

**TOWN OF SILER CITY**

The Siler City Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on **Monday, May 16, 2022**, at 6:30pm in Multipurpose at the Wrenn Memorial Library with Mayor Pro Tem Price presiding. Commissioner Boone gave the invocation with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Bray recited the Town of Siler City Mission Statement and Commissioner Siler recited the Town of Siler City Vision Statement.

**ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Norma Boone, Cindy Bray, Curtis Brown, Lewis Fadely, Bill Haiges, Thomas "Chip" Price, and Tony Siler

**TOWN STAFF PRESENT:** Interim Town Manager Bill Zell, Planning Director Jack Meadows, Public Works Director Chris McCorquodale, HR Director Nancy Darden, Finance Director Tina Stroupe, Parks and Recreation Director Jack Clelland, and Town Clerk Jenifer Johnson

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

***A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Haiges and unanimously.***

**CLOSED SESSION**

***A motion to go into closed session for §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 at 6:32pm was made by Commissioner Haiges, seconded by Commissioner Fadely, and unanimously approved.***

***A motion to come out of closed session at 7:31pm was made by Commissioner Haiges, seconded by Commissioner Fadely, and unanimously approved.***

**LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Town of Siler City Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget**

Mayor Pro Tem Price opened the public hearing for Town of Siler City Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget at 7:35pm. (Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule A)

Bill Zell shared the following with the Board of Commissioners:

I am pleased to submit to you the Town of Siler City, North Carolina Annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, which begins on July 1, 2022 and ends on June 30, 2023. The budget was prepared in accordance with the North Carolina Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act. The budget is balanced and identifies all revenue and expenditure estimates for FY 2022-2023.

We continue to work through the recovery period of the pandemic and have seen positive results driven by stimulus payments through the CARES Act. We are still cognizant of the effects concerning COVID-19 and the uncertainties that may lie ahead but are optimistic about the coming year.

**10 Fund General Fund**

The FY23 general fund budget came in at \$9,599,222 in estimated revenue, a 11.6% increase over the current fiscal year's projected revenue. We were able to maintain the current tax rate of \$0.54 per \$100 of property value, where a penny in tax generates approximately \$62,343 of revenue based on a 98.5 percent collection rate. The Fire District Tax will remain at the \$0.12 per \$100 of property value.

The total property valuation rose from \$571,744,429, to \$582,761,886, which is a 1.9 percent increase.

General Fund Capital Outlay Equipment Items included in the budget are the following: A capital item is a single piece of equipment that costs at least \$5,000 and will be in service for at least one year.

The Town Manager's office is budgeted to receive a Dodge Durango SUV.

The Police Department is budgeted to receive the following: Dodge Ram truck, five (5) Durango SUV's (three of which will be used for Patrol, which will be upfitted with Kustom radars, graphics package and in-car camera systems), and emergency safety trailer.

The Fire Department is budgeted to receive a Chevrolet pickup truck.

The Public Works Department is budgeted to receive the following: F-250 pick-up truck, SCAG lawnmower, Panther Box for Hook lift, asphalt roller, boom truck and dump Truck.

Total dollar amount for general fund capital is \$841,318. This list of items will be financed in a four-year loan package with a 2.79% interest rate.

Total debt service in the general fund for FY23 totals \$477,855 principal and interest.

#### 20 Fund Powell Bill

Estimated Powell Bill revenues are \$471,415, which is a 17.2% decrease from the current fiscal year. The revenues are down due to the recent amount of paving that has exhausted the Powell Bill Fund Balance and we didn't want to deplete it any further.

#### 30 Fund Water and Sewer

Estimated Water and Sewer revenues are projected to increase by 5.2%, from \$8,455,077 to \$8,925,726.

Water and Sewer Fund Capital Items included in the budget are the following:

The Water and Sewer Administration Department is budgeted to receive a Dodge Durango SUV.

The Water Treatment Plant is budgeted to receive a John Deere 325G track loader.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant is budgeted to receive a Kubota Utility Vehicle.

The Water/Sewer Maintenance Department will receive the following: Trailer jetter, F-550 service vehicle, 35G mini excavator, Kraftman tilt trailer and a Kubota side-by-side.

The total dollar amount for water/sewer fund capital is \$430,661.

This list of items will be financed in a four-year loan package with a 2.79% interest rate.

Total debt service in the Enterprise fund for FY23 totals \$1,363,926, principal and interest.

#### 40 Fund LPA

Estimated revenues in the License Plate Agency total \$176,700. An increase of 24.7% over the current year budgeted revenues of \$133,044.

In conclusion: I would like to thank the staff for all they did in helping me put this budget message together. I believe this budget will allow each department to do their job at a level you, the Board of Commissioners, and our citizens have come to expect of them.

Mayor Pro Tem Price closed the public hearing at 7:43pm.

***A motion to approve the 2022-2023 Budget as presented was made by Commissioner Fadely, seconded by Commissioner Haiges, and unanimously approved.***

***A motion to approve the 2022-2023 Fee Schedule as presented was made by Commissioner Haiges, seconded by Commissioner Boone, and unanimously.***

Street Closing- Patterson Street

Mayor Pro Tem Price opened the public hearing for the petition to close a portion of Patterson Street pursuant to NC Gen. Stat. §160A-299 as requested by Craig B. Wood and Margaret A. Wood at 7:45pm. (Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule B)

Meadows stated that the subject street is adjacent to property owned by Craig and Margaret Wood at 1053 Pine Forest Drive.

Meadows shared the requirements from North Carolina General Statute §160A-299:

1. Adopting of a resolution declaring the Town's intent to close the subject street.
2. Publishing the resolution once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the public hearing.
3. Mailing by certified mail the resolution to all owners of property adjoining the street as shown on the county tax records.
4. Posting a notice of closing and public hearing shall be prominently posted in at least two places along the street.
5. Holding a public hearing.
6. Adopting an order permanently closing the subject street.
7. Submitting resolution to NCDOT.
8. Recording the order in the Office of the Register of Deeds.
9. NCDOT Board of Transportation abandon maintenance; and
10. Record new plat, deed, and easements.

Meadows shared the following documents:

1. Letter from W. Ben Atwater Jr. (Feb. 15, 2022)
2. Resolution of Intent to close a portion of Patterson Street
3. Aerial Photo
4. Google Street View Photo
5. Plat Book: 2020-58 (3)
6. Deed Book 2123, Page 720
7. NCDOT Abandonment Petition

Meadows noted:

1. §160A-299 is not the same statute that is used when a property owner is seeking to withdraw from dedication a portion of a street.
  - a. Those requests are made pursuant to NCGS §136-96 and §136-66.2 by requesting the Town Board adopt a resolution that the street is not part of the Town's thoroughfare plan.
  - b. Also, §160A-299 requires that the closed portion of the street be split between adjacent property owners at the centerline (unlike §136-96 which is first take all).

Burnce Hancock, 264 Glosson Road, Siler City, NC

The road has been there for about a hundred years. We have farmed the land that three-fourths of the road borders for about seventy-five years. We just want to be sure that we are going to have adequate room to turn around. If we are pulling something like a mower it would be difficult to turn around. But I understand from talking to Craig and Jack that they are going to provide adequate room to turn around if we need to. We can access our property, but we have been driving to the end, which was the old Patterson Place and we had plenty of room to turn around. If we drive up to a barricade, we would either have to back out or turn around in the middle of the road. If we have enough space to turn around, we are in support of the road closure.

Meadows and the applicant stated that there will be a turn around as required by NCDOT.

Mayor Pro Tem Price closed the public hearing at 7:55pm.

***A motion to close a portion of Patterson Street pursuant to NC Gen. Statute §160A-299 was made by Commissioner Fadely, seconded by Commissioner Haiges and unanimously.***

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

none

#### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Zell shared the following with the Board of Commissioners:

- Zell thanked the Board and Staff.
- Conversations have begun to move police telecommunications to the county.
- Zell reminded the Board that they should be careful discussing personnel issues with employees.

#### **TOWN ATTORNEY INFORMATION**

none

#### **GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS**

Commissioner Boone stated that she had taken some photos of the flooding in town and would share those with staff.

#### **SWEARING IN OF TOWN MANAGER HANK RAPER**

Mayor Pro Tem Price administer the Oath of Office to the new Town Manager Hank Raper and welcomed him.

#### **HONOR DISTRICT 1 COMMISSIONER TONY SILER FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE TOWN FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION**

Prepared by Jenifer K Johnson, Town Clerk

Mayor Pro Tem Price read aloud a resolution honoring Commissioner Tony Siler on his nineteen years of service and presented him with a plaque to recognize the achievement.

Commissioner Siler thanked the Board of Commissioners and Staff.

A reception followed honoring Commissioner Siler.

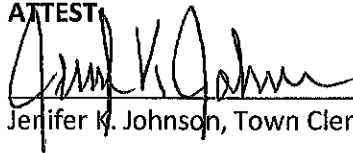
**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 8:13pm.



Thomas K. Price, Mayor Pro Tempore

**ATTEST**



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Jenifer K. Johnson, Town Clerk

