

**TOWN OF TRION**  
***COUNCIL MEETING***  
**January 21, 2025**

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

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Teresa Ray, Terry Ray, Mason Gilreath, Ethan Ray, Kelsey Ellis, Brad Ellis, Robbie Abernathy, Gene Espy, David Gilleland, 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, December Minutes, and October Financial Reports be approved by general consent. Passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

Mayor Thomas advised that we had no old business.

**New Business:**

**Public Participation Request** – Request from Terry Ray, Teresa Ray, and Ethan Ray

**Set Qualifying Fees for Mayor, Council, and School Board Seats:**

Mayor Thomas advised we needed to set and approve the amount to qualify for Mayor, Council, and Board of Education seats for the upcoming election in November. The amount for each seat is: Mayor \$434.00, Council \$86.00, and Board of Education \$87.00. Mickey McGraw made a motion with a second from Don Harris to set and approve the qualify fees. Passed unanimously.

**LMIG Project for the Street Department:**

Mayor Thomas let everyone know the LMIG Project for the street department would like to request being able to pave on Pine Street from the Cemetery to the 4-way stop and do grade work and paving to extend the roadway area at Hurley Park. The total cost of the project will be \$66,170.00 with LMIG contributing \$36,987.77 to this project. Becky McWhorter made a motion to approve the LMIG Project with a second from Dustin Rosser. Passed unanimously.

**Approve Proclamation to Recognize Arbor Day:**

Mayor Thomas advised this would give him permission to sign the 2024 Georgia Arbor Day Proclamation. So that we can remain a Tree City. Mickey McGraw made a motion to give the Mayor permission to sign the 2024 Georgia Arbor Day Proclamation. Becky McWhorter gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously

**SPOLST – Intergovernmental Agreement with Chattooga County, Menlo, Lyerly, Summerville, and Trion:**

Mayor Thomas asked for permission to allow himself and Missy to sign the SPLOST Agreement with Chattooga County, Menlo, Lyerly, Summerville, and Trion pending final approval from our town attorney. A motion was made by Don Harris with a second from Jeff Wilson. Passed unanimously.

**Public Safety – Intergovernmental Agreement with other Counties and Municipalities to continue participation with the Drug Task Force:**

Mayor Thomas advised this would give him approval to sign the intergovernmental agreement to remain in the Drug Task Force. Don Harris made a motion to approve the Mayor to sign the Drug Task Force Intergovernmental agreement. Dustin Rosser gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

**Street Department – Purchase a 2017 Bucket Truck and then Auction the Two Current Bucket Trucks Currently Owned by the Town:**

Mayor Thomas advised that the 2017 bucket truck has rail wheels on it so that we can get onto the railroad tracks and fix the flag hanging on the train tressel. We will sale two of our current vehicles at a action to help pay for the newer bucket truck costing around \$39,000.00. Don Harris made a motion to purchase the bucket truck with a second from Becky McWhorter. Passed unanimously.

**Executive Session – For the purpose of Real Estate and legal matters:**

At 6:42 p.m., Don Harris made a motion to go into Executive Session with a second from Dustin Rosser. Passed unanimously.

At 6:56 p.m., Don Harris made a motion to come out of Executive Session with a second from Jeff Wilson. Passed unanimously.

**Council and Mayor Comments:**

Jeff Wilson – I hope everybody stays warm; it’s cold outside.

Becky McWhorter – Happy New Year, everybody. Thank you, Brandon Croy and Chief Gilleland for helping to keep us safe during the snow.

Mickey McGraw – I have nothing at this time.

Dustin Rosser – I hope everyone stays safe and warm.

Don Harris – Yes, stay safe and warm. Come out this Friday, the varsity boys and girls basketball teams play Bowden and then play Breman on Saturday. So, y’all come out and support them.

Lanny Thomas – In reading the minutes, I appreciate everything that Mickey McGraw said during my absent since I have been out with knee replacement. I appreciate what everyone did; the department heads did a great job. Mickey has helped a lot; he just picked up the reins and ran with it. He said, and I agree, this is the best group we have worked with.

At 6:58p.m., a motion was made by Don Harris and seconded by Mickey McGraw to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

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