – Purchase Shed Kit in the Amount of \$23,993.00 for Cover of New Garbage Truck – If approved, need Approval of Seeking Bids to Construct the Cover:

Mayor Thomas advised you have heard from Brandon Croy concerning this 40 x 20 shed/pole barn to put the equipment under for protection from the weather. Don Harris made a motion to purchase the shed/pole barn. Becky McWhorter gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously

Since we approved the purchase of the shed/pole barn we need permission to seek bids to construct the structure.

A motion was made by Don Harris to seek bids with a second from Dustin Rosser. Passed unanimously.

Council and Mayor Comments:

Jeff Wilson – I would like to thank all of y’all for coming and spending your afternoon with us. I have known Maurice Chaney my whole life. We graduated together, and I have known Tracy Chaney they are good folks and will do well. Also, thanks to all the department heads. You all do a great work.

Becky McWhorter –I have nothing at this time.

Mickey McGraw – I want to second everything that Fro (Jeff Wilson) said. Thank y’all for coming. I am looking forward to the opening of the museum. I got to see the presentation you gave to the Rotary Club, and you have a lot of great things going into the museum. I love stopping by and seeing all of the department heads. Thank y’all.

Dustin Rosser – I appreciate what all of y’all do, especially trying to save us some money, so we can use it on down the line for other projects. Thank you!

Don Harris – Just remember that Trion Schools start Friday week. So, be careful the kids will be out and about. Also, Trion football starts Friday week with a scrimmage game on August 9th with their season opener against Gordon Lee on August 16th. So, y'all come out and support our dogs.

Lanny Thomas – Just wanted to talk about the school is working on the road by the football field and building a parking lot for the new field house. If you haven't seen it, you really need to because Phil Williams has outdone himself. The field house is very nice. Again, we are very excited to work with you guys (Johnson Energy Solutions) thank you all for coming. Also, Tracy Chaney, thank you; we are very excited and look forward to getting the museum up and going, too.

At 6:18 p.m., a motion was made by Don Harris and seconded by Becky McWhorter to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

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