

**TROY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 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.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: No one was absent.

TOWN STAFF PRESENT: Manager Greg Zephir, Clerk/Finance Officer Cathy Maness and Police Chief James Atkins, Administrative Assistants Dylan Powell and Meghan Bishop.

MEDIA PRESENT: Tammy Dunn with the Montgomery Herald

OTHERS PRESENT: David Allgood, Craig Jones, Darren Shopbell, Dana Dawson and Terry Crews.

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. Col. Terry Crews asked who is staff (referring to the agenda recommendations). Mayor Allgood stated staff is referring to Manager Zephir and his staff.

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

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONTINUING RESOLUTION OF FY 19/20 BUDGET EXTENSION: Mayor Allgood stated this a properly advertised public hearing to receive public input as it pertains to the consideration of a continuing resolution extending the current fiscal year's budget for 90 days. The town is required to have a balanced budget passed by June 30th. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the county's revaluation process was stalled. This has created an issue with creating a budget due to the unknown of property valuations, of which the tax rate is set. This continuing resolution would allow the town to operate for a period of 90 days utilizing the same expenditure line items as the fiscal year 2019-2020 budget year. Mayor Allgood opened the public hearing for comments. No one was present with comments. The public hearing was closed

PUBLIC HEARING FOR INTENT TO APPLY FOR CDBG COVID-19 FUNDING FOR BROADBAND AND WI-FI ALONG THE MAIN STREET BUSINESS DISTRICT: Mayor Allgood stated the Town has been informed about the availability of grant funding that could be utilized to address an issue that the Town has, which is the availability of highspeed broadband and wi-fi access. This public hearing is the first of two that are required for the Town to successfully submit an application requesting funding. If, after this public hearing, there are no objections from the Board, staff will begin the necessary documentation of a formal application for preparation of the 2nd public hearing. Mayor Allgood opened the public hearing for comments on the CDBG COVID-19 Broadband grant. No one was present with comments and the public hearing was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. **CONTINUING RESOLUTION FOR 90-DAY BUDGET EXTENSION:** Mayor Allgood stated this 90-Day budget will allow for town operations to continue until September 30th, by which time a formal 2020-2021 Budget will be submitted to the Board for consideration.
- B. **2020-2021 MAIN STREET LICENSE AGREEMENT:** Mayor Allgood stated staff is requesting the approval of the annual Main Street licensing agreement, which is required to maintain the Town's National Main Street affiliation status.
- C. **BILHEN PUMP STATION/SEWER COLLECTION CAPITAL PROJECT AMENDMENT:** Mayor Allgood stated that when the Town was originally awarded funding for the Bilhen Pump station replacement project, the total project budget was \$490,000. The new award for this project included a much larger pump station before and the replacement and upsizing of a force main collection line that services the western portion of town. Due to the increased scope of the project, the amount of grant funding awarded to the town and the overall cost of the project, staff is requesting that the capital project budget be amended 1.4 million.
- D. **REQUEST PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 6TH FOR 2ND CDBG PUBLIC HEARING FOR COVID-19 GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION:** Mayor Allgood stated this is the second of two required public hearings for this grant.
- E. **RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR FUNDING TO REPLACE WATER MAIN ON HWY 24-27 EAST.** This line is over 40 years old and has continuous problems.

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

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- A. During the past month, staff and its contractors have been able to complete the installation of the new directional signs that are located on the bypass. This project definitely took more time than originally anticipated; however, it is believed that the finished project will serve the town well. Town staff is still working on the "blue signage" which would be located on the Troy-Candor Road exit. This is the type of signage that lists "Fuel, Lodging, Attractions, and Food". NC DOT has specific criteria and guidelines as it pertains to signage. Staff is attempting to ensure that all the signs that are available to direct motorists to the town are installed. As a side note, there are two (2) more "Welcome to Troy" signs that have been approved for encroachment by NC DOT. These signs will be constructed over the next 6 weeks and the costs of these signs and installation (except the cost of the concrete work needed for footings) is being donated to the Town.
- B. Staff is happy to announce that the Troy Fire Department has been awarded a Department of Insurance matching grant in the amount of \$16,730 dollars. This funding, matched with local dollars, will allow for the acquisition of seven (7) sets of turnout gear, one (1) thermal imager, and one (1) radio.
- C. Town staff, the Town's contractors, and the Town's Planning and Zoning Board have been making good progress on the creation of the Town's comprehensive land use plan. A lot of work has already been completed on this project, with a lot of work still to be completed. It is anticipated that a proposed plan will be submitted to the Board for its consideration in late September or early October.
- D. As has been reported over the last few days, but the county as a whole has surpassed 100 COVID-19 cases with (at the time of this writing) four deaths. The Town, like the rest of the state, are under Phase 2 of reopening. It is expected that Phase 3 will begin, at the earliest, June 26th, but indications are more focused on a July 3rd date. As a result of these orders by the governor, the Town has had to cancel the Town events that were scheduled for June. While Troyfest has been cancelled, and after a community poll (overwhelmingly in favor of having the fireworks), the fireworks demonstration will still happen on June 27th. Staff is working on all the logistics as it pertains to setting up viewing areas, and will have more details within the next couple of weeks. With an anticipated July 3rd date for Phase 3 (which pertains to larger gatherings) staff has been working on scheduling events, which would be hosted at the amphitheater. These events may very well have to be amended or cancelled, however, with so much unknown, staff is working to at least be prepared to host these events if allowed to.

- **DATES TO REMEMBER: All social events in June have been cancelled.**

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Comm. Prince stated he was approached by an individual to petition the town to become a "Purple Heart Town". Biscoe has already done this and Mt. Gilead is looking at this as well.

Comm. Prince mentioned the Montgomery County Hall of Honor on the school website. They are asking for nominations to submit for this.

Comm. Elkins stated she has received a lot of positive feedback on the Hwy 24-27 signage.

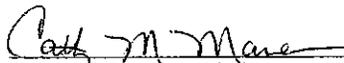
Comm. Prince stated he has received positive feedback on the digital board.

Mayor Allgood stated we need to send out our prayers for police officer during this time. We have so many good things happening in our town.

The meeting recessed at 5:24 PM until June 15, 2020 at 5:00 PM on motion by Comm. Elkins and second by Comm. Brantley. All voted approval.


Sherri Harris Allgood, Mayor

Respectively submitted,


Cathy M. Maness, Clerk