

**TOWN OF TRION**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**May 25, 2023**

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

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Chris Mosley, Peyton Elliott, Mike Hughes, John Pardo, Charles Akery, 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 asks that the Agenda, April Minutes, and March Financial Reports be approved by general consent. All were in agreement.

**Old Business:**

Mayor Pro Tem advised we had no old business.

**New Business:**

**Permission for Mayor to Request from the State Legislature for an increase in the Hotel/Motel tax from 3% to 8%:**

Mayor Thomas advised he needed permission to send to State Legislature asking to increase our Hotel/Motel tax rate from 3% to 8%. Don Harris made a motion with a second from Cindy Anderson to approve Mayor Thomas to seek to increase our Hotel/Motel tax. Passed unanimously.

**Bid on Renovation to Front Door of Recreation Building:**

Mayor Thomas let everyone know we received one quote from the Glass Doctor for an ending price of \$13,857.64. Mickey McGraw made a motion to approve getting some new doors at the recreation center for \$13,857.64. Jeff Wilson gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

**Bid on Automated Meter Reading (AMR):**

The sealed bids were opened at a public meeting on May 16, 2023, at 10:00a.m. with Mayor Thomas, Mike Hughes, and Missy Duncan present.

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Bid</u>
1. United Systems & Software, Inc.	Start up only with 100 meters For \$21,000.00 or a full system For \$209,495.00

After discussion, Don Harris made a motion to postpone/table this item until our next meeting. Mickey McGraw gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

**Change date of Council Regular Meeting in June from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup>:**

Mayor Thomas explained we needed to change our next scheduled meeting date from June 22<sup>nd</sup> to June 15<sup>th</sup> due to GMA Annual Convention Training. Mickey McGraw made a motion with a second from Don Harris to change our meeting date to June the 15<sup>th</sup>. Passed unanimously.

**Executive Session – Real Estate & Personnel:**

At 6:12 pm, Don Harris made a motion with a second from Becky McWhorter to go into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate and Personnel. Passed unanimously.

At 6:24 pm, Mickey McGraw made a motion with a second from Becky McWhorter to come out of Executive Session. Passed unanimously.

Don Harris made a motion to authorize the mayor to sell Brian Patel 2 acres of property in the industrial park for \$70,000.00 and authorize Mayor and Town Clerk to sign all paperwork necessary for this sale. Jeff Wilson gave this motion a second. Passed unanimously.

**Council and Mayor Comments:**

Jeff Wilson – So much to be said with everybody doing such a great job. We are all going in the right direction.

Becky McWhorter – I wanted to say what a great job Brandon Croy, Don Harris, Glenn Emery, and David Gilleland done for the Veteran’s fund raiser. They had a big turn out and done a wonderful job. Thank you.

Mickey McGraw – Same here for me. Thank you to everyone for doing a great job.

Cindy Anderson – I agree! I would like to say that I did not realize how much Don Harris does for Veterans before I joined the committee. Don does so much for the Veterans and Town Veterans Committee, thank you so much.

Don Harris – We’ve got a good committee that puts in a lot of time. With that being said, I would like to invite everybody out on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 1pm for our Veterans

Ceremony. Also, I would like to add that Trion does support what we do. I would like to say thank you to the Mayor and Council and everyone for putting up the flags down at park.

Lanny Thomas – Everybody loves and pays attention to the flags. I even received a text today that one had fallen and needed attention. As for an update on the Rec Building everything is coming along with the upgrades to the locker/bathrooms. If you get a chance, you need to go by there and see how great it's looking. We had someone come and work on our splash pad. They are not having a lot of luck getting the old paint up, but we are going to open the splash pad soon. Talk about our hard-working employees, they have been working on Hurley Park with all of the trees and watering them everyday keeping them alive. Also, we have the Chattooga River Fest on June 10<sup>th</sup> and we have been putting in a lot of work on getting things together for it. Tomorrow night is graduation for both Trion and Chattooga High School, and we want to wish all of them good luck. I would also like to ask for continued prayers for the Vaughn family dealing with the devastating loss of a 19-year-old young man still with a full of life a head of him. He was so full of joy, I taught him, and Cindy knew him well too. A great loss there let's keep this family in our prayers.

At 6:29p.m., a motion was made by Don Harris and seconded by Cindy Anderson to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

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