

TOWN OF TRION
COUNCIL MEETING
October 24, 2024

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Lanny Thomas, Jeff Wilson, Don Harris, and Dustin Rosser. Council Mickey McGraw and Becky McWhorter were not present.

VISITORS PRESENT: Mason Gilreath, David Gilleland, Chris Mosley, and Missy Duncan.

Mayor Thomas opened the meeting with prayer. Then, Don Harris led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Thomas asked that the Agenda, September Minutes, and August Financial Reports be approved by general consent. Passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Mayor Thomas advised that we had no old business.

New Business:

Millage Rate – Set the millage rate at 12.053 mills:

Mayor Thomas proposed leaving the millage rate the same as last year which is 12.053 for the Town and School. A motion was made by Don Harris and seconded by Dustin Rosser to set the millage rate at 6.353 for the Town and 5.700 for the school for a total of 12.053. Passed unanimously.

Proclamation – Georgia Arbor Day Proclamation for 2024:

Mayor Thomas advised this would give him permission to sign the Georgia Arbor Day Proclamation for 2024. Jeff Wilson made a motion to give the mayor permission to sign the 2024 Georgia Arbor Day Proclamation. Don Harris gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

Budget – Amend the 2024/2025 Budget Account# 100-6100-57-1001 Library Allotment from \$65,931.95 to \$72,370.95:

Mayor Thomas advised that we received notification that the Library Budget item needed to be increased to accommodate the increase for insurance. Dustin Rosser made a motion with a second from Jeff Wilson to amend the budget to increase the library line item. Passed unanimously.

Insurance – Adopt the insurance rate:

Mayor Thomas advised that we have received some information on different options on the increase of our health insurance. Don Harris made a motion to approve the 10% rate increase with a \$1,500.00 deductible. This motion received a second from Dustin Rosser. Passed unanimously.

Mutual Aid Agreement – Approve Mayor to sign the Mutual Aid Agreement Fire Protection with Walker County:

Mayor Thomas ask for permission to allow him to sign the Fire Protection Mutual Aid Agreement with Walker and Chattooga County. A motion was made by Jeff Wilson with a second from Dustin Rosser. Passed unanimously.

Veterans Committee – Purchase two Vietnam Memorial Crosses for the Veterans Memorial Wall:

Mayor Thomas advised that the Town of Trion's Veterans Committee has raised enough money to purchase one of Vietnam Memorial Crosses, and I have asked the council to approve purchasing another other one, so they will have two to go on the memorial wall. Don Harris made a motion to approve this purchase. Dustin Rosser gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

Parks and Recreation – Purchase Surveillance Cameras:

Mayor Thomas let everyone know that we have received a quote to install surveillance cameras around the recreation department and fields. Jeff Wilson made a motion to do the complete project at \$68,500.00 and use SPLOST money to fund the project. This motion received a second from Don Harris. Passed unanimously.

Council Meeting Dates – November and December Meeting Dates:

Mayor Thomas advised that due to the holidays, the November and December meeting dates need to be changed to November 21st and December 19th. A motion was made by Don Harris and seconded by Dustin Rosser to change the meeting dates. Passed unanimously.

Council and Mayor Comments:

Jeff Wilson – I think the cameras are a much needed item. We have them up at the school and Howard Hughes we can pull up footage and see what actually happened. I am looking forward to being able to pull up footage and see what happened around the rec.

Dustin Rosser – The BBQ was awesome. I just wish that I could have been there to help, but my little girl had a ballgame. I appreciate you all holding it until I could make it there to pick mine up.

Don Harris – I appreciate the veterans committee cooking and selling the smoke butts. I would like to remind everyone that November 9th is our veterans day ceremony, and I would like to see it packed. If it rains or it's too cold, we will move to the pavilion or the gym. Thanks everybody for doing a great job.

Lanny Thomas – I have nothing at this time.

At 6:8p.m., a motion was made by Don Harris and seconded by Dustin Rosser to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

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