

**TROY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020, 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, Angela Elkins, Wallace Jones and Damon Prince (on the telephone).

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: No one was absent.

TOWN STAFF PRESENT: Manager Greg Zephir, Clerk/Finance Officer Cathy Maness and Police Lieutenant Robbie Penny

MEDIA PRESENT: Tammy Dunn with the Montgomery Herald

OTHERS PRESENT: David Allgood, Norma Lynthacum, Kathy Blackwelder, Craig Jones, Darren Shopbell and Louise Bennett.

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 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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

PUBLIC FORUM: Mayor Allgood opened the public forum for comments. Ms. Kathy Blackwelder stated there has been so much trouble on Crouch Street and Dennis Street – drugs, etc. It is dangerous there. Mrs. Lynthacum stated she lives on Eldorado Street and there are people living in tents in that area (Crouch and Dennis) behind her. Mgr. Zephir stated we will look at these issues.

MINUTES of the March meeting were approved as written on motion by Comm. Elkins and second by Mayor Pro Tem Hamilton. All voted approval.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. **INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (IDF) GRANT:** The Town of Troy received an Industrial Development Fund Grant as it relates to the Ameriquel expansion project. In order to create and send reports and reimbursement requests to the North Carolina Department of Commerce, staff is requesting that the town manager and finance director be officially listed on the grant signature card.
- B. **COMPLIANCE PLANS – CDBG PROJECTS:** Staff is requesting the approval of a town resolution as it relates to the adoption of compliance plans regarding the town's CDBG projects. The plans have been, currently, and would be used broadly in the future as it relates to current and future CDBG projects.
- C. **INTERIM BUDGET CONTINUING RESOLUTION-SET PUBLIC HEARING:** Staff is requesting that the board set a public hearing date on June 1, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. as it relates to the staff's request for a continuing resolution for the upcoming 2020/2021 budget. Due to the delay in the revaluation of properties by the county, as a result of COVID-19, staff will be unable to provide the town council a proposed budget for the fiscal year 20/21. The continuing resolution would allow for the budgeted expenses in the fiscal year 19/20 budget to continue for a period of 90 days, beginning July 1st.
- D. **AUDIT CONTRACT-2019/2020:** This proposed audit contract for FY 2019/2020 with W. R. Huneycutt, CPA and has no increase from the previous year - \$21,000.

The consent agenda was approved as presented on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Hamilton and second by Comm. Brantley. All voted approval.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- During the last 60 days the town has nearly completed the sewer and water replacement project, CDBG 16-I-2929. The construction crews still have a several punch lists items to take care, such as repairing any damaged yards, fencing, or any other damages. In addition to these final items, crews have begun to prepare the roads in the project area to be repaved. Paving is expected to begin within the next 10 days in the project area of South Russell Street, Barnhill Street and Williams Street.
- While the paving crews are on site to complete the CDGB project, staff has made arrangements for additional paving to be completed, due to the cost savings of hauling and transportation of equipment. The additional roads that will be paved will be South Russell Street (from Zion Road to East Fairgrounds), North Pearl Street (NC 24/27 business to East Spring Street), and South Elm Street (Barnhill Street to East Spring Street).
- Construction on the town directional signage along the bypass has begun. Concrete foundations have been poured with the pole installation expected to be completed in the upcoming week. When the construction and installation are complete, they will be located in both directions at the Glenn Road, Page Street, Pekin Road, and western connector entrances to the town. The signs will list places of

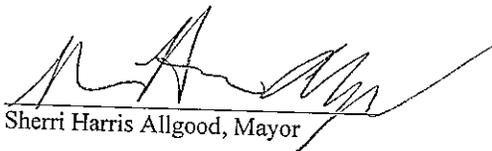
interest within the town, as NCDOT regulations do not allow for specific business names and logos except at elevated exits. We have only one elevated exit located at Troy-Candor Road/

- Staff has been working over the last several weeks to complete grant applications that would enhance the main street/downtown area as well as provide connectivity along the town's trail systems.
 - Two of the grant requests are for AARP funding that would allow for the construction and installation of wi-fi and speaker systems along the downtown business district and for the construction of a permanent farmer's market structure to be located behind the town hall. Both of these grants would provide added amenities to those that visit the downtown area and costs the town nothing in matching grants.
 - The third grant application that staff has been working to complete is a trail grant application that would allow for the construction of connector apparatus in order to connect the town's trail system at old low water bridge near the Glenn Road trail head. The trail at one time had been connected, however, in order to allow for fish to travel upstream of Densons Creek to spawn U.S. Fish and Wildlife removed the old concrete bridge. The trail's grant would require a 25% match; however, staff believes that it can secure additional funding that would cover this match, thus not requiring any town dollars.
- It is expected that the governor's executive order relating to "Stay at Home" will end on May 8th, beginning a three (3) phase approach to opening all aspects of the economy, entertainment, and recreational opportunity for citizens. The lifting of restriction of large gatherings is not expected to occur until after July 1st. With this understanding the town events that were planned for May and June are having to be rescheduled. This would include Troyfest as well. Having to reschedule the events is not something that is being taken lightly, and staff is working on plans to not only reschedule the entertainment events, but to also enhance scheduled fall events to make up for the lost of Troyfest. By cancelling the events now, the town now has the ability to reschedule musical acts and the firework show to a future date before the end of the calendar year. Staff will provide updates to the board in the next few weeks about proposed alternatives.
- With the upcoming expected end to the governor's executive order, staff is beginning to implement reopening of the town operations. Beginning May 11th, staff is proposing to re-open town facilities to the public. It is also being proposed that with regards to the town hall only 1 person at a time be allowed in the reception area and that any person coming into the building be required to wear a mask. Staff will also be required to wear a mask when interacting with citizens and customers. It is still being proposed that the Senior Center continue to operate as it has been for at least a few more weeks. Staff understands that there are many seniors who are wanting the center to reopen, however, cases in North Carolina continue to increase, and as a precaution staff feels waiting a little longer will keep seniors safe.
- **DATES TO REMEMBER: All social events in May have been cancelled.**

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mayor Allgood asked if there were any comments/reports from the Council. Comm. Prince (over the phone) asked if the Town could honor the Montgomery County graduating seniors by placing their pictures on the new digital video board. Mgr. Zephir stated he would reach out to the schools to see if pictures are available.

The meeting adjourned at 5:19 PM on motion by Comm. Brantley and second by Comm. Elkins. All voted approval.


Sherri Harris Allgood, Mayor

Respectively submitted,


Cathy M. Maness, Clerk