

TOWN OF SILER CITY

The Siler City Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on **Monday, April 15, 2024** at 6:30pm in the City Hall Courtroom with Mayor Matthews presiding. Mayor Matthews gave the invocation with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance following. Commissioner Patterson recited the Mission Statement and Mayor Pro Tem Fadely recited the Vision Statement.

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: Albert Alston, Norma Boone, Cindy Bray, Curtis Brown, Lewis Fadely, Travis Patterson, Donald Matthews, and Alec Hauser.

TOWN STAFF PRESENT: Town Manager Hank Raper, Parks & Recreation Director Tylr Stinson, Public Utilities Director Chris McCorquodale, Police Chief Brian Regan, Finance Director John O'Keefe, Budget Manager Linda Modlin, Human Resources Director Nancy Darden, Town Clerk Kimberly Pickard, Police Chief Brian Regan, and Town Attorney William Morgan.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS / APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to move item 3.2 Fiberoptic Cable Easement from the consent agenda to New Business and to Correct the April 6, 2024 minutes with Commissioner Patterson giving the invocation and not Commissioner Bray was made by Mayor Pro Tem Fadely seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously approved.

A motion to add item 7.4 Temporary Closing of Ingle Street to New Business was made by Mayor Pro Tem Fadely seconded Commissioner Brown and unanimously approved.

A motion to approve the consent agenda which includes the April 6, 2024 minutes (incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein as Schedule A), WithersRavenel AIA Agreement (incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein as Schedule C), 2024 Strategic Plan (incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein as Schedule D) was made by Mayor Pro Tem Fadely seconded by Commissioner Patterson and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Martin Mason Resident and Business Owner: Mr. Mason expressed his concerns for the children of the community and is hopeful that the Board of Commissioners will continue to support the Youth.

NEW BUSINESS

Parks and Recreation Football Program

Town Manager, Hank Raper discussed with the Board of Commissioners that Donald Dones with the Siler City Football League has approached the Town asking for the donation of the Town's football inventory, which includes, Helmets, game and practice uniforms, helmet rack, helmet cart, and a shoulder pad rack. Parks & Recreation Director Tylr Stinson provided the Board of Commissioners with an estimated value of \$7905 to \$18,080.00. Donald Dones has also requested free use of the Town's fields for the Siler City Youth Football program.

A motion to draft a preliminary contract agreement for use of facilities and equipment to the Siler City Youth Football league was made by Mayor Pro Tem Fadely, seconded by Commissioner Boone and unanimously approved.

Revised Personnel Policy Use of Town Property & Equipment

Town Manager Hank Raper discussed with the Board of Commissioners that for recruitment and retention purposes, staff requests that the Employment, staff requests that the Use of Town Property and Equipment/Vehicles owned by the Town and the policy be revised to extend take-home use of sworn police personnel vehicles to 40 miles.

A motion to approve the revised Use of Town Property and Equipment/Vehicles owned by the Town to allow police take-home use to extend 40 miles effective April 16, 2024 was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fadely and unanimously approved.

Revised Personnel Policy Employment of Relatives

Town Manager Hank Raper discussed with the Board of Commissioners the recruitment and retention purposes, staff requests that the Employment of Relatives policy be revised to delete the exclusion of Chatham County employees and the other local government therein from the hiring process.

A motion to approve the revised Employment of Relatives policy effective April 16, 2024 was made by Mayor Pro Tem Fadely Seconded by Commissioner Boone., with voting Yay, Commissioner Bray, Commissioner Alston, Commissioner Boone, Mayor Pro Tem Fadely, Commissioner Brown and Commissioner Patterson, Voting Nay Commissioner Hauser. The Motion passed 6-1.

Fiberoptic Cable Easement

Town Manager, Hank Raper discussed with the Board of Commissioners the details regarding the partnership with Chatham County Emergency Management and the County Health Department, a capital project is funded to extend fiberoptic cable 11 miles from Renaissance Drive to the Backup Emergency Operations Center (EOC) on Alston Bridge Road in Siler City and the Health Clinic located on S. Tenth Avenue in Siler City.

Chatham County Government has office locations in three clustered locations including downtown Pittsboro, Renaissance Drive, and Siler City. Greater and much broader access to county network services will be required as population growth and development occurs across the county. Extension of fiber to Siler City will provide connectivity to the Siler City locations, enhance the continuity of operations for both critical public facilities, and provide greater geographical dispersion for disaster response and recovery planning and operations. This project will also further efforts to establish redundant points of failure across the network, which will mitigate network vulnerabilities in the event of a disaster.

The project is designed to run fiber underground down Highway 64 to the intersection of Progress Boulevard. Then go down Progress Boulevard to Alston Bridge Road. From there, fiber will be routed down Alston Bridge Road to the designated endpoint at the Backup EOC, where that fiber will terminate. From Progress Boulevard, fiber will also be run down Alston Bridge Road in the other direction toward Bray Park. The fiber will be routed down the Loves

Creek Greenway trailhead across from Bray Park, moving north across Loves Creek, through the Jordan Matthews High School property to Cardinal Street. The fiber will run under Cardinal Street and to the Health Clinic in Siler City, where the fiber will terminate.

The proposed easement will enable the fiber crossing under Cardinal Street for the purpose of establishing a fiber connection to the Health Clinic in Siler City. Following this memo are two documents. The first document is a utility easement granting permission for placing and maintaining the fiberoptic cable in the Town's right-of-way of Cardinal Street. The second document is the full survey of this project starting at the trailhead across from Bray Park and ending at the Health Clinic. The Cardinal Street area can be found on the fifth page of the survey (Match Sheet 6 / 5). The Cardinal Street easement area is being coordinated with the fiber contractor and the surveyor and will be updated accordingly.

A motion to approve the proposed utility easement and authorize the Town Manager to execute the easement on ethe easement is defined was made by Commissioner Brown seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fadely and unanimously approved.

Temporary Closing of Ingle Street

Town Manager Hank Raper explained to the Board of Commissioners that Gurney, the construction company that is building the force main for the Wolfspeed project has requested to close Ingle Street for a period of one and a half to Two weeks while the lay the sewer force main down the length of Ingle Street. All property owners will be notified, and a detour set in place for residents of Ingle Street.

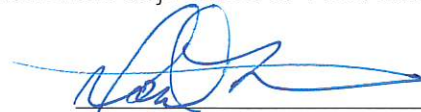
A motion to approve the temporary street closing of Ingle Street was made by Commissioner Brown seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fadely and unanimously approved.

MANAGERS REPORT

Town Manager Hank Raper provided the Board of Commissioners with the following: Special Session Meeting Wednesday, April 17, 2024 to continue Budget Discussions Updated to the Basketball Courts at

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 11:39am.



Donald Matthews, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kimberly D. Pickard, Town Clerk

