

TOWN OF TRION
COUNCIL MEETING
March 24, 2022

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

VISITORS PRESENT: David Gilleland, Peyton Elliott, Bill Bozian, Mike Hughes, Justin Lowe, Brandon Croy, Amelia Blackmon, Christian Hatch, Rusty Brown, Emily Dover, David Lowe, Delane Sissel, Robert Watson, Jimmy Rosato, Fitz Christopher, Kevin Christopher, Casey Bramlett, Lisa Hall, and Missy Duncan.

Mayor Thomas opened the meeting and Casey Bramlett said the prayer. Then, Don Harris led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Thomas ask that the Agenda, February Minutes, and January Financial Reports be approved by general consent. All were in agreement.

Old Business:

Bids to Re-Roof Recreation Center:

The sealed bids were opened at a public meeting on March 18, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. with Mayor, Lanny Thomas, Councilman Don Harris, Andrew Firestone (Camco Services), Jason Stanfield (Caliber Construction), Stacy Stewart (Caliber Construction), Brandon Croy, and Missy Duncan.

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Bid</u>
1. ACR/Alpha Commerce Roofing 2358 Perimeter PK DR ST 370 Atlanta, GA 30341	\$139,896.00
2. Caliber Construction LLC 7172 Adairsville Hwy Adairsville, GA 30103	\$115,300.00
3. American Roofing Company 68 Stockade Road Summerville, GA 30747	\$132,231.99
4. CAMCO Services LLC 402 Cedar Ave Rome, GA 30161	\$157,592.00

After discussion, Mickey McGraw made a motion to award the bid to American Roofing Company for \$132,231.99. Don Harris gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

New Business:

Naming of T-Ball Field – Freddie’s Field:

Mayor Thomas turned the meeting over to Rusty Brown where he made a presentation to Freddie Christopher’s family in reveling the new sign for the T-Ball Field officially naming it Freddie’s Field.

2021/22 Audit – Christian Hatch representing Lloyd Williamson:

Lanny Thomas introduced Christian Hatch with Williamson and Company CPA’s. Christian Hatch presented the 2021 – 2022 Town of Trion audit. Mickey McGraw made a motion with a second from Don Harris to accept the audit.

Cemetery Maintenance Bids:

The sealed bids were opened at a public meeting on March 18, 2022 at 10:30a.m. with Mayor, Lanny Thomas, Council, Don Harris, Brandon Croy, Jason Cash, Lightnin Croy, and Missy Duncan.

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Bid</u>
1. Jason Hines Hines Total Lawn Care Summerville, GA 30747	\$2,300.00
2. Jason Cash Cash Landscape Summerville, GA 30747	\$2,675.00
3. Lightnin Croy Sailco Land Management LLC Summerville, GA 30747	\$1,390.00

Jeff Wilson made a motion to award the bid to Jason Hines, Hines Total Lawn Care, for \$2,300.00 per mowing all three cemeteries. Mickey McGraw gave this motion a second. Voting for was Don Harris, Mickey McGraw, Becky McWhorter, and Jeff Wilson. Cindy Anderson abstained for personal family connections. Motion carried.

Proclamation for Library Week:

Mayor Thomas turned the meeting over to Becky McWhorter and Amelia Blackmon. Amelia advised that the first week in April is Library week. We have lots of activities for everyone to come out and connect with the library. Becky McWhorter made a motion with a second from Cindy Anderson to grant Mayor Thomas permission to sign the Library Week Proclamation. Passed unanimously.

Amend Policy for Police Department on use of vehicle:

Mayor Thomas advised that this was to amend the use of the Town of Trion Police Department use of Vehicle Operations Policy. Don Harris made a motion to accept this amendment with a second from Micky McGraw. Passed unanimously.

Police Department GCIC:

Jeff Wilson made a motion for the police chief to purchase a new computer and send Julie Stephens to training, so we will be in compliance. Don Harris gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

MGAG Annual Election Resolution:

Mayor Thomas advised this would make Mike Hughes the voting delegate and myself as the alternate in the yearly election for the Gas Authority. Don Harris made a motion with a second from Cindy Anderson to appoint Mike Hughes the delegate and Lanny Thomas the alternate for the Town of Trion.

Council Comments:

Jeff Wilson – I would like to say that Freddie was like another Dad. He was just that kind of guy and he did a great job at the recreation center.

Becky McWhorter – Thank you, Rusty Brown, for getting the sign made and all you have done to make this possible. Also, if you haven't noticed the library is very visible now with all of the bushes gone it looks great, thank you all.

Mickey McGraw – Yes, you all should go down to the library and check it out. I have been and it's wonderful to see the kids all enjoying what they are doing. There are kids of all ages being involved and very active.

Cindy Anderson - It's hard to talk about Freddie. He has been a part of all of our family's life. My grandson, Braden thought he was his pawpaw. I think not only the adults love having this field named after Freddie but so will the kids. Also, last month I went to the first-year schooling that's required for a Council person, and it was very informative. There was two other council members there from Chattooga County, and it was interesting to see how they do things.

Don Harris - Agree, Rusty Brown a great selection it couldn't have been a better man. I would like to invite everyone on May 26th to the Veteran's Memorial celebration.

Don Harris made a motion to seek bids on mold mediation in the old police department. Jeff Wilson gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

Mickey McGraw made a motion to move the June meeting to Tuesday prior to our normal schedule meeting which is June 21st. Mayor Thomas and I both will be out of town on the night of the normal meeting date. This motion received a second from Don Harris. Passed unanimously.

Mayor Thomas – I would like to address the ditch and let everyone know that we had a re-do several of the easements. We had to move some of the markers, and we have only had one easement signed. So, we are still waiting on three others to come sign. I spoke with the town attorney, and he is sending them all a letter stating they have so lone to come into sign, or we will start the condemnation process. I have tried to avoid doing condemnation and going to court, but if they won't come into sign, we have to go that route. April 24th to 30th is Georgia Cities week, so hopefully we will have lots of things going on to celebrate this week. Also, we have the budget process underway and will be having more meetings to finish this for the Council to start looking at the budget. The school is finishing up building a book box to go down at the track field, and I would like the library to post events and maintain it. It's like leave a book take a book kind of thing. We are also working on trying to find someone to fix the clock at the library sign, and we are going to paint and put lights on the sign to make it more visible.

At 6:36p.m., a motion was made by Don Harris and seconded by Mickey McGraw to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

MAYOR

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