

**TOWN OF SILER CITY**

The Siler City Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on **Monday, August 15, 2022**, at 6:30pm in Multipurpose at the Wren Memorial Library with Mayor Price presiding. Commissioner Brown gave the invocation with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance following. Commissioner Fadely recited the Town of Siler City Mission Statement and Mayor Pro Tem Haiges recited the Town of Siler City Vision Statement.

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

**ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS ABSENT:** Cindy Bray

**TOWN STAFF PRESENT:** Town Manager Hank Raper, Attorney William Morgan, Public Utilities Director Chris McCorquodale, Public Works Director Cal Pettiford, Finance Director Tina Stroupe, and Town Clerk Jenifer Johnson

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Town Manager Hank Raper asked to add two closed sessions 143-318.11 (a)(3) and (6) to the agenda.

***A motion to approve the amendments to the agenda was made by Commissioner Alston, seconded by Commissioner Fadely, and unanimously approved.***

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

***A motion to approve the consent agenda which includes the August 1, 2022, Minutes (Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule A), August 8, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes (Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule B), and Budget Amendment 2022.2 Economic Development Action Plan (Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule D), Resolutions for Bank Accounts and Deputy Finance Director (Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule E), and Proclamation Honoring Siler City Employees (Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule F) was made by Commissioner Fadely, seconded by Commissioner Alston, and unanimously approved.***

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Budget Amendment 2023.1 Overall Budget Amendments**

Town Manager Hank Raper stated at the August 1, 2022 Board of Commissioner’s meeting, changes to the annual budget for fiscal year 2023 were presented. Staff was asked to bring amendments to the budget back for discussion on August 15, 2022. Attached is the Budget Amendment for review and approval of changes to the General Fund and Utilities Fund. (Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule G)

Raper overviewed the areas identified in need of adjustments:

- Decrease in ABC revenue from ABC Budget received.
- Salaries and Benefits transfers between funds due to staffing realignment.

- Removing all capital outlay items until a complete asset inventory has been completed and the Capital Improvement Plan has been updated.
- Decrease in some line items to current spending levels.
- Increase in Mountaire Farms incentive payment because of property revaluation.
- Increase to purchase a sludge press at the Wastewater Plant with a potential cost savings in FY24.
- Increase for a creek restoration cleaning at the water plant.

Raper stated that the total will decrease the 10 General Fund budget in the amount of \$829,223.00. The total will increase in 30 Utilities Fund in the amount of \$740,536.00. This increase would be pulled from fund balance.

***A motion to approve the budget amendment 2023.1 as presented was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Fadely, and unanimously approved.***

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### Downtown Advisory Committee Recommendations

Cecil Wilson gave an overview of the Siler City Downtown Advisory Committee mid-year recommendations including UDO Amendment - Window Signs and Beaver Street feasibility study. (Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule H)

The consensus of the Board of Commissioners was to move forward with the recommendations from the committee.

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

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

- Water Treatment Plant upgrade has started.
- Next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 6.
- Fire Chief is looking at ladder truck and will bring information to the next meeting.
- Town received five million for the Blood Run project.
- Raper asked if the Board wanted to move forward with Land Use Plan and Parks & Recreation Plan that was discussed. The consensus of the Board of Commissioners was to move forward with the plans.
- Reviewing fee schedule.
- Working on storm water plan and fee.
- Reviewing water and sewer fees.
- Salary compensation study has been done including the Board and it looks like it is right around \$60,000.
- City Hall project moving forward.
- Moratorium meeting with State on Thursday.

#### **TOWN ATTORNEY INFORMATION**

none

#### **GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS**

none

**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 7:07pm was made by Commissioner Fadely, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Haiges, and unanimously approved.*

*A motion to come out of closed session at 7:21pm was made by Mayor Pro Tem Haiges, seconded by Commissioner Brown, and unanimously approved.*

*A motion to go into closed session for §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 at 7:21pm was made by Commissioner Fadely, seconded by Commissioner Brown, and unanimously approved.*


*A motion to come out of closed session at 7:52pm was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Fadely, and unanimously approved.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 8:09pm.

  
Thomas K. Price, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Jenifer K. Johnson, Town Clerk

