

TOWN OF TRION
COUNCIL MEETING
March 23, 2023

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

VISITORS PRESENT: Chris Mosley, David Gilleland, Peyton Elliott, Donny Maddux, Sammy Roland, Mich Maddux, Noah Maddux, Angie King, Andrea Pitts, Lann Pledger, Savannah Pledger, Paisley Pledger, Alianah Pledger, Elan Pledger, Chad Stephens, Noel Stephens, Brooke Maddux, Jordan Jackson, Drew Jackson, Drew Henderson, Heather Ashley, Blake Stricklin, Hanna Stricklin, 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 ask that the Agenda, February Minutes, and January Financial Reports be approved by general consent. All were in agreement.

Old Business:

Mayor Thomas advised we had no old business.

New Business:

Resolution recognizing Donny Maddux for historical recognition, “World Drag Racing Record” on May 21,1971:

Mayor Thomas read the resolution stating how Donny Maddux and his family ran a garage in Trion for many years. He went on to set a world Record in Drag Racing on May 21, 1971. The Council and I would like to recognize Donny Maddux on his great achievement. Don Harris made a motion with a second from Cindy Anderson to approve the resolution. Passed unanimously.

Part-Time Employment of Sammy Roland for Police Department:

Mayor Thomas let David Gilleland introduce Sammy Roland and advised Council that he wanted to bring Sammy in as part-time clerk to fill in for Julie when she’s out. Also, she will be a lot of help with the new GCIC program because she already has the certifications for this program. Jeff Wilson made a motion to approve hiring Sammy Roland. Becky McWhorter gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

Resolution for City of Ethics:

Mayor Thomas advised it was time to renew our City of Ethics certification with this resolution. Mickey McGraw made a motion to approve Mayor Thomas to sign the resolution. This motion received a second from Don Harris. Passed unanimously.

Proclamation for Arbor Day:

Mayor Thomas advised in order for us to maintain our Tree City status we need to approve the Arbor Day Proclamation. Becky McWhorter made a motion with a second from Cindy Anderson to approve the Arbor Day Proclamation. Passed unanimously.

Review Request for Proposals (RFP’s) for Interest Rates for Certificate of Deposits (CD’s):

The sealed bids were opened at a public meeting on March 22, 2023 at 12:00p.m. with Mayor Thomas, Don Harris, and Missy Duncan present.

| <u>Company Name</u> | <u>Bid</u> |
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| 1. Southeast First National Bank 10144 Commerce Street Summerville, GA 30747 | 6mths at 4.00% rate 4.04% APY or 1 year at 4.00% rate 4.00% APY |

After discussion, Don Harris made a motion to purchase one CD for \$500,000.00 for 6 months at 4.04%. Cindy Anderson gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

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

Mayor Thomas advised that during the First Reading Council would like to amend the ordinance to add compensation for attendance at Special Called Meetings. I need a motion to amend the ordinance and the dollar amount for this compensation. Don Harris made a motion with a second from Jeff Wilson to amend the ordinance and the compensation be set at \$200.00 per Special Called Meeting. Passed unanimously.

Jeff Wilson made a motion to approve the second reading with the amendment. Mickey McGraw gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

Approval form Council Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Document for Closing with the Robert McQuese Transaction:

Mayor Thomas advised this is an agreement between the Town of Trion and Robert McQuese, and I need authorization to execute the agreement. Don Harris made a motion to give Mayor Thomas authorization to sign the agreement. Cindy Anderson gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

Authorize Condemnation Proceedings Against the Cisco Property:

Mayor Thomas let us know this was for authorization for our Town Attorney, Chris Corbin, to proceed with the condemnation proceeding against Christopher D. Sisco, Jr. Becky McWhorter made a motion with a second from Mickey McGraw to proceed with the condemnation. Passed unanimously.

Move the Mayor’s Spending Limit from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00:

This item is to allow Mayor Thomas to be able to spend up to \$10,000.00 prior to coming before the Council. Don Harris made a motion to approve the new spending limit to \$10,000.00. This motion received a second from Mickey McGraw. Passed unanimously.

Council and Mayor Comments:

Jeff Wilson – I am glad to see all of y’all. We haven’t had this many people at meeting since we put water meters in the town. It’s an honor that all you came, thank you.

Becky McWhorter – Yes, it’s an honor for the Maddux family. It’s good to see all of y’all.

Mickey McGraw – It is good to see all of the Maddux family, I appreciate all of y’all for coming. The department heads are doing a great job with their monthly reports. Chief you’re doing a great job, Chris keep up the good work, and Missy thanks for all you do; I really appreciate it. Thank all of y’all.

Cindy Anderson – Yes, I have been hearing so many positive comments on all of the department heads. Mr. Maddux, as I am used to calling you. It’s really great to see you and all of your family for coming out.

Don Harris – Thank y’all all for coming. I am glad to see all of y’all come out and support each other. Thanks, Chris, for all your doing.

Lanny Thomas – It’s been an interesting month; I think we got a lot accomplished. I appreciate the fact that the council and myself are able to have a good relationship. We are able to talk to one another and communicate, so I really appreciate the relationship I have with each and every one of these council members. Mr. Maddux, thank you for what you have done and for what you have meant to this community and showing up here today with your family. Thank all of y’all.

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

MAYOR

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