

TOWN OF SILER CITY

The Siler City Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on **Monday, February 5, 2018** at 7:00pm in City Hall Courtroom with Mayor Pro Tem Cheek presiding. Commissioner Price gave the invocation with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance following. Commissioner Siler recited the Town of Siler City Mission Statement and Commissioner Bray recited the Town of Siler City Vision Statement.

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: Cindy Bray, Larry Cheek, Mike Constantino, Lewis Fadely, John Grimes, Bill Haiges, Thomas "Chip" Price and Tony Siler.

TOWN STAFF PRESENT: Town Manager Bryan Thompson, Attorney William Morgan, Police Chief Gary Tyson, Human Resources Director Nancy Darden, Finance Director Roy Lynch, and Town Clerk Jenifer Johnson.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Thompson requested the addition of Terry Green Retirement resolution under presentations and closed session 143.318.11(a)(6).

A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Commissioner Siler, seconded by Commissioner Constantino and unanimously approved.

CONSENT

A motion to approve the consent agenda which includes the December 18, 2017 Minutes (Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule A) and the December 22, 2017 Minutes (Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule B) was made by Commissioner Haiges, seconded by Commissioner Constantino and unanimously approved.

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

Oath of Office

District Court Judge Joseph M Buckner administered the oath of office for Mayor John Grimes. (Incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule C)

Elect Mayor Pro Tem

Thompson shared the NCGS 160A-70. Mayor pro tempore; disability of mayor. At the organizational meeting, the council shall elect from among its members a mayor pro tempore to serve at the pleasure of the council. A councilman serving as mayor pro tempore shall be entitled to vote on all matters and shall be considered a councilman for all purposes, including the determination of whether a quorum is present. During the absence of the mayor, the council may confer upon the mayor pro tempore any of the powers and duties of the mayor. If the mayor should become physically or mentally incapable of performing the duties of his office, the council may by unanimous vote declare that he is incapacitated and confer any of his powers and duties on the mayor pro tempore. Upon the mayor's declaration that he is no longer incapacitated, and with the concurrence of a majority of the council, the mayor shall resume the exercise of his powers and duties. In the event both the mayor and the mayor pro tempore are absent from a meeting, the council may elect from its members a temporary chairman to preside in such absence. (1971, c. 698, s. 1; 1979, 2nd Sess., c. 1247, s. 4.) (Incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule D)

A motion to elect Larry Cheek as Mayor Pro Tem was made by Commissioner Siler, seconded by Commissioner Bray and unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS

Terry Green Retirement Resolution

Mayor Grimes presented a resolution to Terry Green honoring his retirement.

OLD BUSINESS

Golden LEAF Foundation Grant Agreement

Thompson shared an agreement between the Golden LEAF Foundation and the Town of Siler City concerning the award to the Town of \$2Million granted for the purposes of aiding the Town's efforts in making improvements to the Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant. Thompson noted that the "Start Date" has not yet been assigned. Staff is in communications with the Foundation's staff to determine the most appropriate date to assign in light of the complexity of the noted project. Thompson stated Staff recommends the approval of the subject agreement for execution. (Incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule E)

A motion to approve the Golden Leaf Foundation Grantee Acknowledgment and Agreement with project title FY2018-071/ Mountaire Farms, Inc. Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements and Expansion was made by Commissioner Siler, seconded by Commissioner Fadely and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

RFP –Audit Services

Lynch stated that the Town has recently completed its fourth audit year under Dixon Hughes Goodman, LLP. As a standard practice, local governments put out an Audit Request for Proposal every four to five years. Dixon Hughes continues to do a great job with the annual audit, but we need to ensure the fees paid remain competitive. Lynch shared a Two Part Request for Proposal. The first part addresses the credentials of the firm and the second the costs estimates. Lynch stated that the responses be submitted by March 30th and a recommendation for approval to the Board at the April 16th meeting. (Incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule F)

A motion to approve the RFP for Audit Services was made by Commissioner Fadely, seconded by Commissioner Haiges and unanimously approved.

Airport Professional Engineering Services RFQ

Thompson shared a RFQ for airport engineering services. Thompson stated that this was last done in 2013 and is required to be revisited every five years. Accordingly, the proposed RFQ is a master services RFQ spanning a five-year period. Thompson stated that Staff is seeking approval to release the proposed RFQ for advertisement. (Incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule G)

A motion to approve the RFQ for professional engineering services for the Town of Siler City Airport to be released for advertisement was made by Commissioner Fadely, seconded by Commissioner Siler and unanimously approved.

Acquisition of Property Airport Road

Thompson stated that three properties referenced in the following document, which abut the Siler City Municipal Airport property, are available for sale. These three properties are in single ownership of an estate, which was earlier slated to go up for auction. The Town made an initial inquiry and found that the estate is willing to deal directly with the Town as opposed to moving forward with the planned auction.

The Town is able to utilize grant funding to which it has access. However, the process is lengthier than standard real-estate transactions. This has been communicated with the property owner through the attached letter earlier issued by the Town.

During its last regular meeting, the Airport Authority made a unanimous recommendation to the Board of Commissioners to pursue the acquisition of the noted properties, as the planned projects associated with continued Airport improvements will require control of this land at some point. Moreover, owning the subject properties will enable the Town to remove obstructions, thus improving approach safety to the Airport.

Staff seeks approval by the Board to move forward with discussion and diligence associated with the potential purchase of the noted properties. (Incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule H)

A motion for Staff to pursue the purchase of the properties of the Leroy White Estate abutting the Siler City Airport along Airport Road was made by Commissioner Price, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cheek and unanimously approved.

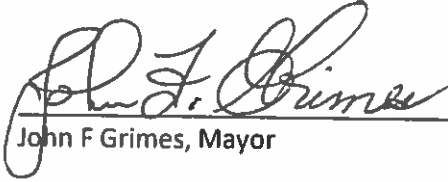
CLOSED SESSION

A motion to go into closed session § 143-318.11 (a) (6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee was made by Commissioner Haiges, seconded by Commissioner Constantino and unanimously approved.

A motion to come out of closed session was made by Commissioner Haiges, seconded by Commissioner Fadely and unanimously approved.

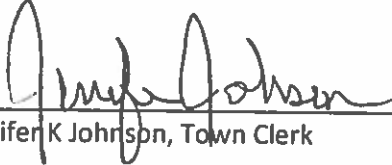
ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 7:46pm.



John F Grimes, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jenifer K Johnson, Town Clerk

