

TOWN OF SILER CITY

The Siler City Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on **Monday, May 1, 2017** at 7:00pm in City Hall Courtroom with Mayor John Grimes presiding. Commissioner Siler gave the invocation with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance following. Commissioner Bray recited the Town of Siler City Mission Statement and Commissioner Siler recited the Town of Siler City Vision Statement.

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: Cindy Bray, Larry Cheek, Mike Constantino, Lewis Fadely, John Grimes, Bill Haiges, Thomas "Chip" Price and Tony Siler.

TOWN STAFF PRESENT: Town Manager Bryan Thompson, Police Chief Gary Tyson, Human Resources Director Nancy Bullins, and Town Clerk Jenifer Everage.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Thompson requested the addition of the following item: Solid Waste Update under Old Business.

A motion to approve the agenda with the additions was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cheek, seconded by Commissioner Constantino and unanimously approved.

CONSENT

A motion to approve the consent agenda which includes the March 20, 2017 Minutes (Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule A), March 30, 2017 Budget Workshop Minutes (Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule B), North Chatham Avenue NCDOT Agreement (Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule C), Airport Airfield Lighting Agreement (Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule D) was made by Commissioner Haiges, seconded by Commissioner Price and unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS

none

OLD BUSINESS

Amusement Business Investigation

Thompson stated at its regular meeting on April 18, 2017, the Siler City Board of Commissioners directed Town Manager to investigate the compliance of the proposed Adult Skill Games Operators Mark Weitzel and Lynda Smith with all laws, state or local, applicable to the operation of a game room. The noted investigation has commenced, and results came back satisfactory. Staff recommends the approval of the Adult Skills Games Operation at Siler Crossing Shopping Center.

The Board of Commissioners discussed the operation:

Constantino: There are negative aspects of the project and what will be the extra resources for the Police Department. He has heard other places have issues with such a business.

Fadely: Spoke with an attorney in Sanford about the project. He asked the applicant the following questions: What is the biggest prize? A: \$500, Do you have private security? A: yes (1-2), What are they armed with, pepper spray? A: yes, and there are pros and cons of armed officers.

Price: Are you open till 1am? A: yes, at the latest.

Haiges: What is the age requirement? A: 18 and up.

Siler: What is Chief Tyson opinion? Tyson: Sanford location was shut down by the DA, but the Chatham County DA is not pursuing the closures here. There has been trouble in Sanford. All sweepstakes in Sanford are shut down. The ALE is pursuing them.

Fadely: What if they start out as skills games, then cross the line? Tyson: The Police Department would then investigate.

Constantino: What is the difference in skill and sweepstakes? What will be the impression for the CAM site, since this is a main area of town? Will it become a hang out? Will it become another venue for drugs?

Price: If we permit the operation then it becomes a problem, what can we do at that point? Tyson: We would start an active investigation, but it is hard to prove.

The consensus of the Board of Commissioner was to ask Staff and the Town Attorney to do some more investigations into the operation.

A motion to table the approval of the Adult Skills Games Operations at 125 Siler Crossing Shopping Center until Staff and the Town Attorney has more information was made by Commissioner Fadely, seconded by Commissioner Price and unanimously approved.

Solid Waste Update


Thompson shared a side by side comparison of the solid waste services for both Waste Industries and Waste Management with the Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners asked questions of the representatives of both companies and discussed the pros and cons of both.

A motion to approve Waste Management for the solid waste services was made by Commissioner Siler. The motion died from a lack of a second.

A motion to approve Waste Industries for the solid waste services was made by Commissioner Haiges, seconded by Commissioner Constantino and approved after the following vote: for: Bray, Constantino, Fadely, Haiges, Price, against: Cheek and Siler.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 8:15pm.



John F Grimes, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jenifer J Everage, Town Clerk

