

TOWN OF SILER CITY

The Siler City Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on **Monday, February 19, 2024** at 6:30pm in the City Hall Courtroom with Mayor Matthews presiding. Commissioner Boone gave the invocation with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance following. Commissioner Bray recited the Town of Siler City Mission Statement and Commissioner Brown recited the Town of Siler City Vision Statement.

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: Albert Alston, Norma Boone, Cindy Bray, Alec Hauser, Donald Matthews, Curtis Brown, Travis Patterson, and Lewis Fadely.

TOWN STAFF PRESENT: Town Manager Hank Raper, Finance Director John O'Keefe, Public Utilities Director Chris McCorquodale, Public Works Director Cal Pettiford, HR Director Nancy Darden, Town Clerk Kimberly Pickard, Community Development Director Jack Meadows, and Planning Director Jennifer Baptiste.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Town Manager requested to add Item 3.5 Amend Capital Budget Ordinance for Elevated Storage Tank to the Consent Agenda.

A motion to add item 3.5 Amend Capital Budget Ordinance for Elevated Storage Tank to the Consent Agenda was made by Mayor Pro Tem Fadely, seconded by Commissioner Alston and unanimously approved.

CONSENT

A motion to approve the consent agenda which includes the February 5, 2024, Minutes (Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule A), February 8, 2024, Minutes (Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein as Schedule B), Downtown Street Masterplan (Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein as Schedule C) Correcting Prior Budget Amendments (Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein as Schedule D) Amend Capital Budget Ordinance for Elevated Storage Tank (Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein as Schedule H) was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Boone, and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Sole Source Water Bid for WWTP David Honeycutt with McGill & Associates, explained to the Board of Commissioners with the Town of Siler City undertaking a major upgrade and expansion project to the Wastewater Treatment Plant, with the process a resolution is needed to afford the Town the opportunity to include a preference for biological treatment process equipment from Veolia Water Technologies / Kruger Inc, who has sufficient experience, numbers of installations and capability of meeting the performance standards as set forth NC General Statutes 133-3 and 143-129 (e) (6).

A motion to approve the resolution to sole source bids from Veolia Water Technologies / Kruger Inc. for biological nutrient removal treatment equipment was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fadely and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Central Electric Membership Corporation

Cynthia Currin General Counsel for Central Electric Membership Corporation provided the Board of Commissioners with a power point presentation that outlined the request for Central Electric Membership Corporation to serve as the exclusive provider in the service area assigned to Central Electric Membership Corporation by the North Carolina Utilities Commission pursuant to N.C.G.G. 160a-332 (2)(6a).

A motion to approve the resolution granting consent to Central Electric Membership Corporation to serve as the exclusive provider of electric service to the area assigned to Central Electric Membership Corporation by the North Carolina Utilities Commission was made by Commissioner Brown seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fadely and unanimously approved.

Decline SRF Loan

David Honeycutt with McGill and Associates, explained to the Board of Commissioners that in April of 2022 Town Staff requested the Board of Commissioners to approve a resolution allowing the Town Manager to request ARPA grant of \$5 million for the Sewer Rehabilitation project, The grant was approved for a \$3 million grant and a \$2 million loan. The loan would be through a State Revolving Funds (SRF). The town was able to design the sewer rehabilitation based on \$3 million grant and would request the Board of Commissioners to decline the \$2 million loan.

A motion to decline the \$2 Million dollar loan from State Revolving Funds was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Patterson and unanimously approved.

MANAGER'S REPORT

TOWN ATTORNEY INFORMATION

NONE

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

Commissioner Bray requested a sign in honor of former deceased Commissioner Larry Cheek be placed at Boling Lane Park.

Commissioner Bray and Mayor Matthews requested discussion on water rate reduction to be discussed at the next meeting.

CLOSED SESSION


A motion to go into closed session § 143-318.11 (a)(3) To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged. General policy matters may not be discussed in a closed session and nothing herein shall be construed to permit a public body to close a meeting that otherwise would be open merely because an attorney employed or retained by the public body is a participant. The public body may consider and give instructions to an attorney concerning the handling or settlement of a claim, judicial action, mediation, arbitration,

or administrative procedure. If the public body has approved or considered a settlement, other than a malpractice settlement by or on behalf of a hospital, in closed session, the terms of that settlement shall be reported to the public body and entered into its minutes as soon as possible within a reasonable time after the settlement is concluded at 7:38pm by Commissioner Patterson, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously approved.

A motion to come out of closed session at 8:47pm was made by Mayor Pro Tem Fadely, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 9:33pm.



Donald Matthews, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kimberly D. Pickard, Town Clerk