

**TROY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019, 5:00 PM**

The Town of Troy Board of Commissioners met in the Board Room of the Troy Town Hall with Mayor Sherri Harris Allgood presiding.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Allgood, Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Hamilton, Commissioners Kayren Brantley, Wallace Jones and Damon Prince.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Comm. Elkins was absent.

**TOWN STAFF PRESENT:** Manager Greg Zephir, Clerk/Finance Officer Cathy Maness and Interim-Police Chief James Atkins, Lieutenant Robbie Penny, Sgt. Joe Lawing and patrol officers.

**MEDIA PRESENT:** Tammy Dunn with the Montgomery Herald

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mario Marshall, Louise Bennett, Lee Proctor, Craig Jones, Cindy Flowers, Mr. & Mrs. Darren Shopbell and a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade group of Troy Elementary School students were present to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Allgood called the meeting to order and Mayor Pro Tem Hamilton gave the invocation. Mayor Allgood recognized the group from Troy Elementary School that were present to assist with leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**WELCOME AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:** Mayor Allgood welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**MINUTES** of the September meeting were approved as amended on motion by Comm. Jones and second by Comm. Brantley. All voted approval.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Mayor Allgood opened the public forum for comments. No one was present with comments.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**AMENDED AUDIT CONTRACT: TIME EXTENSION:**

Mayor Allgood stated staff is requesting approval from the board to amend the current audit contract, in which the date of the contract would be amended to December 31, 2019. The town performs an additional audit feature each year with CAFR reporting, which takes additional time. The state requires that the initial audit contract state a completion date of October 31<sup>st</sup>. However, recognizing that the town completes this additional auditing procedure the state allows for the extended time. Comm. Jones made the motion to approve the consent agenda (amended audit contract) as recommended by staff. Mayor Pro Tem Hamilton seconded the motion and all voted approval.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

- During the November meeting staff along with invited guest proposed to the board a smoking policy that would prohibit smoking in town buildings, vehicles and grounds. Since that meeting staff and the local public health officials have been working to craft the ordinance for the board's review, consideration and possible approval. The wording in the ordinance has been completed and it is being reviewed by the town's attorney. The final document will be presented to the board at the end of this month for final consideration during the January meeting.
- In recent weeks town staff has received requests from both the county and the businesses located on Main Street regarding a proposal to implement 2-hour parking within the Main Street District. Town staff has been evaluating the request and believe that it is prudent to begin the discussion of such topic. During the upcoming weeks staff will be working on a parking proposal of which will be brought to the town board for discussion and consideration in January.
- A few months back staff brought to the board for their consideration and approval a proposal to submit for funding to assist in the removal of the pedestrian bridge that was damaged in Hurricane Florence. The grant that was submitted would allocate \$25,000 for planning and an additional \$3,000 for mitigation efforts. For its part the town would be responsible for 10% of the removal costs. The town has been informed that it was awarded this funding, and in addition, the matching 10% by the town will be picked up by the state. This means that the town will likely have no costs in the removal of this damaged bridge. Final documents have been sent to staff for review. These documents will be signed off on and returned by December 5<sup>th</sup>.
- During the last meeting staff presented to the board an update on the NCDOT sidewalk project and how the effects of the state not passing a budget has postponed this project. During the last 10 days staff has been approved to go out for bid on this project as a "mini budget" approved by the state legislature included this project's funding. The town, in conjunction with the project's engineers and grant managers, will prepare the bid packets for this project with a solicitation date to be in late December.

- Mgr. Zephir stated we are looking in starting a "community garden" on a 3-acre parcel on Blue Street. The Peabody Group will be the caretakers of the project. The Town will install a water line for irrigation of the garden before transfer of the property.
- The Town will be required by the state to have a Land Use Plan in place. We are working with the Town of Biscoe for this. There will be separate plans, but at the same time both towns will see a savings due to working together.
- Staff would like to take this time to thank all of those who assisted, sponsored, and coordinated the tree lighting event last week. The event was a total success with great attendance along with great spirit to kick off the holiday season. The town' public works, administration staff, police department, senior center, Main Street Committee, and the town board all played a role in seeing this event to being a success. In addition to this staff would also like to thank the Troy Police Department for their participation on No Shave November. Chief James Atkins will present the final totals from these efforts, and in addition, announce the next initiative that the Troy Police Department will be leading in the month of December.  
 --Chief Atkins was present with several of his officers to update the Board on their projects. They had the "No Shave" month that the officers contributed to along with others and these funds were given to two young children suffering from (1) a debilitating childhood disease and the 2<sup>nd</sup> from cancer. They presented each child with a badge and made them honorary members of the Troy Police Department. Chief Atkins had pictures of the children with the officers.  
 --Chief Atkins stated the department is sponsoring 15 children for the "take a kid shopping" that will happen next Saturday. They have raised funds to spend \$100 on each child along with purchasing food for each child's family for a Christmas dinner. The Board commended the Police Officers for their willingness to reach out and help people.
- **REMINDER TO THE BOARD: THE TROY FIRE DEPARTMENT CHRISTMAS DINNER WILL BEGIN AT 7:00 P.M. (DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>) WITH "THANK YOU PRESENTATION" BEGINNING AT 7:45 PM.**

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Comm. Jones asked where we are on the Williams Street water/sewer project. Mgr. Zephir stated the materials are on site and will hopefully be ready to start next week.

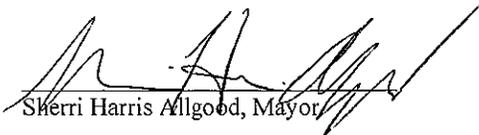
Comm. Jones asked were the Town is on the signage on the by-pass. Mgr. Zephir stated we have identified all the locations for the signs, waiting on state approval. The signs are ordered.

Comm. Brantley asked if we know when the highway project will be completed. Mgr. Zephir stated it was supposed to be a year ago and the contractor is working under liquidated damages now.

The next meeting will be January 6, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 5:22 pm on motion by Comm. Brantley with second by Mayor Pro Tem Hamilton. All voted approval

Respectively submitted,



Sherri Harris Allgood, Mayor



Cathy M. Maness, Clerk