

TOWN OF SILER CITY

The Siler City Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on **Monday, August 3, 2015** at 7:00pm in the City Hall Courtroom with Mayor John Grimes presiding. Commissioner Fadely gave the invocation with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance following.

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

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS ABSENT: Mike Constantino

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

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cheek, seconded by Commissioner Haiges and unanimously approved.

CONSENT

A motion to approve the consent agenda which includes June 22, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes (Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule A), June 22, 2015 Special Meeting Closed Session Minutes (Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule B), July 6, 2015 Minutes (Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule C), July 20, 2015 Minutes (Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule D), was made by Commissioner Fadely, seconded by Commissioner Siler and unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION

National Night Out 2015

Police Chief Tyson shared the 2015 National Night Out map with the Board of Commissioners. (Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule E) Tyson stated that there are 10 locations this year. The Board of Commissioners discussed the event.

OLD BUSINESS

TARPO Project List

(Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule F)

Meadows stated that the State of North Carolina has recently made several changes to the process for selecting projects to be funded in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). SPOT stands for NCDOT Strategic Prioritization Office of Transportation. As a result, the Triangle Area Rural Planning Organization (TARPO), of which Siler City is a member, asked each of its member jurisdictions to approve our current list of transportation priorities to be considered by the TARPO Prioritization Subcommittee.

Funded projects (2016-2025 STIP):

1. Aviation - Siler City Municipal Airport – Obstruction removal (2016) - \$365,000
2. Highway - US 64 (11th St) from Greensboro Ave to the eastern Corporate Limit - add median, sidewalks, crosswalks, bike lanes, and multi-use sidepath (2019) - \$10,053,000

Project automatically carried forward for consideration from 2016-2025 STIP by NCDOT:

1. E. Raleigh St. - multiuse sidepath from US 64 to S. 10th Ave. & sidewalk from S. 10th Ave. to S. 6th Ave. – 5,800' - \$235,000

The following projects are considered staff's list of Town priority transportation projects to be considered by the TARPO Prioritization Subcommittee:

1. Aviation
 - a. Siler City Municipal Airport – 500' extension of Runway 22 (north end), safety area grading, 500' extension of the parallel taxiway, and relocation of portions of Airport Rd. and Brower Rd. (environmental assessment, land acquisition, road relocation design and construction, and runway extension design and construction) - \$2,010,000
2. Bike/Pedestrian
 - a. Chatham Ave. (ADA compliant crosswalks at 2nd St., 3rd St., and Beaver St.), Railroad (ADA compliant at grade rail crossings at 3rd St., 2nd St., and Raleigh St.), – Birch Ave (ADA compliant crosswalks at 2nd St. and Raleigh St.) - ~\$239,000
 - b. 2nd Ave. – ADA compliant crosswalks, sidewalks, bike lanes, median, and parking from Greensboro Ave. to Fayetteville Ave. – 4,000' - ~\$2,860,000
 - c. E. 3rd St. – sidewalk from US 64 to N. 5th Ave. – 3,800' - \$141,022
 - d. E. 5th St./ W. 5th St. – sidewalk from N. 2nd Ave. to Carolina Ave. – 3,900' - \$222,676
 - e. 6th Ave. – sidewalk from E. 3rd St. to S. 2nd Ave. – 5,300' - \$173,431
 - f. E. Cardinal St./S. 10th Ave. – sidewalk from S. 6th Ave. to E. Raleigh St. – 6,400' - \$166,027
 - g. W. 3rd St. - sidewalk from N. Chatham Ave. to N. Fir Ave. – 1,750' - \$131,549
 - h. N. Chatham Ave. – sidewalk from Craven St. to the northern Corporate Limit - 4,200'
3. Highway
 - a. US 64 (11th St.) from Greensboro Ave. to the western Corporate Limit - add median, sidewalks, crosswalks, bike lanes, and multi-use sidepath.
4. Rail - NA
5. Transit
 - a. Support Chatham Transit recommendations.

Meadows stated this STIP funding cycle is for the years 2018 – 2027. As the process continues to unfold over the coming months, updated information will be posted on the TARPO website at www.tarpo.org. The Board of Commissioners discussed the project list.

A motion to approve the list of projects as presented by Staff reversing items 2) b and 2) c and forwarded it to the TARPO Prioritization Subcommittee for their consideration was made by Commissioner Bray, seconded by Commissioner Fadely and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Bow Hunting in City Limits

(Incorporation by reference as if fully set forth herein Schedule G) Thompson stated over the past several months, Staff has received inquiries from the public concerning the apparent observation of a growing deer population, in general, and in and around the Town of Siler City. Such communications have also involved the inquiring of the extent to which the Town may be agreeable to amending the current language of the Town Code that would allow bow hunting within the Town's corporate limits during the seasons and under the regulations dictated by the State of North Carolina.

Thompson stated that staff has communicated with Jason Allen, Wildlife Biologist with the NC Wildlife Resources Commission, as well as Sgt. Reggie Baker with NC Wildlife Resources to gain a base of understanding of the relevant benefits, potential hazards, and methods of mitigation of such hazards that have been found to be best practices within urban settings relative to bow hunting activities.

In short, bow hunting within incorporated jurisdictions is one deer management practice that seeks to thin deer populations through seasonal deer harvesting. According to NC Wildlife Resources

Commission, North Carolina maintains a relatively low incidents of hunting related injuries, and the least of such incidents are reported in association with bow hunting activities. Furthermore, with the adoption of appropriate language regulating such activities, hazard incidents can be further reduced. Such language includes the establishment of buffer requirements and requiring elevated stand bow hunting. Thompson shared example language from the City of Concord.

Thompson stated the purpose of this agenda items is for discussion only, as an effort to gauge the Board's interest in further exploring and considering this item and no Board action requested at this time. The Board of Commissioners discussed deer hunting in the City Limits.

Commissioner Bray shared concerns about dogs running around Town. Commissioner Haiges also said he has seen some issues with dogs. The Board of Commissioners discussed animal control. The consensus of the Board of Commissioners was to have Staff look at the animal control ordinance as well as the deer hunting ordinance.

Commissioner Bray stated that all the juniors at Jordan Matthews are looking for 10 hours of community based learning, if anyone is interested in helping contact Jordan Matthews.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Thompson updated the Board of Commissioners on the following:

Water leaks over the last week.

Library has a reserve fund for repairs and renovations.

Auditors are currently working on the 2014/2015 budget year.

Pay Study questionnaires have been submitted to the consultant.

Master Plan Parks and Recreation looking at November.

Loves Creek Watershed grant update.


GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

The Board of Commissioners asked that the Boling Lane Park tennis court have new signs put up and Washington Avenue Park nets be replaced and playground cleaned up.

Police Chief Tyson updated the Board of Commissioners on break-ins that have taken place since May 1.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 7:57pm.



John F Grimes, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jenifer J Everage, Town Clerk

