

TOWN OF SILER CITY

The Siler City Town Board of Commissioners met in regular session on **Monday, June 18, 2012** at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Courtroom with Mayor Charles Johnson presiding. After the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Johnson gave the invocation. A motion to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2012 regular session was made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Price and unanimously carried. Closed minutes from the May 21, 2012 meeting were unanimously carried upon a motion by Commissioner Siler and seconded by Commissioner Constantino. Commissioner Adams asked that a correction be made to the minutes from the May 29, 2012 workshop session. A motion to contribute \$15,000 to the NC Arts Incubator was made by Commissioner Adams instead of Commissioner Siler. Commissioner Siler made a motion to contribute \$12,000 after the first motion died for lack of a second. With that correction, Commissioner Adams moved to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2012 workshop meeting which unanimously carried upon a second by Commissioner Cheek.

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: John Grimes.

TOWN STAFF PRESENT: Town Manager Joel J. Brower, Police Chief Gary Tyson, Finance Director Tammy Speicher and Town Clerk Karen Alman.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: No one signed up to address the Board.

ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FY 2012/2013 TOWN OF SILER CITY BUDGET: Town Manager Brower reminded Board members that the budget includes a modified water rate structure which will bill for actual water consumption in the 0 – 4,000 gallon minimum bracket. The minimum monthly water charge of \$23.00 remains unchanged. Also included is increasing the fire inspection fee for a daycare facility from \$30.00 to \$50.00 and implement a charge of \$30.00 for foster homes. A motion to approve the budget as presented was made by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Constantino. Voting “for” were Commissioners Adams, Cheek, Constantino, Price and Siler. Voting “against” was Commissioner Bray. Commissioner Adams thanked Brower for a job well done on the budget. *(Schedule 3-A)*

AMENDMENTS TO FY 2011/2012 TOWN BUDGET: Brower explained the first ordinance amendment to the budget for FY 2011/2012 is in the amount of \$75,000 which is for the recently approved BB&T loan for the new computer server and software package in the Finance Office. The second ordinance amendment is in the amount of \$9,326.00 which is to accept insurance proceeds for a wrecked 2005 Explorer in the Police Department and the expenditure for Capital Outlay Equipment for a lease purchase on another vehicle. Commissioner Cheek made a motion to approve both ordinance amendments to the FY 2011/2012 budget, seconded by Commissioner Siler and unanimously carried. *(Schedule 3-B)*

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY BY PRIVATE SALE: The Town has four surplus handheld polycorders which are used for meter reading. The Town switched to a radix system which is a radio read meter system about three years ago making the polycorders obsolete. The Town of Liberty has expressed an interest in acquiring these polycorders. Per G.S. 160A-267, the Board can approve a resolution allowing the Town to dispose of these units through private sale at a negotiated price through an authorized person. This resolution requires a public notice which states the sale may not be consummated earlier than ten days from the date of publication. A motion to authorize Town Manager Brower to make the sale of the polycorders through private sale was made by Commissioner Adams and unanimously carried upon a second from Commissioner Constantino. *(Schedule 3-C)*

ORDINANCE AMENDING POSTED SPEED LIMITS ON CARVER AVENUE AND SHEFFIELD DRIVE: Brower reminded Board members that Norma Harris had spoken at a recent public comment session regarding her concerns of speeding traffic in this area. He directed Board members to information that Chief Tyson provided through a traffic study on these streets indicating an average speed of 21 mph. Brower advised lowering the speed from 35 mph to 20 mph would not impact the motorist on those streets. Commissioner Siler made a motion to approve the ordinance amending the speed limits on Carver Avenue and Sheffield Drive to 20 mph, seconded by Commissioner Cheek and unanimously carried. Town forces will install the posted speed limit signs. *(Schedule 3-D)*

FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT PROPOSAL FOR TOWN EMPLOYEES: Finance Director Tammy Speicher advised she would like to make a flexible spending account available to Town employees. Employees can elect to have a certain amount of “pre-tax” dollars deducted from their paycheck and put into this flexible spending account which can then be used for dependent care and medical expenses. A debit card is issued for employees to access their FSA. There is a \$3.50 monthly charge for this debit card option. Speicher stated there is no cost to the Town unless an employee uses the entire annual contribution at the beginning of a plan year before making any contribution and then discontinues employment for any reason. If an employee does not use all of their eligible annual amount, the excess will be returned to the Town. She advised the IRS sets a maximum annual limit of \$2,500 on medical flex accounts. The Board will need to set a maximum for Town employees which cannot exceed the IRS maximum but can set below the IRS limit. Commissioner Bray mentioned that Chatham County Schools offer a similar benefit and those that have participated seem to like it. Commissioner Bray moved to make available a flexible spending account for

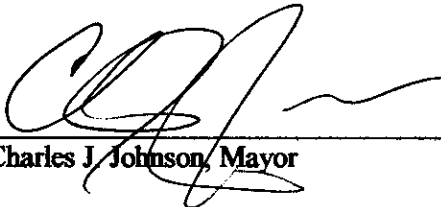
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interested employees with a \$2,500 maximum. The motion unanimously carried upon a second by Commissioner Cheek. *(Schedule 3-E)*

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES: A motion to appoint Louise Adcock to the ABC Board was made by Commissioner Bray, seconded by Commissioner Adams and unanimously carried. Commissioner Siler made a motion to appoint Ted Cannaday, Edward Coffman and Ray Kelley, Jr. to the Airport Authority which unanimously carried upon a second from Commissioner Constantino. Planning Board member J. P. Joyner has agreed to serve his second 3-year term. ETJ Planning Board member Mickey Pore is not eligible for reappointment making an opening for an ETJ member. Patty Poe is the current ETJ alternate member of the Planning Board and the policy in the past has been to elevate that person to full-status. This would in turn make an appointment necessary to fill the alternate ETJ position. Tony Cornish, Sr. who resides at 811 Driftwood Drive, sent a letter expressing a desire to serve on the Planning Board, but because he lives in the town limits, he is not eligible. A motion to move Patty Poe from alternate ETJ member to full-status ETJ member on the Planning Board/Board of Adjustment was made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Cheek and unanimously carried. Commissioner Price asked that the Town send Mr. Cornish a thank you for his interest in the Town and serving on the Planning Board and explain why he could not be appointed at this time. Brower stated thank you letters are also sent to those going off these boards/committees and also to the new appointments. The Town Board will continue to look for an ETJ alternate member to serve on the Planning Board. *(Schedule 3-F)*

CANCELLATION OF JULY 2 TOWN BOARD MEETING: A motion to cancel the July 2, 2012 Town Board meeting was made by Commissioner Siler, seconded by Commissioner Constantino and unanimously carried.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Charles J. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Karen C. Alman, Town Clerk