

TROY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 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, Police Officer Samantha Allen and Assistant to Manager Dylan Powell.

MEDIA PRESENT: Tammy Dunn with the Montgomery Herald

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mayor Elect - Craig Jones, County Commissioner Elect – Dana Dawson, Brian Helms, Easter Butler, David Allgood, the family of Samantha Allen and the family of Jeffron Butler.

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. No one was present with comments. Easter Butler stated she lives on Roswell Street and has concerns about the creek that runs by her house. She stated that she has spoken with Mgr. Zephir and he coming tomorrow to look at and clean up the area. Mayor Allgood stated we are aware of the problem.

Mayor Allgood read the following Proclamation Honoring Mr. Jeffron Butler. She presented the proclamation to the family of Mr. Butler. Comm. Jones stated he was saddened to hear of Mr. Butler's passing. He and Mr. Butler had been classmates.

Proclamation

Office of Mayor Sherri Harris Allgood, *Town of Troy, NC*

Honoring the

Life and Legacy of Jeffron L. Butler

Whereas, on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Troy, it is my pleasure to offer this Proclamation honoring the Life and Legacy of Jeffron L. Butler for his service to our town and our country; and,

Whereas, Jeffron L. Butler was born in Troy, North Carolina and entered Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina and later attended 91B (Combat Medic) training at Fort Sam Houston with a follow on assignment to presidio, San Francisco, California for 91C (Clinical Specialist) School; and,

Whereas, Jeffron L. Butler served as a Line Medic in the First/Eleventh Field Artillery in Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Squad Medic Third/Fifteenth Infantry, Ranger Support Battalion, Fort Benning, Georgia; Platoon Sergeant, Second Armored Cavalry Regiment; Cadre Sergeant, Seventh Army Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, Bad Tolz, West Germany; and,

Whereas, Jeffron L. Butler served as Chief Wardmaster and Platoon Sergeant in the Seventh Medical Battalion; Instructor in 91B (Combat Medic), Academy of Health Sciences in Fort Sam, Houston, Texas; Non-commissioned Officer in Charge, Nursing Education/Staff Development-Brooke Army Medical Center; Chief Wardmaster, United States of America, Medical Department Activity, Panama; and,

Whereas, Jeffron L. Butler served as Chief Clinical Sergeant Major, Great Plains Regional Medical Command; Sergeant Major and Senior Enlisted Advisor- Health Policy and Service; Enlisted Consultant to the Office of the Surgeon General on all clinical affairs; and,

Whereas, Jeffron L. Butler was Command Sergeant Major of the Forty-first Combat Support Hospital (Professional Filler System), Fort Sam, Houston, Texas; Command Sergeant Major One Hundred Forty Seventh Medial Logistics Battalion, Fort Sam, Houston, Texas; Command Sergeant Major, First Medical Brigade, Thirteenth Corps Support Command, Fort Hood, Texas; and,

Whereas, Jeffron L. Butler was deployed the First Medical Brigade, consisting of more than 5000 soldiers to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He retired from the Army in November 2004, with more than 30 years of active service; and,

Whereas, Jeffron L. Butler received numerous awards, including Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Five Meritorious Service Medals, Two Army Commendation Medals, Two Army Achievement Medals, Global War on Terrorism, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Nine Army Good Conduct Medals, Two Overseas Service Medals, Non-Commissioned Officer Development Ribbon (Number Four), National Defense Service Medal (Two Bronze Stars); and,

Whereas, Jeffron L. Butler loved his medical career in the Army, his family, and the people in his hometown in Troy, North Carolina. As a historian, he was well versed in the history of Montgomery County, North Carolina and used his inquisitive

mind to document his family ancestry in two books. He was instrumental in starting the Peabody Museum located off South Main Street in Troy, North Carolina.

Now therefore, I, Sherri Harris Allgood, the 12th Mayor the Town of Troy, North Carolina, do hereby offer this Proclamation honoring the Life and Legacy of Jeffron L. Butler. I encourage all residents of the Town of Troy, North Carolina to join me in solemn remembrance and reflection on the life of Jeffron L. Butler and the contributions he made to the Town of Troy, North Carolina.

In witness thereof, I have set my hand and caused the Corporate Seal of the Town of Troy, North Carolina to be affixed on this 9th day of November in the year 2020.


Mayor Sherri Harris Allgood

SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICER: Police Chief James Atkins state we have a new police officer to be sworn in – Samantha Allen. He added that we are excited to have Samantha on board. Town Clerk Cathy Maness swore in Ms. Allen as the newest Troy Police Officer.

MINUTES of September meetings were approved as written on motion by Comm. Jones and second by Comm. Elkins. All voted approval.

CONSENT AGENDA: No items at this time.

PUMP STATION – BILHEN STREET PROJECT: Mgr. Zephir stated this is Phase III of our Bilhen Street Pump Station Project. we went out for bids on the construction administrations and construction observation for the Bilhen Street Pump Station Project. Withers & Ravenel was the winning bid in amount of \$34,200. The contract was approved on motion by Comm. Elkins and second by Comm. Brantley. All voted approval. Mgr. Zephir stated Phase I is set to begin mid-December.

DE-ANNEXATION REQUEST: Mr. Roy Burchett, of 277 Poole Road, resides on a property that was annexed into the town in the 1990's when the town purchased the land for a potential industrial site. Several years later the town would relinquish ownership of this property in lieu of property where the current industrial park sits. Mr. Burchett purchased this property in 2018. This property is the only piece of property, within a larger tract, that is listed within the town's corporate limits. Mr. Burchett utilizes county water and does not have town sewer or town garbage, leaf, limb collection. Mr. Burchett has requested to be de-annexed from the town and reimbursed for taxes paid in 2018 until the current time. In order for property to be de-annexed from municipal limits the town board would have to approve a resolution requesting that the North Carolina General Assembly approve this action. De-annexation, in the most general sense, is not something municipalities nor the legislature endorses as a prudent act. However, considering this situation in this particular case the town manager does not see it as an issue to request from the legislature to approve Mr. Burchett's request. The tax reimbursement is not something that should be considered due to the fact that the property is in town limits, only the de-annexation request. If the town board does decide to approve this request, that is no guarantee that the legislature will approve as well. Comm. Prince asked if Mr. Burchett thinks he will get reimbursement on what was previously paid. Mgr. Zephir stated he explained that his property was in town and he would not get a refund for past years and that there is no guarantee what the legislature will do. Mayor Allgood asked if Mr. Burchett could get trash pick up until then. Mgr. Zephir stated he talked to Mr. Burchett about this and he had no interest in that. Comm. Jones stated if we do this for him, we will get more requests. Mgr. Zephir stated the biggest issue is sewer. Mayor Allgood asked if there is any chance of getting water and sewer to his property. Mgr. Zephir stated it would take 30 years to repay the cost of running sewer to his property. Comm. Elkins state we would need to look closely at the costs. Comm. Jones stated the cost for running the sewer to one house is fair consideration. Mayor Pro Tem Hamilton made the motion to turn the request for de-annexation over to the legislature for final approval or denial. Comm. Brantley seconded the motion and all voted approval.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- During the last couple of weeks, the town has been working with its contractors to complete the resurfacing project that was approved during the budget approval process. Nearly all of the planned roads have been completed, with the exception of about five, which will be completed within the next week.
- Public Works during the last few weeks have been working on a few projects, including the downtown directional sign project, the new story board project, and the preparations needed for decorating the town for the holidays. All of the materials are ready to go for the signs and story boards to be installed, the town is waiting on the encroachments from NCDOT. Staff from DOT were in town last week doing their final inspections, meaning the proper approvals should be in hand within the next week to 10 days.
- The town's administrative department has been working with the town's engineers and its contractors to begin construction on the Bilhen pump station replacement project. The award

notification and approval to start have been issued to the contractors. The pumps and materials have been ordered by the contractor and they anticipate beginning construction around the third week of December. This would be phase 1 of this project, with phase two comprising of the replacement of the force main between the Wadeville pump station and the new Bilhen pump station.

- The town staff is working on a modified version of the Annual Tree Lighting events, in attempt to maintain with the town's tradition but doing so in a safe manner. During the board meeting the town manager will present the concept for this event for board input and approval.

Mgr. Zephir stated the Troy Fire Dept. will have the flag flying next to Town Hall for Veteran's Day.


DATES TO REMEMBER: November 11th – Town Offices will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day
November 25th – 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. on Main Street – Modified Version of the Annual
Tree-Lighting Event
November 26th and 27th – Town Offices will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving


MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Comm. Jones commended the Town Manager and Staff for continuing the events. He received many good comments on the Drive-Thru Trunk or Treat. Most places were cancelling everything. Comm. Prince stated his rough estimate was between 500 and 535 cars that came through for Trunk or Treat. Comm. Elkins stated we had a good event on the Friday before. It was well received.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM on motion by Comm. Jones and second by Comm. Elkins. All voted approval.

Respectively submitted,


Sherri Harris Allgood, Mayor


Cathy M. Maness, Clerk