

TOWN OF SILER CITY

The Siler City Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on **Monday, August 16, 2021** at 6:30pm in Multipurpose at the Wrenn Memorial Library with Mayor Pro Tem Bray presiding. Commissioner Price started presiding over the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Bray gave the invocation with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance following. Commissioner Brown recited the Town of Siler City Mission Statement and Commissioner Brown 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: Town Manager Roy Lynch, Attorney William Morgan, Planning Director Jack Meadows, Public Works Director Chris McCorquodale, Major James Underwood, and Town Clerk Jenifer Johnson, Zoom: Finance Director Tina Stroupe, HR Director Nancy Darden, Parks & Recreation Director Jack Clelland

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT

A motion to approve the consent agenda which includes the Amendment to Contract to Audit Account with Dixon, Hughes, Goodman (Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule A) was made by Commissioner Haiges, seconded by Commissioner Brown, and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

none

NEW BUSINESS

Demolition Ordinance – 704 W. 3rd Street

Meadows stated that the subject dwelling is described as unfit for human habitation and is in violation of the Town's Minimum Housing Ordinance. A complaint notice of hearing was served upon the owner and parties in interest. The administrative hearing was held on April 28, 2021 at City Hall. The findings of fact and order was served upon the owner and parties in interest following the hearing. Town staff filed a Notice of Lis Pendens with the Chatham County Clerk of Superior Court following the hearing. (Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule B)

Meadows shared the following:

1. Photo
2. Aerial Photo
3. Complaint Notice of Hearing
4. Findings of Fact and Order
5. Notice of Lis Pendens
6. Emails to and from property owner
7. Demolition Ordinance
8. Bid tabulation sheet
9. List of asbestos removal contractors

The Board of Commissioners discussed the property and asked questions of the owner Robert Willet and Town Staff.

A motion to approve the demolition ordinance for 704 West Third Street and award the bid to KBS Earthworks, Inc. for \$8,424.00 was made by Commissioner Fadely, seconded by Commissioner Haiges, and unanimously approved.

A motion to authorize the Town Manager to contract with the low bid asbestos removal contractor if asbestos is identified during the asbestos survey was made by Commissioner Haiges, seconded by Commissioner Brown, and unanimously approved.

State Drinking Water Revolving Fund – Homewood Acres Water Pressure Project

Lynch stated Town Staff and McGill Engineers have been studying the water pressure issues on Candlewood Drive, Tanglewood Drive and Driftwood Drive over many years. Utility Customers continue to express concerns as the situation has gradually become worse over the last year. Individual homes were monitored and analyzed to gather data for the project review. (Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule C)

Engineer David Honeycutt with McGill and Associates stated that they have identified a need to construct a drinking water distribution system to include the installation of a booster pump station and small pressure tank to serve domestic demands in the area. New small diameter water lines will be ran to the homes in the vicinity and the services connected to this higher-pressure system.

Honeycutt explained the graphs and maps included in the Board of Commissioners packet.

Honeycutt stated to fund this project, Town Engineers are recommending the Town apply for a State Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) combination low-interest rate loan and principal forgiveness. To apply for these funds, the Board of Commissioners will need to approve the shared resolution.

The Board of Commissioners asked Staff to do surveys of other areas in town as well to see if any other areas have issues with water pressure.

A motion to approve the Resolution for the State Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for the Water Pressure Project in the Homewood Acres Neighborhood was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Haiges, and unanimously approved.

American Rescue Plan Requests

Stroupe stated that the Town has received the first installment of the American Rescue Plan funding through the State. Initially, staff has prioritized the items that were requested but not funded in the budget for year ending June 30, 2022. Stroupe shared the Attachment A list which includes the eligible nonprofits with the calculation based on the original requests. (Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule D)

ATTACHMENT A			
Fund	Department	Items	Estimated Amount
10	416	Loves Creek Tributary Study- Stormwater Infrastructure	\$ 60,000.00

SCHEDULE B
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10	510/530	Emergency Message Board-Public Safety	\$ 23,500.00
10	510	Access Control for PD Doors-Public Safety	\$ 7,192.00
10	510	20 4G Modems for Patrol Vehicles-Public Safety	\$ 40,600.00
10	510	Xybix Dispatch Workstation (Telecommunicator Work Desk)- Public Safety	\$ 17,500.00
10	530	Replace and Update 6 Thermal Imagers-Public Safety	\$ 32,600.00
10	400	Nonprofit Funding-Community Economic Assistance	\$ 87,718.00
10		Total	\$ 269,110.00
30	810	WTP-Pipe Gallery Paint-Infrastructure	\$ 19,000.00
30	810	WTP-Filter, Backwash, Actuators-Infrastructure	\$ 120,000.00
30		Total	\$ 139,000.00
		Total	\$ 408,110.00
		ARP Received 7/2021	\$ 1,310,643.24

American Rescue Plan Nonprofit Funding

Organization	Purpose	2019/2020 Funding	2020/2021 Request	2021/2022 Request	53% of Request
Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Carolina	Triple Play and Smart Moves Program	\$10,500.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$8,047.50
Chatham Cares Community Pharmacy	Purchase of Medication	\$3,500.00	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$5,365.00
Chatham County Communities in School	Case Management Services and Prevention Programs	\$8,400.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$5,365.00
Chatham County Council on Aging	Enhance Wellness Activities	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$5,365.00
Chatham County Housing Initiatives	How 2 Save On Water & Energy Program	\$0.00	\$3,600.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,682.50
Chatham Literacy	Literacy Matters: Transforming Lives Through Literacy	\$10,500.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$10,730.00
Chatham Trades	Transit for Adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	\$4,023.75
Hispanic Liaison	Community Support, Orgullo Latinx Pride Youth Program, and Hispanic Heritage Fiesta	\$4,200.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$6,438.00
NC Arts Incubator	Classroom Space for underprivileged students with available whiteboards, audio	\$7,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$5,365.00

	visual equipment and broadband internet for distance learning.				
Salvation Army	Pathway to Hope Program	\$ 7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$16,095.00
Siler City Development Organization	Façade and Building Rehab Grants	\$ 5,250.00	\$15,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$16,095.00
Western Chatham Food Bank	Fuel Up Program	\$ 2,800.00	\$2,800.00	\$4,000.00	\$2,146.00
TOTAL		\$36,750.00	\$113,900.00	\$163,500.00	\$87,717.75

Stroupe stated that these items meet the criteria included in the Interim Final Rule issued by the Department of Treasury. Stroupe stated that Staff is requesting Board’s approval to proceed with these requests.

Stroupe also shared the attachment B, an initial list of proposed infrastructure projects eligible for funding through ARP.

ATTACHMENT B			
Priority	Project	Description	Estimated Project Cost
1	Water Pressure	Homewood Acres	\$825,414
2	Water Pressure	Piney Grove and Water Plant	\$1,274,000
3	Sewer Line Replacement	Replacement at Greensboro Avenue-650 feet of 8-inch gravity sewer main - 5 manholes	\$120,000
4	Meter Project	Upgrade to satellite meter reading system	\$2,445,000
5	Best Foods Sewer Line Replacement	64 to Sears Street	\$100,000
6	Dry Dock Sewer Line Replacement	Sewer cleanout to 2nd street main sewer line	\$100,000
7	East Finch Sewer Line Replacement	East Finch to outfall	\$100,000
8	Storm drainpipe	Intersection of East Dolphin and South 6th Avenue	\$35,000
9	Stormdrain pipe	Intersection of West 4th Street & Dogwood Avenue	\$35,000
10	Stormdrain pipe	WWTP	\$35,000
11	Waterline Replacement	Replacement of 800 ft of 6-inch waterline -Kraft Lane	\$120,000
12	Southside Tank	Raise tank to allow it to be filled to full capacity	\$1,000,000

Stroupe stated that Staff will be bringing additional recommendations for these projects as the review is completed. This will allow time to determine if there are other funding opportunities available in order to maximize potential use of the received funds.

The Board of Commissioners discussed both lists.

A motion to approve attachment A as presented was made by Commissioner Fadely, seconded by Commissioner Price, and unanimously approved.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Lynch shared the following with the Board of Commissioners: City Hall Renovation, Boling Lane Park pruning, looking at the return of mask, and the public hearing for requested road closure will be on August 30 at Jordan Matthews.

TOWN ATTORNEY INFORMATION

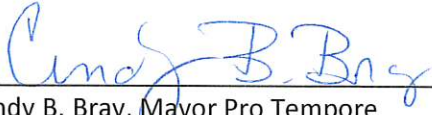
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GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

Commissioner Brown stated that Donna Smith wanted to say something on zoom. Smith thanked the Board of Commissioners for funding the non-profits. Commissioner Brown asked staff about mowing in the right of way. Commissioner Siler stated there was a pile of debris on Fifth Street.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 8:17pm.


Cindy B. Bray, Mayor Pro Tempore

ATTEST:


Jenifer K. Johnson, Town Clerk

