

TOWN OF SILER CITY

The Siler City Town Board of Commissioners met in a budget workshop on April, 3, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room with Mayor John Grimes presiding.

Commissioner Present: Cindy Bray, Michael Constantino, Larry Cheek, John Grimes, Lewis Fadely, Bill Haiges, Thomas Price, and Tony Siler

Staff Present: Manager Bryan Thompson, Finance Officer Tammy Spechier, Public Works Director Terry Green, Fire Department Scott Murphy, Town Clerk Jenifer Everage

A motion was made to open the meeting by Commissioner Siler, seconded by Commissioner Fadely and unanimously approved.

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

Manager Thompson presented the following items for guidance from the board:

1. Water and Wastewater Rates and Structure

Thompson updated the Board of Commissioners on the water and wastewater rates and structure. Thompson discussed depreciation, fund balance, capital improvement planning, capital reserve funding, and proposed water and wastewater rates. Thompson discussed the current rates and proposed rates over a 3 year period. The Board of Commissioners discussed the proposed water and wastewater rates. The consensus of the Board of Commissioners was to include the 3 year proposed rates in the 2014/2015 budget. The Board of Commissioners requested of Manager Thompson that a simple message be created for the Board of Commissioners to present to the citizens by first of May.

2. Fire District Tax

Thompson updated the Board of Commissioners on the Siler City Fire District Tax. Thompson stated the fire department is funded by two primary funding sources: fire district tax revenue and general fund revenues. Thompson explained that the fire district tax is levied by Chatham County with a request from the Town. Thompson stated if the Board of Commissioners would like to make a request to increase the fire district tax would need to be done by April 15, 2014. Fire Chief Murphy discussed additional ISO training and number of calls. Thompson discussed a potential staff chief for the Fire Department. The Board of Commissioners discussed the fire district tax. The consensus of the Board of Commissioners was they wish to hire a Fire Chief, but are unsure how to fund the item. The Board of Commissioners would like for Manager Thompson to go to Chatham County and request a two percent increase with a one percentage of advolem.

3. Temporary Water Rate Reduction

Thompson updated the Board of Commissioners on the possible temporary water rate reduction due to water quality in the Boling Lane Park Neighborhood. Thompson stated he has been working on a policy of the reduction and the operational issues. The Board of Commissioners discussed the issues of a potential reduction. Public Works Director Green explained the current procedures for checking water. The consensus Board of Directors discussed house filters and a utility bill credit for residents that have an identified problem.

4. Parks and Recreation Concession Rentals

Thompson presented a request from Shauta Moffitt. Moffitt would like to rental the concession stand at Bray Park. Thompson stated the current fee is \$100 per day. Thompson asked the Board of Commissioners if they would be interested into going into a seasonal contract with anyone. The Board of Commissioners discussed the concession rentals.

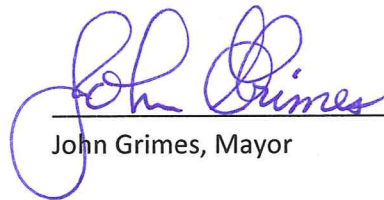
5. Special Events Personnel Costs

Thompson presented to the Board of Commissioners the itemize cost associated with manpower in public works and police. The Board of Commissioners discussed the cost of special events.

6. Information Technology RFP (request for proposal) Update

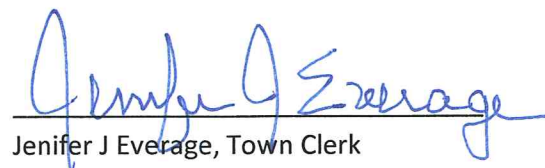
Thompson and Commissioner Haiges gave the Board of Commissioners an update on the Information Technology request for proposal process.

A motion to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. was made by Commissioner Fadely, seconded by Commissioner Haiges and unanimously approved.



John Grimes, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jenifer J Everage, Town Clerk