

TOWN OF SILER CITY

The Siler City Town Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, December 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Courtroom with Mayor ProTem John Grimes presiding. After the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Price gave the invocation. A motion to approve the minutes from the November 27, 2012 special meeting was made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Price and unanimously carried. Minutes from the closed session minutes from November 27, 2012 were unanimously approved upon a motion by Commissioner Siler and second from Commissioner Cheek. Commissioner Price made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2012 regular meeting and unanimously carried upon a second by Commissioner Siler. Minutes from the closed session were unanimously approved upon a motion by Commissioner Cheek and second from Commissioner Adams

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Sam Adams, Cindy Bray, Larry Cheek, Michael Constantino, John Grimes, Thomas K. Price, III and Tony Siler.

ABSENT: Mayor Charles Johnson.

TOWN STAFF PRESENT: Town Manager Joel J. Brower, Town Attorney William Morgan, Planning Director Jack Meadows, Police Chief Gary Tyson, Police Lt. Rick Merritt, Planning Adm. Support Dee Lee Thompkins, and Town Clerk Karen Alman.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

Zoann Adams, 505 Elk Lane, Siler City, NC 27344: She advised she was speaking on behalf of the Siler City Merchants Association to thank Town Manager Brower for his help through the years and to "wish him the very best in his retirement".

Pamela Hawe, 1976 Wade Paschal Rd., Siler City, NC 27344: Ms. Hawe stated the County is allocating funds in the Capital Improvement Plan for a new county Ag Center. She then read ten reasons that the building should be located in Siler City (attached) to include that Siler City is a better location to serve the farming population in the rural half of the county, to assist Siler City's downtown revitalization, provide a much needed public meeting space, provide jobs and help local business and more. She asked that the Board of Commissioners pass a formal resolution requesting the County to consider locating the Ag Center in Siler City. Mayor ProTem Grimes asked that she provide a copy of these ten reasons for the Town's minutes. (Schedule 18-A)

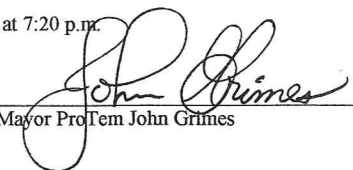
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION PRESENTATION TO TOWN MANAGER JOEL BROWER: Mayor ProTem Grimes asked Brower to join him in the front of the courtroom for this presentation. Grimes read the Resolution of Appreciation and then asked the Board to consider approval. Upon a motion from Commissioner Cheek and second by Commissioner Price, the resolution unanimously carried. A watch was then presented to Mr. Brower from the Mayor and Board of Commissioners. Brower expressed how much he appreciated these gifts and the support of the Board and Mayor Johnson who could not be in attendance. He stated his career with the Town of Siler City has been "his life" for 35 years. Brower thanked his family, especially his wife Sue, and then his son Josh and his wife, Kelli and his grandchildren Alleigh and T.J. Brower also thanked the citizens and the help and support of good staff through the years. Commissioner Adams thanked Brower for all he has done for the Town and that it has been "an absolute pleasure" to work with him. Commissioner Cheek agreed with Adams and pointed out he likes the way Brower has handled problems and has always appreciated his "open door policy". He stated that "words cannot express what you mean to the Town and to this Board". Mayor ProTem Grimes added how it has impressed him to see Brower work himself through the ranks beginning his career with the Town doing manual labor as a Water & Sewer Trainee after graduation from college and then work himself into Town Manager. He thanked him for being an excellent Town Manager and wished him great health in retirement. Commissioner Siler commented he had been on the Board for nine years and thanked Brower for his hard work and his help in accomplishments in his district. (Schedule 18-B)

NCDOT DIVISION OF AVIATION AIRPORT SAFETY/MAINTENANCE PROGRAM AGREEMENT: A letter from Bobby Walston, P. E. from the NCDOT-Aviation Division advised that several years ago the Airport Safety/Maintenance Program was created to assist publicly owned and operated airports with airfield safety related improvements with 100% state funding. The program has been very successful and is now time for Siler City to renew this Program Agreement for an additional five years. Brower explained the Town is working with Jennifer Fuller, Siler City's NCDOT Airport Representative to begin an overlay pavement of the runway at the Siler City Municipal Airport. It is hoped that the DOT will handle this project to include engineering, construction management and the actual work. The airport runway is currently being assessed for this project. A motion to approve the Resolution for the Division of Aviation Airport Safety/Maintenance Program Agreement was made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Siler and unanimously carried. (Schedule 18-C)

HEALTH OF MAYOR JOHNSON: In response to a question from Mayor ProTem Grimes, Brower responded that in a text from Mayor Johnson's wife, Lisa, that the Mayor had a good week-end and he is making progress. Grimes asked that everyone continue to remember Mayor Johnson and his family in prayer.

RESERVOIR LEVEL: Brower advised the current capacity of the reservoir as of December 17th is 68.4% of remaining capacity available for consumption. He stated the Town has plenty of water, but that voluntary conservation is required by the 401-permit when the capacity reaches 70-percent.

With no further business, Mayor ProTem Grimes adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.



Mayor ProTem John Grimes

ATTEST:


Karen C. Alman, Town Clerk