

TOWN OF SILER CITY

The Town of Siler City Board of Commissioners met in special session on **Tuesday, October 28, 2014** at 6:30 pm in the City Hall Courtroom with Mayor John Grimes presiding.

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

TOWN STAFF PRESENT: Town Manager Bryan Thompson, Attorney William Morgan, Planning Director Jack Meadows, Parks and Recreation Director Jessica Puckett, and Town Clerk Jenifer Everage

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

OLD BUSINESS

Parks and Recreation Site Visit

Manager Thompson stated the proposed meeting for the Board of Commissioners for a site visit to a wellness center in Kinston will be on a Wednesday in December. The Board of Commissioners would like to have the meeting on Wednesday, December 3, leaving at 9:00am. Puckett stated she would ask for that date with the Town of Kinston. The Board of Commissioners discussed recreation facilities.

Airport STI Funding

Meadows stated the top project for NCDOT TIP is the Airport Project. Thompson stated the NCDOT Division of Aviation has asked that the Town to commit to the local match funding for the obstruction removal and land acquisition project which is for \$365,000, with a 10% match. Thompson further stated another project for runway construction is for 2.5 million with a 10% match. Chatham County has agreed to fund 60% of the 10% match on the runway construction project, with around \$90,000 remaining for the town commitment, which will come from fund balance. The Board of Commissioners discussed the projects.

A motion to commitment to a 10% match for the obstruction removal land acquisition project for the Siler City Airport with NCDOT TIP projects was made by Commissioner Fadely, seconded by Commissioner Price and unanimously approved.

Residential Whole House Water Filter Program

Thompson stated he made changes to the program as suggested by the Board of Commissioners at the last meeting, which included the following addition: (incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule A) "NOTE: Unless an extension is authorized as herein noted, all Program eligibility guidelines, processes, and documentation must be submitted to the Town, as herein defined, no later than 5:00 p.m. of April 1, 2015 in order to receive applicable credits and refunds offered through the Program." The Board of Commissioners discussed the program."

A motion to approve Residential Whole House Water Filter Program as presented was made by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Constantino and unanimously approved.

Loves Creek Greenway Construction Bid Advertisement

Meadows shared a proposed advertisement for the Loves Creek Greenway Construction Bid process. (Incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule B) The Board of Commissioners discussed the construction process.

A motion to authorize the advertisement of the Loves Creek Greenway Construction Bid was made by Commissioner Siler, seconded by Commissioner Price and unanimously approved.

Administrative Change to UDO

Meadows shared a memo (Incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule C) with the Board of Commissioners concerning the UDO. Meadows stated after review with the Town Attorney, an administrative change has been made to the UDO. Meadows stated an update had not been made in many years to Article I, Section 3, Jurisdiction and under Section 3, 11, Staff can make such changes. Meadows read the following new language for Article I, Section 3

- (a) This ordinance shall be effective throughout the town's planning jurisdiction.
- (1) The town's planning jurisdiction comprises the area within the corporate boundaries of the town as well as the area within the ordinance adopted by the Town Board of Commissioners on August 10, 1990 entitled and "Ordinance Establishing Extraterritorial Jurisdiction," which ordinances are recorded in plat book 90, page 286 through page 289 of the Chatham County Register of Deeds.
 - (2) During regular session on September 16, 2002, the Siler City Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance extending the Town's extraterritorial jurisdiction (the ETJ boundary line map is recorded in plat book 2002, page 494 of the Chatham County Register of Deeds).
 - (3) Such planning jurisdiction may be modified from time to time in accordance with GS 160A-360.
- (b) In addition to other locations required by law, a copy of a map showing the boundaries of the town's planning jurisdiction shall be available for public inspection in the planning department. Amended October 21, 2014.

Alston Bridge Road Address Issue

Meadows shared an email (Incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule C) from Twig Wood with Brookwood Farms concerning address issues along Alston Bridge Road with GPS directions. Meadows stated the addresses on Alston Bridge Road start in both directions, East and West, in the city limits and on the state maintained section in the county. Meadows stated he spoke with Chatham County Emergency Operations concerning any emergencies on Alston Bridge Road, they are aware of the address issues and do not repeat any house number that already exist in the city limits. Meadows

stated that Brookwood Farms has installed directional signs at the intersections on Old Plank Road and Sam Fields Road to help visitors coming to their facility, which are not permitted signs under the Town's UDO. Meadows stated that staff is recommending the addition of an allowed use for directional signs on Alston Bridge Road because of the address issues.

The consensus of the Board of Commissioners was to move forward with allowing directional signs at Old Plank Road and Sam Fields Road intersections on Alston Bridge Road because of this issue.

Off Premises Sign under Highway Beautification Act

Meadows shared information (Incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule C) from NCDOT concerning the Federal Highway Beautification Act. Meadows stated he received a phone call from Eric Thrasher with Volkert, a sub-contractor for NCDOT. Thrasher explained to Meadows that off premises signs are not allowed on Federally funded roads, which would include Highway 421, Highway 64, Raleigh Street, West Third Street, Old 421/Second Avenue, and Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd north of Highway 64 in Siler City. Meadows stated he has done some research and shared the General Statute with the Board of Commissioners. Meadows stated that staff would no longer issue off premises sign permits on these roads, but will leave it to NCDOT to remove any of these signs that are placed on the state regulated roads.

Review Proposed UDO Changes on Article XVII – Sign Regulations

Meadows presented the Siler City Unified Development Ordinance Review Committee recommendations to the Board of Commissioners. (Incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule C)

The Board of Commissioners reviewed the following recommendations from the Siler City Unified Development Ordinance Review Committee concerning Article XVII Sign Regulations.

Article XVII – Sign Regulations

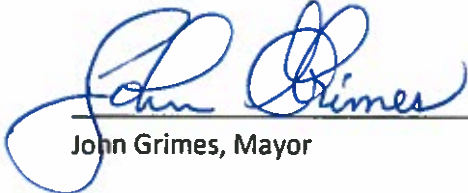
1. §255 Change title to "Sign Definitions"
 - a. Add number to all definitions
 - b. Remove regulatory language from all definitions
 - c. Gasoline Pump Signs
 - i. Include the varying forms of power generation fueling-type stations such as propane, electric, diesel, natural gas, hydrogen, water, kerosene, etc.
 - ii. Change name to "Filling/Fuel Pump Signs"
 - d. Mural – "An image, such as a painting or enlarged photograph, applied directly to a wall or external ceiling." *(Will review at the next UDO meeting)*
 - e. Political Sign - Amend political sign regulations to closely mirror State political sign regulations
 - f. Portable Sign - Remove truck bed and A-frame from definition
 - g. Projecting Signs

The consensus of the Board of Commissioners was to have the Town Staff rewrite the proposed sections of Unified Development Ordinance based on the discussion of the Board of Commissioners and the recommended changes from the Siler City Unified Development Ordinance Review Committee.

The Board of Commissioners agreed to start the next Unified Development Ordinance meeting with Article XVII Sign Regulations, Section 5.

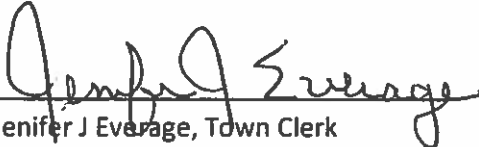
ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the Board of Commissioner adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



John Grimes, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jenifer J Everage, Town Clerk

