

**TROY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 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, Dana Dawson – County Commissioner and Sally 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: No one was present.

MINUTES of February's meeting were approved as written on motion by Comm. Jones 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.

FISCAL YEAR 20-21 AUDIT PRESENTATION: Mgr. Zephir stated our auditor, Steve Hackett called just before the meeting began to inform us he had a flat tire on the way and will not make it to this meeting. He asked if we could move the audit presentation to the April meeting. The Board agreed.

CITIZEN REQUEST TO APPEAR BEFORE BOARD REGARDING CODE ISSUE: Mayor Jones welcomed Ms. Sally Smith to Troy. He stated Ms. Sally Smith, a resident of 504 East Main Street, is appearing before the board regarding a conflict with the town's code and a new fence that has been installed at her house. The town's code, which was adopted in spring of 2021, specifies requirements as it pertains to structures such as fencing. Ms. Smith stated she recently moved to Troy. She has dogs and likes her privacy. Ms. Smith stated the setbacks are fine for her fence, however the fence height is the issue. The fence builder did not get a permit before construction and the fence was installed prior to learning that the height of 5 feet was the maximum allowed. Five feet does not give privacy, nor is it a standard height for most fencing. Ms. Smith stated she did not imagine that it would be a problem. Mgr. Zephir stated the height is the issue with the fence. He stated that his recommendation is that we reach out to our plan design consultant for clarification on this issue and bring it back to the Board in April. Ms. Smith stated she spent a lot of money on the fence and her design is for it to fade into the background with plantings in front of it. The Board agreed with Comm. Elkins suggestion for Mgr. Zephir to research the fence issue and bring back to the Board with a recommendation.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Staff is requesting approval to accept a bid for the replacement of a HVAC unit at the fire department. The town received bids from two (2) local companies (Wallace and Dunn and Greenwell Heating and Cooling). The quotes are as follow:
 - A. Greenwell Heating and Cooling - \$10,240
 - B. Wallace and Dunn - \$9,328.00
2. Staff is requesting approval to award contracts with two local roofers to proceed with the roof replacement projects at Densons Creek Park.
 - A. The first cost is \$25,926 (membrane roofing for restaurant and front porch of ballroom)
 - B. The second cost is \$37,925.00 (demolition of existing roof, repair of damaged roofing, and installation of metal roofing panels. This would cover the ballroom, pro shop roof, and pool shelter roof).
3. These projects would require a budget amendment; however, the funding of the projects would come from a \$25,000 private donation and remaining portion coming from the "facilities" portion of ARPA funding.

The consent agenda was approved on motion by Comm. Elkins with second by Comm. Brantley. All voted approval.

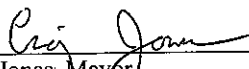
TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

- A. During the November 2021 a discussion about allowing chickens in the town limits took place. It was discussed that the town staff would do some research and report back to the board how other communities are addressing this. Since that time, staff has looked at several communities across the state. What was discovered is that there is not a "one size fits all approach" on addressing this topic, however, common denominators that were noticed include requirements on minimum lot size, chickens confined to coops, and the prohibition of roosters. With the information that staff has been able to gather, a proposal will be submitted to the board during the April meeting.
- B. The recreation projects that are ongoing in town has most certainly picked up speed in the last few weeks. Blair Park, Peabody Park, Lowe Warner Park, and Capel Park are all seeing various projects being completed concurrently. Staff is working on costs estimates based on the new site plan of the Blue Street Park project. If all goes as is expected, staff will have a cost structure and request to proceed on the construction of this new area on the April agenda. Construction is expected to begin on the skatepark/pump track soon at Capel Park. We have 140 girls, ages 4-12 signed up for softball.
- C. Since the last board meeting town staff has been working on a media/marketing strategy to allow the town to showcase the many different projects that the town has going on currently to keep the public informed. In addition, the town is working with a company to create a 2-minute video that highlights the town's amenities to attract more visitors to the town's businesses. The two-minute video will include still shots, video, and drone footage with sound overlay. The production crew will be in town in April, with a final product expected by mid-May.
- D. **DATES TO REMEMBER:**
 - March 26th – 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Troy Explorers Event
 - March 28th – 6:30 p.m. Annual Firemen's Appreciation Dinner
 - April 1st – 7:00 p.m. – Troy Town Stage Town of Troy's Concert Series begins – THE EMBERS will be performing

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS: Mayor Jones stated he has received calls about needing to keep the playground at Lowe Warner Park. The new playground at Capel Park is always full. Comm. Brantley stated work is going on at Blair Park also. Mgr. Zephir stated we are spending \$30,000 to \$50,000 for playground upgrades with extra \$12,000 to finalize Peabody Park. We will put some of the recreational equipment back at Lowe Warner when we get it ready. We will do away with the sand volleyball court. Comm. Prince suggested we make each park unique to draw people for different things. Mgr. Zephir stated we are looking at having some smaller things for young children at each park. Mgr. Zephir stated we have ordered scoreboards for Peabody Park and we plan to use the dark blue and gold colors for them. Comm. Jones asked about putting the Peabody Logo on the basketball courts. Mgr. Zephir stated that would look great. He will contact the Peabody historians to get the logo.

The meeting adjourned at 5:33 PM on motion by Comm. Brantley with second by Comm. Elkins. All voted approval.

Respectively submitted,



Craig Jones, Mayor



Cathy M. Maness, Clerk