

**TOWN OF TRION**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**February 23, 2023**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Lanny Thomas, Mickey McGraw, Jeff Wilson, Don Harris, and Cindy Anderson. Council Becky McWhorter was not present.

**VISITORS PRESENT:** David Gilleland, Bob Marley (Jason Espy), Brandon Croy, Chris Mosley, 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. All were in agreement.

**Old Business:**

Mayor Thomas advised there was no old business.

**New Business:**

**Move Chris Mosely from the Water Department to Director of Parks and Recreation:**

Mayor Thomas advised this item was to move Chris Mosely from the Water Department to become the new Director of Parks and Recreation. Mickey McGraw made a motion with a second from Don Harris to move Chris Mosely to the Director of Parks and Recreation for the Town of Trion. Passed unanimously.

**Set a Fee for License Applications for Liquor by the Drink:**

Mayor Thomas advised we passed a resolution to allow businesses to sell liquor by the drink and now we need to set a price for this application fee. In doing research the local entities are charging \$850.00 so, this is my recommendation to set our fee at the same rate of \$850.00. Don Harris made a motion to set the liquor by the drink application fee at \$850.00. Cindy Anderson gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

**Approval of two Alcohol License Renewals:**

Mayor Thomas let everyone know that we needed to officially renew two alcohol licenses. One is for the Trion Golf Course and the other one is for Benny's Two. Don Harris made a motion to approve the renewal of both alcohol licenses. This motion received a second from Cindy Anderson. Passed unanimously.

**Approve the Purchase of a New Mower for Public Works at \$13,359.00:**

Mayor Thomas advised that Brandon Croy has let everyone know that we need a new mower, and he has gathered two different prices for the same mower. One was for \$16,399.00 and the other was for \$13,359.00 for the exact same mower. Mickey McGraw made a motion to accept the mower for \$13,359.00. Don Harris gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

**First Reading of Notice of Intent to Take Action Relating to Salary for Council and Mayor:**

Mayor Thomas read the brief description: “Notice is hereby provided that the Town of Trion shall consider action at its meeting on March 23,2023, beginning at 6:00p.m., to increase the salary of a council member from its current rate of \$100.00 per month to \$200.00 per month and an increase in the rate of pay to the Town’s Mayor from \$7,200.00 per year to \$14,400.00 per year. If approved, said increases shall be effective as of January 15, 2024.” Don Harris made a motion to approve the first reading and add that council would get additional compensation for Special Called Meetings. Mickey McGraw gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

**Approval for the Town to Reconvey two Easements Previously Conveyed to it by Owners of Park Avenue Property:**

Per request of our Town Attorney, Chris Corbin we need to re-convey two easements back to the property owners on Park Avenue concerning the ditch. Don Harris made a motion with a second from Cindy Anderson to convey the property back to the owners. Passed unanimously.

**Council Comments:**

Jeff Wilson – I want all employees to know they are doing a great job, and I appreciate all y’all do.

Mickey McGraw – I agree thank y’all for all you do. The Council Reports are great, and we appreciate all of the information.

Cindy Anderson – The feeling I get is that everything is coming together as a team. When someone tells us something that needs fixing it gets done and as a person that lives in the town that is a great feeling. I really appreciate all of the hard work.

Don Harris – They have already said everything, and I agree, thank you. Chief, can you give us an update on the police department up on the hill?

Chief, David Gilleland replies that the building is about 85% done. They are doing sheet rock, painting and floors will be next. The hardest part now is getting power

to the building, but the goal is to have it done or a temporary fix by April. They plan on paving the road and a parking lot behind the building. It is not going to be a loop through or a public road for parents to cut through from the school traffic. On the mold remediation in the old area is almost done. They are waiting on electrician to put up the new lights then they will put up new ceiling tiles.

Lanny Thomas – I have talked with Mike Hughes, and we are going to run gas to the new police department. I really appreciate everybody and the line of communication between Council, myself, and department heads is the key to keep us moving forward.

At 6:15p.m., a motion was made by Don Harris and seconded by Cindy Anderson to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

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**MAYOR**

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