

**TROY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021, 5:00 PM**

The Town of Troy Board of Commissioners met in the Board Room of the Troy Town Hall with Mayor Craig Jones presiding.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Jones, Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Hamilton, Commissioners Kayren Brantley, Angela A Elkins, Wallace Jones and Damon Prince.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: No one was absent.

TOWN STAFF PRESENT: Clerk/Finance Officer Cathy Maness, Neal Duncan-Troy Parks and Recreation Director (working through Americorp) and Police Chief James Atkins.

MEDIA PRESENT: Tammy Dunn with the Montgomery Herald.

OTHERS PRESENT: Terry Crews, County Commissioner Dana Dawson and Ray Dawson, Marcus Horton, Louise Bennett and Bridget Bennett.

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Jones called the meeting to order and Mayor Pro Tem Hamilton gave the invocation. Mayor Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance to

WELCOME: Mayor Jones welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM: Bridget Bennett, resident of South Russell Street appeared before the Board to ask for help with the "drug house" on the corner of South Russell and Zion Streets. Ms. Bennett stated she has called the landlord about the problems and he will not do anything. She has argued with the tenants for five years. They are partying from 5 pm to 2-3 am. Mayor Jones stated he had met with Mrs. Louise Bennett about this issue and arranged for a police car to patrol this area more often. Mrs. Louise Bennett stated they tenants have put a party shed down there now, with loud music, cars in and out, people walking up and down the street. The patrol car occasionally comes through during the day, however they never drive through after 5 pm. Mrs. Bennett stated she has to pick up bottles and cans off of her property. Comm. Prince asked if the property owner lives out of town? Ms. Bridget Bennett stated he does. Comm. Jones asked what the address is for the problem property, Mgr. Zephir stated it is Ernest Little and his wife Michelle that live at 401 S. Russell Street. The owner lives out of town. The Town had a court order for the Sheriff to remove the manufactured home at one time. Mayor Jones informed Ms. Bridget and Mrs. Louise Bennett that we will address the issue and get back with them.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

No items for consideration on the Consent Agenda.

MAYOR'S RECOGNITION AFRA AWARD FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING-: Mayor Jones stated we need to recognize the Finance Director and staff for their hard work in being awarded the Comprehensive Annual Financial Reporting Award from the Government Finance Officers Association.

SUPPORT FOR NC 109 BUSINESS DESIGNATION: Mayor Jones stated we have had several incidents where large transport trucks have tried to make a right hand turn on to NC 109 Business (Smitherman Street) off of NC 134. Mgr. Zephir stated these attempts have resulted in fire hydrant damage, which also caused damage to a neighboring business, damage to the Crosswalk sign, and damage to the hand rail leading down the steps. Approximately six (6) weeks ago the town reached out to NCDOT to determine how this problem could be solved. NCDOT has contacted the town and will be assisting in installing signage that details "NO Right Turns of Tractor Trailers". In addition to this, NCDOT has asked for the board's consideration and support to remove the NC 109 Business designation from the current street, and instead, maintain the street name as Smitherman Street, which will remain part of the state's-maintained road system. This maneuver will allow the state to work with GPS programs such as Google Maps to remove the road as an option for large trucks. The updates would lead the trucks to NC 24/27 business. The town manager is recommending the board vote to support this move in order to alleviate the potential for any further damage, including the possibility of damage to the Hotel Troy building, town sidewalk infrastructure, and damage to human life. After further discussion, Comm. Jones made the motion with second by Comm. Brantley to support the state's removal of the NC 109 Business designation from Smitherman Street and instead maintain the street name as Smitherman Street. All voted approval.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. During previous meetings the town board authorized the expenditure for the speed humps that would be installed to assist in the traffic violations many neighborhoods were seeing. The devices have been ordered, and much like everything else, there is delays in shipping. Once they calming devices have been delivered, they will immediately be installed.

B. During the November board meeting there was a conversation about the allowance of chickens in town limits. The board stated they would ask the town manager to look into this and report back. Due to

illness the manager did not return to work until mid-November. The town manager is working with the planning director on this topic and will report back to the board during its's February meeting.

C. During the last six months Mayor Jones and the town's EDC have been communicating with NCDOT about the need for crosswalks at NC 134 and NC 24/27 business and NC 24/27 Business and NC 109 Business near Bojangles. The town has been notified that in the coming months the crosswalk at the NC 134 and NC 24/27 business will be under construction. In addition, NCDOT is in the process of acquiring right of ways near Bojangles in order to construct sidewalks that will be needed for the new crosswalk. This should take place in the coming months as well.

D. The town's EDC along with members of the town board and staff have been working with the proprietors of Magnolia 23 about bringing a 2nd restaurant to Troy. During the past two weeks the town has been notified that the new restaurant will in fact be locating to Troy with an opening date of February 1st. In addition to this news, the town's planning director has been in conversation with two (2) new specialty shops and boutiques about locating to Troy. Site visits and evaluations are occurring now with the hopes of having these two businesses become part of the Troy community.

E. The Town of Troy has been notified that as a part of the recently enacted state budget, funds for park renovation have been allocated for the town. The funds, totaling \$220,000, will be used to update and improve Peabody Park, Blair Park, with some funding being used for the construction of a new Farmer's Market. The Farmer's Market would be located on the property behind town hall, where debris and the building are being cleaned and set for removal.

F. DATES TO REMEMBER:

December 21st – Friends of Troy Christmas Day Dinner – take out (1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.)

December 22nd – 12:00 p.m. Employee Christmas Lunch

December 23rd – 27th – Town Offices closed in observance of Christmas

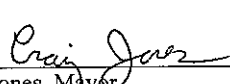
December 31st – Town offices closed in observance of New Year's

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Mayor Jones stated we have a new manager at the golf course – Tim Ritter. Mr. Ritter was not given a timeline, however we told him that we needed to see improvement. He seems committed to improving the golf complex and will keep us posted. Comm. Jones thanked Mayor Jones and Manager Zephir for doing what we asked – to find a solution. Comm. Jones stated he met Mr. Ritter and he seems committed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectively submitted,



Craig Jones, Mayor



Cathy M. Maness, Clerk