

TOWN OF TRION
COUNCIL MEETING
September 26, 2022

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

VISITORS PRESENT: Peyton Elliott, Lauren Lively, Patricia Martin, Rusty Brown, Justin Lowe, Bill Bozian 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, August Minutes, and July Financial Reports be approved by general consent. All were in agreement.

Non-Action Items:

Discussion of Millage Rate for Town of Trion and Trion City Schools.

Mayor and Council discussed leaving the millage rate the same at 13.448 with having the special called meeting on October 10th at 6:00 p.m.

Old Business:

Mayor Thomas advised that we had no old business.

New Business:

Approve Lauren Lively to Trion Development Authority:

Mayor Thomas advised that the Trion Development Authority has ask us to approve appointing Lauren Lively to the board. Mickey McGraw made a motion to approve the appointment of Lauren Lively. Don Harris gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

Upgrade Lighting in the Hall and Rooms of the Recreation Center:

Mayor Thomas let Rusty Brown present the proposal from PowerPlus Electrical Contracting, INC to replace lights and fixtures for \$6,250.00. Don Harris made a motion with a second from Cindy Anderson to accept the proposal from PowerPlus Electrical Contracting, INC. Passed unanimously.

Cell Phone Policy for Personnel:

Mayor Thomas advised this policy for personnel was to give the employees some guidelines for cell phone used during working hours. Jeff Wilson made a motion that we approve and pass this cell phone policy for personnel. Mickey McGraw gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

Council Comments:

Jeff Wilson – I would like to say thank you to Natural Gas Connection for donating a hot water heater to the school. We were trying to get the bathrooms fix and set up at the Board of Education building so that people could come in and take showers during the water crises.

Becky McWhorter – On the ditch: I would like to let everyone to know that Ms. Seymore is in the hospital and not feeling well. I had a long conversation with her on the phone, and I would like everyone to just pray for her and that the rain holds. I used to live at 108 Oak Street, so I know what you all are going through, and all I can say is that I am truly sorry.

Mickey McGraw – We have a forecast of 4 ½ inches of rain on Friday, and it's tough. I haven't ridden by the ditch when our guys weren't out there being vigilant and keeping people safe. Brandon Croy and the Chief are out there watching and helping out along with their guys, thank you.

Cindy Anderson – I would like to say to the people on Park Avenue: we are always thinking about you guys. We ride by and worry about how high the water is and how much rain we get. You all are in our prayers. I would like to say that a lot of people were really appreciative of the recreation center letting people come in to take showers, and the stations that set up at the track field.

Don Harris – I would like to welcome Lauren Lively to the Trion Development Authority.

Mayor Thomas – I would like to add that NGC (Natural Gas Connection) came to our rescue too because Rusty Brown called and said that the hot water heater was out at the recreation center. NGC stepped up and donated two tankless hot water heaters. I have the invoice here showing value of this wonderful donation, and it's \$3,749.75. The only bad news was we had to pay to have these installed. Also, after the flood the Police Chief, Brandon Croy, and the Fire Chief had a meeting to work out a plan for future occurrences. If it starts getting bad, the police department will call 911 and the Police Chief on to the Fire Chief and Brandon Croy. That way, we can start going up and down the street blowing sirens and get people up to start moving and make them aware of what's going on. We can't control the flooding, but we will do all we can to help everyone. The community really came together and helped people out which was

wonderful. We gave out around 35,000 gallons of water at the triangle and 10 275-gallon tote tanks up at United Community Bank.

At 6:17p.m., a motion was made by Don Harris and seconded by Mickey McGraw to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

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