

TOWN OF SILER CITY

The Siler City Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on **Monday, July 18, 2022**, at 6:30pm in Multipurpose at the Wren Memorial Library with Mayor Price presiding. Commissioner Alston gave the invocation with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance following. Mayor Price recited the Town of Siler City Mission Statement and Commissioner Bray recited the Town of Siler City Vision Statement.

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: Albert Alston, Norma Boone, Cindy Bray, Curtis Brown, Lewis Fadely, and Thomas “Chip” Price,

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS ABSENT: Bill Haiges

TOWN STAFF PRESENT: Town Manager Hank Raper, Attorney William Morgan, Public Utilities Director Chris McCorquodale, Parks and Recreation Director Jack Clelland, Finance Director Tina Stroupe, and Town Clerk Jenifer Johnson

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to approve the consent agenda which includes the June 20, 2022, Minutes (Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule A), June 27, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes (Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule B), and Recovery Celebration Street Closure (Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule C) was made by Commissioner Fadely, seconded by Commissioner Brown, and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

At Large Commissioner Vacancy

Town Manager Hank Raper stated at the June 6, 2022, Board of Commissioner’s meeting, the Board asked staff to advertise the At-Large Commissioner seat vacancy for one month. The individual appointed by the Board of Commissioners will complete the term vacated by Thomas (Chip) Price and would serve until the elected successor takes office on December 4, 2023. (Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule D)

Raper stated after advertising, the following individuals sent in letters of interest:

Donald Matthews	909 12 th Street	Siler City
James Underwood	1101 North Garden Avenue	Siler City

The Board of Commissioners discussed the process and would like to follow the same process that was done for the previous vacancies. The consensus of the Board of Commissioners was to interview both individuals at a special meeting on Monday, July 25, 2022, and asked that each candidate to submit their top three priorities for the Town to the Town Clerk by Friday.

NEW BUSINESS

Residential Requirements for Elected Officials

Town Attorney William Morgan stated that he would have to review this requirement, but it is due to state law. Mayor Price stated that he was at the Chatham County Elections Office and according to the

Board of Elections the thirty-day requirement is in the town charter and the town could change it if they wanted. The Board of Elections instructed him that the Town would submit the request to them, and they would forward it to the legislators.

Morgan stated he would research the item and get with the Board of Elections Office and update the Board of Commissioners at the next meeting.

Mayor Term Discussion

Town Attorney William Morgan stated he would need to review expanding the mayor's term, since he did not know this item was going to be on the agenda. Morgan stated he would report back at the next meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Hank Raper shared the following with the Board of Commissioners:

- Assistant Finance Director has been hired and will start on August 1.
- Public Works Director has been hired and will start on July 25.
- Meetings held with Chatham County and Pittsboro the last couple of weeks to discuss a variety of things that we can work on together.
- Pre-treatment tours at Mountiare and Brookwood.
- Met with McGill and working through the issues with the moratorium.
- Grant Funding received.
- Strategic Planning Process.

TOWN ATTORNEY INFORMATION

none

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

Commissioner Bray stated that she had received several calls about smells on Highway 64 between MasAcme and Mountiare and wanted staff to check into it. Commissioner Alston stated that he also received those calls.

Commissioner Fadely asked if a compensation study could be done for the mayor. Mayor Price asked that the same study be done for the Board of Commissioners as well.

Commissioner Alston asked if some of the vacancies in public works had been filled. Town Manager Raper stated that there are a few openings.

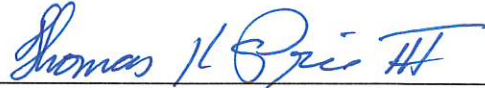
CLOSED SESSION

A motion to go into closed session for §143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations, or to discuss matters relating to military installation closure or realignment. Any action approving the signing of an economic development contract or commitment, or the action authorizing the payment of economic development expenditures, shall be taken in an open session at 7:15pm was made by Commissioner Fadely, seconded by Commissioner Boone, and unanimously approved.

A motion to come out of closed session at 7:53pm was made by Commissioner Bray, seconded by Commissioner Fadely, and unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 7:54pm.



Thomas K. Price, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jenifer K. Johnson, Town Clerk

