

**TROY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022, 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: Town Manager Greg Zephir, 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, Cato Kelly and Edith Smith.

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.

WELCOME: Mayor Jones welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM: Edith Smith of 315 Princess Street was present to request speed bumps between Princess and Queen Street, behind the old ice plant. She stated there are many kids playing along there and the Children at Play signs are not helping. Mgr. Zephir stated we have installed speed bumps in some areas already and we have a few more to install. We will get another order in to have more for other areas. Ms. Smith asked when the additional streetlight will be installed. Mgr. Zephir stated he talked to Duke Energy last week and it should be installed soon.

MINUTES of January's regular meeting were approved as written on motion by Comm. Elkins with second by Comm. Brantley. All voted approval. Minutes of the closed session were approved as written on motion by Comm. Elkins with second by Comm. Prince. All voted approval.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Jones presented the consent agenda for consideration.

- A. Staff is requesting approval to apply for grant funding for the town's fire department from the Department of Insurance. The grant program is a 50/50 matching grant program, with the local funding coming from the town's allocation received from the county. This year's request will be to complete the purchase of all updated radios and pagers for the fire department in addition to equipment to assist in responses of fires and accidents.
- B. Per the memo from the town's tax collector, Ms. Sherry Robinson, approval is being sought with regards to the advertising of delinquent taxes. General Statute 105-369(c) requires the town to post this notice at least once between March 1st and June 30th. Ms. Robinson is requesting approval to advertise on March 2nd.
- C. The town applied for and received a grant from Firehouse Sups Public Safety Foundation in the amount of \$23,706. This funding will be used for lifesaving AED equipment and training devices. Approval to accept this grant is being requested.
- D. The town received legislative funding in the amount of \$220,000 in this year's state budget. The funds are to be used for park improvements at Peabody Park, Blair Park and Main Street Projects. The project will cover the remaining portion of this fiscal year and into the next. The finance department is requesting the approval of a grant project ordinance, which will allow for these projects to commence and be paid for over the two fiscal years.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hamilton and second by Comm. Elkins, the Consent Agenda was approved as presented. All voted approval.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

- During the last meeting, the Board voted to agree to amend the sewer contract with the Montgomery County Board of Education once capital improvements were made, inspected, and approved by the town's engineer and town staff. Since that meeting, the board of education has agreed to terms by the town and a purchase order and agreement has been issued by the school system to the pump station contractors. The Town has not been given an updated timeline for project completion; however, it is anticipated that the project should be closed out and the release of contract will take place by the end of the fiscal year.
- It was reported during the last meeting that a property located at the corner of West Roswell and Dennis Street and the old "legion hut" located on East Clairmont Street was to be taken down during the month of January. Due to the periods of inclement weather that the town saw, there was a delay in getting the inspectors on the ground to test for asbestos. While delayed, the inspectors were finally able to inspect both buildings, and as anticipated, both buildings do have small areas of

asbestos. A licensed and certified asbestos removal expert has been contracted and the town is awaiting a schedule from them for when the abatement will occur. The contractor who will remove the building is on standby and ready to go once the asbestos is removed.

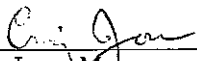
- During the past month the town issued a solicitation for bids as it relates to the repaving project at Lowe Warner Park, resurfacing of the walking trail and fencing of the property. The town did receive enough bids for the fencing but did not receive three (3) bids for paving. Due to the lack of bids for paving, the town did reissue the call for paving bids with a bid opening scheduled for 12:00 PM on February 11th. After that date, staff will bring back to the board, the winning bids for final approval. Mayor Pro Tem Hamilton asked if we have anything on the Senior Center addition yet? Mgr. Zephir stated we are looking to do a design build for the addition, and we hope to go out for bids in February.
- The town's public works staff, administration, engineers and consultants have been working and now have finalized the necessary plans and bid documents to be able to go out for Request for Proposals as it relates to the improvements and repairs at the wastewater treatment plant. Due to the funding coming from FEMA, the process for which to get to this point was more detailed and involved. However, the request for proposals will be uploaded to the state's purchasing system and advertised in the middle of this month, with award to take place during the April meeting.
- The Main Street committee has been working on a Troy Explorers program, which is scheduled to be released around the first of March. This program is geared as a family event, whereby kids can come by and get a sketch book and go around town to look for location markers at points of interest. Any child who successfully completes the task will receive a small keepsake. Parks & Rec. Director Neal Duncan stated the goal is to get kids (and parents) involved on Main Street. We are looking at a Saturday in March to hold a "Kick Off" event to get people out. Comm. Brantley stated she has walked the marker trail and it is approximately 1.5 miles. Mgr. Zephir stated they feel it will increase foot traffic downtown.
- **DATES TO REMEMBER:** No dates for this month.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS: Comm. Elkins stated the property looks good behind Town Hall since it has been cleared. Mgr. Zephir stated Mayor Jones headed that up. Mgr. Zephir stated the railroad (owner of the property) has asked that we wait till summer to ask for the land, then they will give it to us.

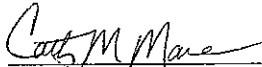
--Comm. Jones stated the speed bumps are 150% effective in slowing traffic. Mr. Cato Kelly stated he is glad to see them installed. Mgr. Zephir stated we still have some other areas to install speed bumps.

The meeting recessed at 5:35 PM until February 21st at 8:00 AM for the annual Budget Retreat.

Respectively submitted,



Craig Jones, Mayor



Cathy M. Maness, Clerk