

**TROY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 1, 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, 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, Police Chief Kenny Allen and Town Attorney Russ Hollers.

MEDIA PRESENT: Tammy Dunn with the Montgomery Herald

OTHERS PRESENT: David Allgood, Kenania Allgood, Joy Allgood, David Ikee Allgood, Terry Crews, Conner Poole, Cameron Priddy, Karen Saunders and Savannah Heath with the Small Business Center.

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: David Allgood asked if fishing is allowed at the City Lake. The sign is still up stating no fishing. Mgr. Zephir stated fishing is allowed since the year deadline has passed. We need to remove the sign.

MINUTES of the February and March meetings were approved as written on motion by Comm. Elkins and second by Comm. Brantley.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT OF CURRENT ABC SYSTEM: Mayor Allgood stated Mr. Jackie Morris, the Town of Troy's representative on the local ABC Board is planning to be here to discuss with the Board, a push being made to the North Carolina General Assembly regarding the ABD system and how ABC stores are operated. Mr. Morris is delayed for a few minutes and the Board tabled discussion of this resolution until ABC Board member arrives.

RESOLUTION FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT: Mayor Allgood stated that earlier this year, the Town of Troy was awarded an Industrial Development grant to make improvements to the Bilhen pump station in an effort to assist Wright Foods with its expansion efforts. Not only would these improvements assist this company, but it would also open up more water and sewer capacity that could serve the town owned property on the future bypass, which would lead to more development. A resolution is required to be adopted in order to proceed with the creation of the contracts between the town and the state of North Carolina. Staff recommends approval of this resolution. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hamilton and second by Comm. Elkins to approve the Resolution for the Bilhen and Wright Foods Project and an Industrial Development Grant. All voted approval. (Resolution follows at end of minutes as Attachment A)

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT CONTRACT REGARDING FEMA PROCUREMENT AND REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING: Mayor Allgood stated we have a proposed contract between the Town of Troy and Ardurra Group, LLC as it pertains to this group assisting the Town on two (2) tasks regarding its current projects with FEMA and the Hurricane Florence recovery. The first task would insure that the Town's documentation that is being presented to FEMA and the North Carolina Department of Emergency Management meets all the standards to support the Town's request regarding disaster assistance, including reviewing and insuring that all damages that have been captured are validated in addition to coordinating meetings with the staff management team and FEMA representatives. The second task would include the creation of a FEMA compliant request for scope of qualifications to begin the process of seeking and employing engineering services in order to make the permanent repairs on the Town's EQ basin, which was damaged during Hurricane Florence. Each project has a "not to exceed" amount. This would be an upfront cost to the Town, however with the expected FEMA funds the town is expecting to receive within the next few months, for the town's in-house debris removal, these costs will essentially be reimbursed. Staff is requesting approval of this contract. Mayor Pro Tem Hamilton made the motion to approve the services agreement with the Ardurra Group, LLC as presented. All voted approval.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Town staff, after receiving numerous complaints, is currently working on declaring two (2) properties as public nuisances as it pertains to health and safety. The two (2) properties are located on West Roswell Street and Dennis Street. The accumulation and the amount of debris is causing an

infestation of rodents that has become quite noticeable to the neighbors, leading to their complaints. Staff is working with the Town's legal council in moving forward with making these declarations and seeking immediate remedies to ensure the health and safety of the community is maintained.

2. The Town's Main Street Committee and Economic Development Committees along with staff have been working on several initiatives, including the Town's new signage program. These new signs, which will be constructed with the Town's new logo and branding criteria, will be directional signs that direct citizens and visitors to points of interest and locations throughout the Town. In addition to this endeavor, the committees have continued to work on Main Street projects which should lead to the creation of a few new downtown businesses within the next few months. The Economic Development Committee has been working on, in addition to the in town directional signage program, a signage program along the new bypass, which is slated to open sometime late summer of this year. Also, on the Economic Development Committee's work plan is the site development plan for the Town owned property located on the western end of the bypass. Once this site plan is completed, the town will be able to aggressively market this property for highway business, distribution, or service types of development.
3. Staff is currently working on getting estimates regarding a potential renovation project for the Troy Senior Center. While the Town awaits funding from FEMA for damage caused by Hurricane Florence, staff is working on renovations to the kitchen, bathrooms, and flooring throughout the center with funding from local and regional sources. If these projects come to fruition, it will help modernize the center and provide much needed updating and repairs. Comm. Jones asked air-lock doors will be installed at the Center? Mgr. Zephir stated that is planned in next year's budget proposal.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT OF CURRENT ABC SYSTEM: ABC Board Member Jackie Morris arrived and gave the history behind the proposed resolution. Mr. Morris stated the current Alcohol, Beverage Control system is basically a municipal system with the County and Towns sharing profits. They are against the push to privatize sales. A bill for this is not currently in the legislature and the local ABC boards are not against the bill currently in the legislature. Mr. Morris stated there are 168 local ABC Boards across the state. North Carolina is 7th in revenue and 42nd in consumption. Mr. Morris stated this resolution will go to the legislature. Comm. Prince asked if any study has been done, that if the system is privatized, the 30% tax will still go to the state. Mr. Morris stated he did not know about the tax, except that there is a push to privatize it. Comm. Jones made the motion to approve the Resolution in Support of the Current ABC Control System for the Sale of Liquor. Mayor Pro Tem Hamilton seconded the motion and all voted approval. Resolution follows at end of minutes as Attachment B.

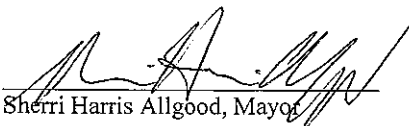
Mayor and Council Member Reports: Mayor Allgood introduced Karen Moore Saunders, a Montgomery County and local entrepreneur who will be featured on FOX8 with Brad Jones. Mrs. Saunders thanked Mayor Allgood and the Board and briefly discussed her business and how it is growing. She make Karen's Fried Pies. Mrs. Saunders introduced Savannah Heath with the MCC Small Business Center and stated Ms. Heath is helping her with a business plan. The Board congratulated Mrs. Saunders and they stated that they are looking forward to seeing her on TV.

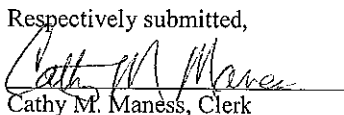
DATES TO REMEMBER:

- April 11th, 2019 – 6 PM to- 9 PM -Band of Oz at the Troy TownStage
- April 19th, 2019 – Town offices closed in observance of Good Friday
- April 25th, 2019 – Musical Act at the TownStage (performers to be confirmed later this week)

Comm. Elkins asked if the Board could address Mrs. Becky Wallace's concerns. Mgr. Zephir stated we are currently working to find the best possible solution to the parking concerns at the intersection of Johnson Road and North Main Streets. Hopefully we will have a proposal for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:27 PM on motion by Comm. Jones with second by Comm. Brantley. All voted approval.


 Sherri Harris Allgood, Mayor

Respectively submitted,

 Cathy M. Maness, Clerk

Attachment A

RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN OF TROY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE BILHEN AND WRIGHT FOODS PROJECT AND AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Industrial Development Fund Grant from the North Carolina Department of Commerce through the Town of Troy be made to assist the Wright Foods Bilhen Pump Station Project.

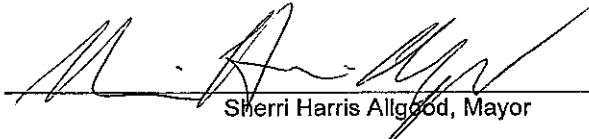
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Troy will administer this grant in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Department of Commerce.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Troy will administer this grant through the Town Finance Office.

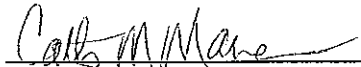
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the grant will be monitored quarterly to assure compliance with this proposal and the Department of Commerce regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the amount of the grant application will be \$1,095,000.

ADOPTED this 15th day of April, 2019.



Sherri Harris Allgood, Mayor

Attest: 
Cathy M. Maness, Town Clerk

Attachment B

RESOLUTION
IN SUPPORT OF THE CURRENT ABC CONTROL SYSTEM FOR THE SALE OF LIQUOR

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Town/City/County of Troy voted to permit the sale of liquor through the establishment of an ABC Board, which is a part of the North Carolina's control system for the sale of spirituous liquors;

WHEREAS, North Carolina is a "control" state and private retail liquor stores are prohibited;

WHEREAS, the General Assembly's nonpartisan Program Evaluation Division (PED) was directed to examine whether other systems for alcohol beverage control, including privatized systems, are appropriate for North Carolina, specially to include the State of Washington, which recently changed its beverage control system from state government control of wholesale and retail control of spirituous liquor to a licensure model;

WHEREAS, The PED Report, "Changing How North Carolina Controls Liquor Sales Has Operational, Regulatory, and Financial Ramifications", released on February 11, 2019, (1) did not recommend privatization, (2) found that among the southeastern states, NC collects the most revenue per gallon, has the lowest outlet density and has the second lowest per capita consumption; and (3) the PED expects retail liquor consumption to increase by 20% with privatization.

WHEREAS, for fiscal year ending 2018, local ABC boards distributed \$430,635,861: County-City Distributions \$80 million; State General Fund \$323 million; Local Alcohol Education/Treatment \$13 million; Local Law Enforcement \$8.8 million; Rehabilitation Services \$5 million; Operation of ABC Commission/Warehouse \$17.7 million.

WHEREAS, North Carolina is unique as it allows communities to vote to establish local ABC boards for the sale of liquor in their communities, with liquor profits distributed back to those communities, thereby reducing the need to increase local property taxes.

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Town/City/County of Troy, in voting to permit the operation of ABC stores, did not vote to allow spirits to be sold in private retail liquor stores and did not vote to allow spirits to be sold retail outlets where beer and wine are sold;

WHEREAS, No State funds are spent to distribute or sell liquor as the state and local operation of the ABC system is receipt supported;

WHEREAS, Of the 50 states, North Carolina ranks 44th lowest in consumption per capita and 7th highest in revenue per capita and NC's ABC system accomplishes both revenue and public health, welfare and safety objectives;

WHEREAS, when Washington State privatized its liquor system the number of retail outlets increased from 328 to over 1400, hours of sale/week increased from 73 to 140 hours, and Washington State received only \$30.75 million from auctioning off the rights to apply for retail

spirits permits at 167 stores;

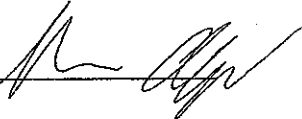
WHEREAS, privatization will result in a marked increase in the number of outlets, longer hours of sale, greater advertising and more promotion and significantly more consumption; and the 9,000 outlets in NC that sell beer/wine off-premises could be permitted to sell liquor in a privatized system;


WHEREAS, local revenue from ABC stores operations is important to the Town/City/County;

WHEREAS, local control over the sale of liquor is an important function.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Town/City/County desires to retain North Carolina's current control system for the sale of liquor and believes that privatization of liquor will lead to many adverse effects.

By: 

Attest:
 Date: 4-1-2019

