

**TROY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2020, 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, Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Hamilton, Commissioners Kayren Brantley, Angela Elkins, Wallace Jones and Damon Prince.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: No one was absent.

TOWN STAFF PRESENT: Manager Greg Zephir, Clerk/Finance Officer Cathy Maness and Police Chief James Atkins and Assistant to Manager Dylan Powell.

MEDIA PRESENT: Tammy Dunn with the Montgomery Herald

OTHERS PRESENT: David Allgood, Craig Jones, Mrs. Darren Shopbell and Terry Crews.

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

WELCOME AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS: Mayor Allgood welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM: Mayor Allgood opened the public forum for comments. No one was present with comments.

MINUTES of September meetings were approved as written on motion by Comm. Elkins and second by Comm. Brantley. All voted approval.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR FINANCING TERMS - PAVING: Mayor Allgood stated that during the last board meeting the board approved the town manager to complete the financing package with BB&T as it pertained to the paving project. BB&T needs official approval of the finalized terms of the package. The financing would be for \$325,000 for five years (5) at an interest rate of 1.67% interest. This project would total \$14,462.25 of interest.

The consent agenda was approved as presented on motion by Comm. Elkins and second by Mayor Pro Tem Hamilton. All voted approval.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- During the last board meeting it was updated that the town was looking into utilizing a portion of the COVID-19 funding that it had received from the state to install wi-fi and hotspot internet service along the Main Street business district. In working with Spectrum, the project will utilize town hall as the central hub and extend service to the areas that include large parking areas. The town has received approval to move forward on that project and Spectrum, in turn, has been approved to initiate installation of the necessary devices and to pay for two years of service. In speaking with representatives of Spectrum it is expected that installation will begin this upcoming week and last into the following. The town will convey messaging to the town once the service has become operational.
- In the two weeks since the board's last meeting the police have fielded several reports of car break-ins throughout the town. After a collaborative effort with all members of the Troy police department the has solved the cases with the arrest of suspects caught in the act over the weekend. Chief Atkins stated there were two groups for a total of six persons arrested.
- Since the last board meeting the dilapidated structures on Dennis Street that have long been discussed were finally removed and cleaned up. While that addressed a serious issue within the community, another issue has come up in the form of a "tent" community with unruly behavior taking place on one of the properties. The town is working with its legal counsel on the appropriate measures that will expedite the process to remedy this situation. There are minimum housing standards in order to have residential dwelling and tents are not allowed.
- On October 12th the new Discover Uwharrie Welcome Center will officially open. This has been a collaborative effort to have a facility located in town that not only markets the town but all of Montgomery county. There are over 1.2 million visits to Montgomery County and the Uwharries each year and this facility will not only showcase all of the location spots in the county, but also guide on how to get there.

- **DATES TO REMEMBER:** October 31st – BBQ cookoff battle will take place in downtown Troy: The Embers with Craig Woolard and Jim Quick and the Coastline Band are scheduled to perform.
October 31st – 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Main Street – Trunk or Treat

Mgr. Zephir reported that the environmental reports have been approved on our housing CDBG Grant. We are now authorized to request release of funding. Hopefully, within the next 45 days, we will start seeing work.

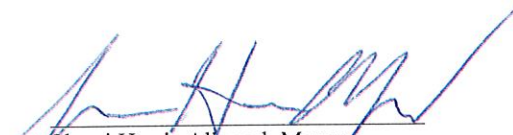
Mgr. Zephir stated that regarding reports that parks are needing attention he would like to clarify that it was his decision to reduce staff to split shifts due to COVID19. This required staff to concentrate on essential services particularly since parks were closed during that time. We have plans to make some upgrades at the parks now that the FEMA funds have been approved.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Comm. Prince reminded everyone that COVID19 is still relevant in our community. A local friend and educator passed away recently. We need to continue to use all precautions, wearing masks, etc. Mayor Allgood asked that everyone present have a moment of silence for Julie Davis.

Mr. Craig Jones, candidate for Mayor, asked if events will resume at the TownStage in October. Mgr. Zephir stated events scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Thursday have been cancelled. We still plan to have the October 31st events – BBQ Cookoff, Trunk or Treat and concerts Friday and Saturday nights. We understand there will be more relaxing of restrictions after the 23rd of October. We want to keep our traditions as much as possible while also keeping safety a priority.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM on motion by Comm. Elkins and second by Comm. Brantley. All voted approval.


Sherri Harris Allgood, Mayor

Respectively submitted,


Cathy M. Maness, Clerk

Proclamation

Office of Mayor Sherri Harris Allgood, *Town of Troy, NC*

Honoring the Life and Legacy of Jeffron L. Butler

Whereas, on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Troy, it is my pleasure to offer this Proclamation honoring the Life and Legacy of Jeffron L. Butler for his service to our town and our country; and,

Whereas, Jeffron L. Butler was born in Troy, North Carolina and entered Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina and later attended 91B (Combat Medic) training at Fort Sam Houston with a follow on assignment to presidio, San Francisco, California for 91C (Clinical Specialist) School; and,

Whereas, Jeffron L. Butler served as a Line Medic in the First/Eleventh Field Artillery in Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Squad Medic Third/Fifteenth Infantry, Ranger Support Battalion, Fort Benning, Georgia; Platoon Sergeant, Second Armored Cavalry Regiment; Cadre Sergeant, Seventh Army Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, Bad Tolz, West Germany; and,

Whereas, Jeffron L. Butler served as Chief Wardmaster and Platoon Sergeant in the Seventh Medical Battalion; Instructor in 91B (Combat Medic), Academy of Health Sciences in Forth Sam, Houston, Texas; Non-commissioned Officer in Charge, Nursing Education/Staff Development-Brooke Army Medical Center; Chief Wardmaster, United States of America, Medical Department Activity, Panama; and,

Whereas, Jeffron L. Butler served as Chief Clinical Sergeant Major, Great Plains Regional Medical Command; Sergeant Major and Senior Enlisted Advisor- Health Policy and Service; Enlisted Consultant to the Office of the Surgeon General on all clinical affairs; and,

Whereas, Jeffron L. Butler was Command Sergeant Major of the Forty-first Combat Support Hospital (Professional Filler System), Fort Sam, Houston, Texas; Command Sergeant Major One Hundred Forty Seventh Medial Logistics Battalion, Fort Sam, Houston, Texas; Command Sergeant Major, First Medical Brigade, Thirteenth Corps Support Command, Fort Hood, Texas; and,

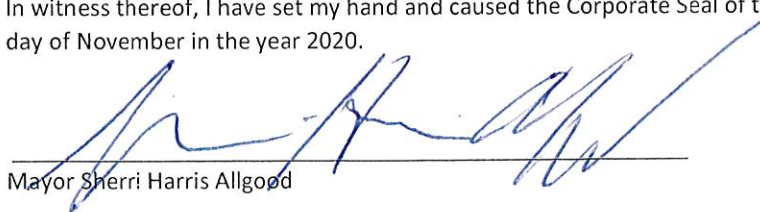
Whereas, Jeffron L. Butler was deployed the First Medical Brigade, consisting of more than 5000 soldiers to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He retired from the Army in November 2004, with more than 30 years of active service; and,

Whereas, Jeffron L. Butler received numerous awards, including Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Five Meritorious Service Medals, Two Army Commendation Medals, Two Army Achievement Medals, Global War on Terrorism, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Nine Army Good Conduct Medals, Two Overseas Service Medals, Non-Commissioned Officer Development Ribbon (Number Four), National Defense Service Medal (Two Bronze Stars); and,

Whereas, Jeffron L. Butler loved his medical career in the Army, his family, and the people in his hometown in Troy, North Carolina. As a historian, he was well versed in the history of Montgomery County, North Carolina and used his inquisitive mind to document his family ancestry in two books. He was instrumental in starting the Peabody Museum located off South Main Street in Troy, North Carolina.

Now therefore, I, Sherri Harris Allgood, the 12th Mayor the Town of Troy, North Carolina, do hereby offer this Proclamation honoring the Life and Legacy of Jeffron L. Butler. I encourage all residents of the Town of Troy, North Carolina to join me in solemn remembrance and reflection on the life of Jeffron L. Butler and the contributions he made to the Town of Troy, North Carolina.

In witness thereof, I have set my hand and caused the Corporate Seal of the Town of Troy, North Carolina to be affixed on this 9th day of November in the year 2020.


Mayor Sherri Harris Allgood

