

**TROY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 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 and Wallace Jones.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Comm. Prince 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: No one was present.

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Hackett, CPA with William R Huneycutt CPA, PLLC, Terry Crews, Louise Bennett, Cato Kelly and Sherry Harris Allgood.

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: Louise Bennett, resident of Troy appeared before the Board to register a complaint concerning her neighbors across the street from her house on South Russell Street. Ms. Bennett stated they have put up a shed for parties. These parties begin everyday at 3:00 pm with loud noise, increased vehicle and foot traffic. She asked if there is anything the Town can do about the party shed. What rights does she have as a homeowner. Mgr. Zephir stated Police Chief Atkins brought this to his attention approximately 10 days ago. W will work with our code enforcement to get the building removed since it was not permitted. Chief Atkins stated we are working on making the trailer located there a nuisance to assist with these issues.

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

FISCAL YEAR 20-21 AUDIT PRESENTATION: Mayor Jones welcomed the Town's Auditor-Steve Hackett with William R. Huneycutt, CPA PLLC to the meeting. Mr. Hackett presented the audit for FY 2020-2021. He stated cash and total assets increased in the General Fund and that total liabilities decreased. The Town's General Fund Balance increased with unassigned or available fund balance at 41.5%. The Town had a good year. Water & Sewer total assets increased as well as cash. Water & Sewer revenue increased and expenditures decreased. The Town had two findings that Mr. Hackett brought to the attention of the Board. One contract did not have the preaudit statement included and the other was a fund balance deficit due to loan made for grant receivable instead of transfer. Both findings will be addressed in future activities. The Board thanked Mr. Hackett for his report.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. **Request Approval for Parks and Recreation Ordinance:** Mayor Jones stated we have many parks in the Town with many policies regarding dos and don'ts at each. We need to look at adopting an ordinance for them. Mgr. Zephir stated the Town's Parks and Recreation Department is requesting official codification of the policies into the Town's Ordinance. In addition to the already established policies, the proposed ordinance also creates a section regarding the new skate park and bike pump track. This new section, in concurrence with the NC General Statutes, provides that users may utilize the facilities, but at their own risk and that the town is not liable for injury to property or self. If the Town Board does approve the new ordinance, staff will then have signage created to be put at each of the parks.
- b. **Request Approval of Naming of skate park – "Skate Street":** The Town is very fortunate to have a new skate park and bike pump track under construction. In anticipation of the completion of this project, the facility will need a name. It has been suggested to the town and the town manager is forwarding this recommendation to name the new facility "Skate Street".
- c. **Request Approval to Begin Procedures Amending Ordinance Regarding Fences – Request Stay of Enforcement of Ms. Sally Smith's Property Regarding Fence:** Per the Town's meeting last month and after conversation with the Town's zoning consultant, the Town's planning staff is requesting approval to begin procedures to amend the town's ordinance regarding fencing. This process will include presentations to the town's planning and zoning commission, a public hearing, and then a vote by the town's board. While this procedure will take approximately one month, the town manager is, in addition to the previous request, asking for approval to stay enforcement on Ms. Sally Smith's property regarding her fence issues.

Comm. Elkins asked when the skate park is expected to open. Mgr. Zephir stated there will be a “soft opening” April 29 with the ribbon cutting on May 6th. Motion was made by Comm. Elkins with second by Comm. Brantley. All voted approval.

TRAFFIC CODE AMENDMENT: Mgr. Zephir stated that Parks & Recreation Director Neal Duncan asked that we amend the traffic code to allow skateboards in our parks. The ordinance currently states no skateboards allowed in parks and with the new skate park, we need to amend the ordinance. On motion by Comm. Elkins and second by Comm. Brantley, the Board voted to amend the traffic ordinance to change Section 73.09 of the Town of Troy Code of Ordinances Title 7-Traffic Code to the following:

TITLE 7 Traffic Code
CHAPTER 73 Bicycles; Toy Vehicles
SECTION 73.09 Use of Skateboards, Motorized Skateboards, Motorized Scooters, or Similar Type Devices;

No person shall operate, ride, or use skateboards, motorized skateboards, motorized scooters, or any other similar type devices on Streets, Highways, Sidewalks, Parks-except for Capel Centennial Park where a skate park is located, Parking Lots or other public vehicular areas in the downtown Central Business District or in the General Business District area of Troy as designated by the Town of Troy Zoning Map.

MANAGER REPORT:

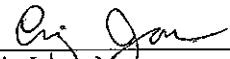
- Town planning and administrative staff has been working with the town’s zoning consultant regarding chickens and chicken coops within the town’s corporate limits. Based on those conversations and the recommendation of the town’s zoning consultant a proposed amendment to the town’s animal control ordinance is being finalized to be brought before the town’s planning and zoning board for consideration. The proposed amendment will only be specific to chickens, and no other fowl or animals and will have specific requirements that property owners will have to meet.
- The town’s administrative staff has begun a project to identify additional historical properties within the town’s corporate limits that could be selected for historical designation status. Obviously, the staff will reach out to the individual property owners to determine if this is something that they wish to proceed with, but the effort is to assist in obtaining this status. Staff has been compiling a list of these potential properties, but the first that staff would like to move forward on is the Peabody School. The Peabody School has historical significance to the town’s Peabody Community, but also the state. Mayor Pro Tem Hamilton asked if a property owner is against having their property selected for historical designation, can we force it. Mgr. Zephir stated we can not force it, we would explain the advantages for this designation.
- It has been a long time, but finally the town is being allowed to move forward on the housing renovation project. The town currently has an RFQ (request for qualifications) for property surveying, which besides the formal identification of metes and bounds of the property will allow for the placement of the new housing to be located for construction purposes. The town will next request proposals for housing inspectors to complete the final work orders to solicit contractors. Once the town reaches this stage the next phase will be relocation of the current occupants to temporary housing.
- Construction of the Welcome to Troy Signs as well as the renovation of the brick on the sidewalks began this past week. The foundations for the South Main Street sign will be constructed within the next 10 days followed by the foundations on the signs along the bypass. Two additional signs on Troy-Candor Road and NC 109 will be completed once location has been finalized. These two signs are requiring a movement of the proposed location by a few feet and additional permission is required.
- As many are aware the town is involved in several park upgrades simultaneously. The skate park is nearing completion. With decent weather it is hoped that perhaps a soft opening could happen by the end of this month with a grand opening slated for May 6th. The Blair Street Park and Peabody Park projects are currently on-going with an expected completion date of late May or early June for these. The town has received the contracts back for the paving to be completed at Lowe Warner Park and the RFP for the senior center will go out on April 10th. The original RFP that was expected to go out in March had to be pulled due to an additional requirement that the town needed to include.
- The town has installed many speed bumps throughout the town, with reaction being mostly positive. The town has received requests for a few more areas to have the calming devices installed. These areas include Wallace Avenue, Williamson Street, Princess Street, and Greensboro Street. Once the town receives the next order these devices will be installed.
- **DATES TO REMEMBER:**
April 15th – 7:00 p.m. – Troy Town Stage – Town of Troy’s Concert Series – THE BAND OF OZ (Food Trucks begin at 6:00 p.m.)
April 15th – Town offices closed in observance of Good Friday

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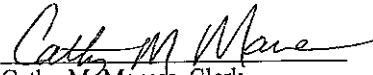
TOWN BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS: Comm. Jones asked if we have received the Peabody Logo sketch. Mgr. Zephir stated we have not received it yet. Comm. Jones stated the Peabody Park sign is not that visible and asked if we can make it more visible. Mgr. Zephir stated we will be making a bigger sign with the Peabody School colors. The new scoreboards will also have the Peabody School colors.

The meeting adjourned at 5:22 PM on motion by Comm. Brantley with second by Comm. Elkins. All voted approval.

Respectively submitted,



Craig Jones, Mayor



Cathy M. Maness, Clerk