

**TROY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RECONVENED MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021, 8:00 AM**

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 Elkins, Wallace Jones and Damon Prince.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: No one was absent

TOWN STAFF PRESENT: Manager Greg Zephir and Clerk/Finance Officer Cathy Maness

MEDIA PRESENT: No one was present

OTHERS PRESENT: No one was present

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Jones called the meeting to order and Mayor Pro Tem Hamilton gave the invocation.

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

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

FEMA CONTRACT APPROVAL: Mgr. Zephir stated we received bids for the engineering at the wastewater treatment plant. The winning bid was from Withers Ravenel for \$199,769. Comm. Jones made the motion with second by Comm. Elkins to approve the bid from Withers Ravenel Engineering for \$199,769. All voted approval.

JOE HUNTLEY PROCLAMATION – 60 YEARS OF SERVICE: Mayor Jones read a proclamation in honor of Joe Huntley's 60 years of service as a firefighter. Comm. Elkins made the motion to approve the proclamation honoring Joe Huntley, Jr. for 60 Years of Service as a Troy Fireman. Mayor Pro Tem Hamilton seconded the motion and all voted approval. The proclamation will be presented to Chief Huntley on Tuesday at 6:30 PM.

FIRST HEALTH HOSPITAL PROPERTY: Mgr. Zephir stated he understood that First Health is looking for 30 acres to build their new facility on. He presented a letter that had been drafted from the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and Manager, stipulating the agreement to gift them (First Health) 30 acres of the Town's property on the Highway 24-27 Bypass. This will be an anchor for our site. Comm. Elkins asked about the timeframe for the construction of the new hospital facility. Mayor Jones stated they are looking at 2023 for construction.

Mgr. Zephir reminded the board that the Public Hearing on the proposed budget is scheduled for June 7, 2021 at 5:00 PM.

Comm. Prince asked who will be the grand marshal for the Troyfest parade. Mgr. Zephir stated he thought about teachers, first responders. Two well liked retired teachers are Jim Ray and Hattie Stanback. We could possibly look into them as representatives of the educators. The Board liked this idea.

Mayor Jones stated he has received a request for a proclamation for Don Davis, a local former dentist that worked with boy scouts. The Board agreed to get more information on his service.

Budget Work Session: The Board discussed possibilities for the Golf Course. Mgr. Zephir stated he has talked with a company that operates golf courses. Mayor Jones stated we need to look at alternatives to get the course going.

Mgr. Zephir stated the water and sewer fund is looking good. We are looking at a possible small increase.

The town has received a UNC Fellowship for a graduate student will come in and set up our recreation department and handle all the scheduling; make it a complete department.

For salaries, we are looking at bonuses for the police department, with increases for regular employees.

Staff is looking at expansion at the senior center, adding a paved trail at Lowe Warner Park, building another walking trail at Peabody Park, paving at Densons Creek and building community gardens in several areas around town. The board stated the ballroom at Densons Creek needs updating. They need a kitchen area there.

Comm. Elkins asked if we could pave at the amphitheater where the food trucks park. It would be easier to walk there. Comm. Brantley asked where do we draw the line on smoking at the amphitheater. Mgr. Zephir stated we need to place signs in the parking lot.

Cemetery is having issues with people putting statues, decorations, etc. on the graves. A suggestion was made to give out a form with instructions on what can be placed/left on graves.

Rent for the restaurant at the golf course was discussed and it was agreed to increase the rent from \$450 to \$1,000. ***

Comm. Prince left at 10:30 AM.

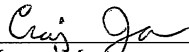
Comm. Hamilton asked about expansion of Smitherman Village. Mgr. Zephir stated we just sold a house last week. We are currently looking to partner with someone on other properties.

Comm. Elkins asked if our Code Inspection has started. Mgr. Zephir stated they have and they will be meeting tomorrow to discuss some of the properties we had given them.

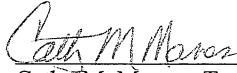
Mgr. Zephir stated we are moving away from mowing the County property. We will lose the \$25,000 revenue, but it takes a lot of public works time.

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 AM on motion by Comm. Elkins and second by Comm. Brantley. All voted approval.

Respectively submitted,



Craig Jones, Mayor



Cathy M. Maness, Town Clerk

*** Manager discussed later with Mayor Jones and each Commissioner. Due to some of the restaurant expenses also being transferred to lessee, by common consent (over the telephone) rent was reduced to \$800.00 per month.