TOWN OF TRION
COUNCIL MEETING
February 27, 2025

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

VISITORS PRESENT: Teresa Ray, Amelia Blackmon (SHRLS), Emily Dover (Trion Library), Mike Hughes, Jacob Spraggins, Brandon Croy, Bob Marley (Jason Espy), Cindy McGraw, Carson Wynn (Fairway Company), Josh Thomason (Piedmont Housing Group, LLC), Scott Nelson (Piedmont Housing Group, LLC), 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, January Minutes, and December Financial Reports be approved by general consent. Passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Mayor Thomas advised that we had no old business.

New Business:

Gas Department – Council Approval of new hires Jacob Spraggins & Timothy Schrader:

Mayor Thomas let Mike Hughes introduce Jacob Spraggins to everyone as the new hire he would like to replace one of his employees that left the gas department. Mike Hughes advised that Timothy Schrader was unable to attend because of sickness. Don Harris made a motion with a second from Mickey McGraw to approve Jacob Spraggins as a new hire for the Town of Trion, Gas Department. Passed unanimously.

Street Department – Bids for Bucket Trucks**:**

The sealed bids were opened at a public meeting on February 20, 2025, at 12:15 p.m. with Council Don Harri, Brandon Croy, and Missy Duncan present.

Company Name	Bid	Turck#
1. Mike Fulmer	$1,750.00	#120
	$1,525.00	#200
2. Jim Bearden	$2,850.00	#120

3. Dale Willimas	$3601.00	#200	
4. Jason Hines	$3,525.00	#200	

After discussion, Don Harris made a motion to award the trucks to the highest bidder. Becky McWhorter gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

GICH Letter – Mayor seeks permission to sign a letter of support to develop Chattooga Ridge**:**

 Mayor Thomas let everyone know he was asking for permission to sign a letter of support for the Piedmont Housing Group for their project to build a housing community called Chattooga Ridge. This project would consist of around 52 units of affordable housing. Jeff Wilson made a motion with a second from Don Harris to give the mayor permission to sign the letter of support. Passed unanimously.

Executive Session – For the purpose of Real Estate, Personnel, and Legal Matters:

At 6:10 p.m., Dustin Rosser made a motion to go into Executive Session with a second from Don Harris. Passed unanimously.

At 6:56 p.m., Becky McWhorter made a motion to come out of Executive Session with a second from Mickey McGraw. Passed unanimously.

Mickey McGraw made a motion to authorize the payment of $250,000.00 to plaintiff in the mater of Earl Parris, Jr vs Mount Vernon Mills, 3M Company, Town of Trion, and others, Case #4:21-cv-00040-TWT, now pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Rome Division, to resolve all pending claims in said matter against the Town, and further authorize the mayor to take any needed action on behalf of Town to accomplish the settlement. Don Harris gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

Council and Mayor Comments:

Jeff Wilson – The Gazebo looks good, and I see we have power to it for light and fan.

Becky McWhorter – I am excited for Hurley Park. Maybe we can get John Turner to do a friendship park. The Flag Box at the Veterans Memorial is going to be a huge asset to the community.

Mickey McGraw – I got to use the box at the park by putting a Mohawk used American Flag into the box. You just drop the flag in the box.

Dustin Rosser – I apricate everybody's continuous dedication to our town. The department heads and everybody we have working for us are top notch all the way around.

Don Harris – Yes, I have to nothing say except to elaborate on what y'all said.

Lanny Thomas – I appreciate everybody here and all of the Council. I really enjoy working with you guys.

At 6:42p.m., A motion was made by Don Harris and seconded by Mickey McGraw to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

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                MAYOR   **MAYOR PRO TEM**