

TROY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RECESSED MEETING – MAY 12, 2019, 8:00 AM
(FROM MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019, 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, Commissioners Kayren Brantley, Angela Elkins and Wallace Jones and Damon Prince

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Hamilton was absent due to family health emergency.

TOWN STAFF PRESENT: Manager Greg Zephir, Clerk/Finance Officer Cathy Maness, Administrative Assistants Nolan Groce and Hailee Ratcliff and Senior Center Director Theresa Thomas.

MEDIA PRESENT: Tammy Dunn with the Montgomery Herald

Mayor Allgood re-opened the meeting for the 2019-2020 Proposed Budget discussion. Mgr. Zephir presented the Priority Needs and Financial Outlook for the proposed 2019-2020 Budget.

Town of Troy Proposed FY 2019-2020 Budget
Priority Needs and Financial Outlook
05/08/2019

- No increase in tax rate. **Does keep tax rate constant at \$0.46/\$100.**
- No increase in the garbage fee. **Does maintain current fee at \$6.50 per month.**
- **There is a proposed increase on water and sewer rates at this time. The rate increased proposed is \$1 and would be seen across the board on the minimum bills. The new rates that are proposed: (minimum bill of \$34.30 and includes 2,000 gallons of water, sewer, and garbage fee); \$5.10 per 1,000 gallons of water and \$5.36 per 1,000 gallons of sewer. The commercial rates for usage over 100,000 gallons are proposed to remain in place. These rates would be \$5.75 per 1,000 gallons of water and \$5.75 per 1,000 gallons of sewer. The minimum rates for out-of-town users, irrigation users would also increase by \$1.**
- The proposed budget includes a **Zero Fund Balance Appropriation** in Water and Sewer Fund.
- The proposed budget does include a **\$24,000 Fund Balance Appropriation**, which will be utilized for the capital expenses related to the third (3rd) and final payment on the dump truck purchased two (2) years ago.
- The proposed budget does include a Powell Bill Fund Balance appropriation of \$26,000, which will be utilized to pay the first (1st) of seven (7) payments for a new street sweeper. The street sweeper would be a significant upgrade to what the town has now, and would allow for all the streets with curb and guttering to be cleaned on a rotational schedule.

Projects/expenditures included in proposed budget for consideration:

- 1) 2.0% across the board one-time bonuses. (Beginning with 20/21 budget merit raises will be considered annually)
- 2) Police Department pay scale adjustments
- 3) 0 % increase in health insurance premiums is expected at this time.
- 4) 0% (no notification at this time) increase in worker's compensation insurance.
- 5) 0% increase in property and liability insurance
- 6) 0% increase in garbage fees.
- 7) \$10,000 included for paving
- 8) \$5,000 for sidewalk replacement
- 9) \$2,000 for storm drainage improvements.
- 10) \$8,500 for new police server
- 11) \$26,487 for debt service of police car fleet (Ford Credit) 2nd of 3 payments
- 12) \$24,000 for the new dump truck (bank financing) 3rd of 3 payments
- 13) \$24,000 for a second new dump truck (bank financing) 1st of 3 payments
- 14) \$26,000 for new street sweeper (bank financing) 1st of seven payments

- 15) \$5,000 for Fire Department for matching funds if awarded by the NC DOI grant, with additional funds coming from the county account.
- 16) \$10,000 for capital reserve fund for truck.
- 17) \$74,132 for tank painting and maintenance program (this is for the past tank painting and current maintenance program for Bilhen and Wood Street Water Tanks).
- 18) \$36,000 for debt service for centrifuge.
- 19) \$16,000 for water line replacement/pipes and fittings.
- 20) \$2,500 for dilapidated building demolition and removal.
- 21) \$6,300 for the Montgomery County Public Library

- 22) \$18,000 for Town of Troy's Economic Development Initiatives
- 23) \$7,000 for Troyfest Fireworks
- 24) \$20,000 for Main Street Events
- 25) \$7,000 for building maintenance fund (staff's hope is to continue building this fund on an annual basis)

Projects/expenditures not included in proposed budget for consideration:

- 1) Main Street Master Plan -
- 2) Recreational Park Master Plan – Required if town wishes to pursue PARTF funding - \$11,000
- 3) Laser Fiche document scanner Project - \$19,000

Financing Obligations during FY 2018-19:

- 1) \$18,387 for USDA Loan for Town Hall project (15th year of 40-year lease-purchase).
- 2) \$16,245 for USDA Loan for Public Works project (12th year of 40- year lease-purchase).
- 3) \$13,827 for USDA Loan for Police Station (10th year of 40-year lease-purchase)
- 4) \$3,144 for USDA Loan for Fire Station (10th year of 40-year lease-purchase)
- 5) \$53,200 original wastewater treatment plant and water/sewer line extensions (2 GO Bonds together; will all be retired by FY 23/24)
- 6) \$36,000 for debt service on the town's centrifuge system (debt will be retired in 2023).
- 7) \$17,711 for back hoe purchase final payment (debt will be retired in 2018)
- 8) \$33,000 for 2nd of 3 payments for police vehicles
- 9) \$24,000 for 3rd of 3-year debt service payments for dump truck (Ford Credit)
- 10) \$38,299 for water meter replacement (2nd payment of 15)
- 11) **By the Fiscal year 2023/2024 the town's water, sewer, and wastewater funds will be debt free (with the exception of the financing for the meter systems, which will be funded as an annual expense.)**

Grant Projects during FY 2019-20:

- 1) Senior Center grants (\$22,000) HCCB (federal/state funding) and approximately (\$5,600) general purpose (state funding).
- 2) \$1.3 million US DOT/ NC DOT Grant for Sidewalk Project
- 3) **\$695,000 from CDBG funding for 2nd phase of water and sewer line replacement project.**
- 4) **\$100,000 for Asset and Inventory Analysis grant (from NC DWQ)**

Mgr. Zephir presented the priorities list and updated the Board on any new items included.

-There is a 2% across the board one-time bonus for employees except for the Police Department. For the Police Department, a pay scale adjustment was made to assist with keeping and recruiting police officers. There is a void of candidates in Basic Law Enforcement Training. We are also putting in place, a \$5,000 supplement for bi-lingual employee in the department. Comm. Prince stated we can not afford not to have a qualified police department.

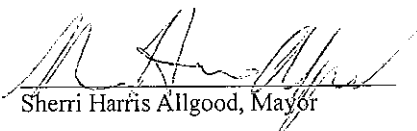
-The Town is financially sound. Re-val is coming up next year and this should assist with fund balance.

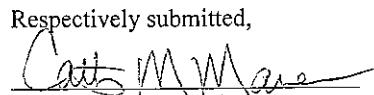
-Mgr. Zephir stated that in 2020, we will replace all of our holiday pole decorations. The newest are currently 7 years old and the older ones are 15-20 years old. They will all be the same decorations.

Mayor Allgood stated the Denson Creek Golf Course is expending a substantial sum over revenues that are coming in. That is a lot to place on one entity serving a small number of people per day. Comm. Prince stated that the industry as a whole is taking hits, particularly municipal courses and he agreed with Mayor Allgood that we need to focus on marketing. Mayor Allgood suggested we could use some of that money to build up all of Main Streets and get rid of dilapidated buildings and run-down areas, help and assist businesses beautify our town. In response, Board members stated they feel we have been working to improve the Town.

(Commissioner Prince had to leave at 9:12 AM due to a prior work commitment that had been stated at the beginning of the meeting.)

After further discussion with no action taken, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 AM on motion by Comm. Elkins and second by Comm. Jones. All voted approval.


Sherri Harris Allgood, Mayor

Respectively submitted,

Cathy M. Maness, Clerk