

TOWN OF SILER CITY

The Siler City Town Board of Commissioners met in regular session on **Monday, August 5, 2013** at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Courtroom with Mayor ProTem John Grimes presiding. Commissioner Price gave the invocation followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

TOWN STAFF PRESENT: Town Manager Bryan Thompson, Town Attorney William Morgan, Planning Director Jack Meadows, Police Chief Gary Tyson, Finance Director Tammy Speicher and Town Clerk Karen Alman.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Staff requested to add under New Business **Item C:** Third Friday Artwalk Street Closure; **Item D:** Incentive Policy; **Item E:** Duke Energy Right of Entry Operations and Parking. Thompson also requested to add under Manager's Report **Item F:** Soccer Field Ribbon Cutting; **Item G:** Bridge Closing; **Item H:** Joint Boards Meeting with EDC on August 15, 2013; **Item I:** Meeting with Chatham County Board of Commissioners on October 3, 2013. A motion to approve the agenda adjustments was made by Commissioner Siler, seconded by Commissioner Price and unanimously carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the consent agenda and unanimously carried upon a second from Commissioner Cheek.

OLD BUSINESS

COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE – BRENDAN MERITHEW: Mr. Merithew gave a draft map presentation for the Comprehensive Transportation Plan. He explained the CTP is a long-range plan that spans 25 to 30 years and the recommendations are concepts which require environmental analysis, design and safety standards. The draft maps are designed from recommendations over the past year explaining the maps have not been approved or voted on. Merithew highlighted the Highway Map for Siler City asking the Commissioners for any comments or concerns. Board members agreed for NCDOT to schedule another public session in Siler City to allow the public to give their thoughts and concerns. Once this is accomplished the plan will come back before the Town Board and Planning Board. Merithew advised he has to make this same presentation to the Pittsboro Town Board and the Chatham County Board of Commissioners before scheduling the public sessions. (*Schedule 7-A*)

NEW BUSINESS

DOWNTOWN TRASH BIN MAKEOVER: Town Manager Thompson advised the Downtown Merchants Association contacted Town Staff regarding the appearance of the downtown trash bins. Because the replacement of the trash bins is too expensive, the SCMA has offered to paint the concrete pebbled façade black to better match the benches and planters in the downtown area. Board members were directed to a before and after picture of a discarded bin in which ZoAnn Adams, President of the SCMA, spray painted the bin black to show the intent of the SCMA. The Association will perform the work and invest in the cost of the paint. Commissioner Siler made a motion to give permission to the SCMA to spray paint the trash bins to improve the appearance of downtown. The motion unanimously carried upon a second by Commissioner Price. Commissioner Bray thanked the SCMA for their continued beautification project in the downtown area. (*Schedule 7-B*)

STREET CLOSED TO TRUCK SIGNS: Public Works Director Terry Green has a request from the Siler City Police Department to place "Street Closed to Truck" signs on Siler Street and Hill Street extending from Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. GPS systems are directing trucks to Siler Street instead of Siler Crossing Shopping Center and once on this street, it is hard from them to maneuver the large trucks on a small road without causing property damage. A motion to install the "Street Closed to Truck" sign in this area was made by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Adams and unanimously carried.

THIRD FRIDAY ARTWALK STREET CLOSURE: Thompson explained a popular regional beach music group "The Attractions" will be playing at the Third Friday Artwalk in downtown Siler City on September 20, 2013. Joan Underwood from Courtyard Coffee Shop advised the art community is requesting that Chatham Avenue from Second Street to Third Street be closed. Police Chief Tyson stated that NCDOT will still require an officer be placed at both of these intersections. The time of closure will be approximately 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. A motion to request permission from NCDOT to close the portion of Chatham Avenue as requested was made by Commissioner Siler and unanimously carried upon a second from Commissioner Price. (*Schedule 7-C*)

INCENTIVE POLICY: Commissioner Price made a motion directing Town Staff to review the Town's current incentive policy and explore ways to make it better and stronger and bring back to the Town Board for consideration. Upon a second by Commissioner Constantino, the motion unanimously carried.

DUKE ENERGY STAGING AREA: A motion to approve an agreement between the Town of Siler City and Duke Energy granting them permission to use Bray Park as a staging area in support of electric power restoration resulting from storm damage was made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Cheek and was unanimously approved. (*Schedule 7-D*)

MANAGER'S REPORT

AIRPORT UPDATES: Thompson advised the Airport Authority is in the process of reviewing an Engineering Consultant Agreement with WK Dickson. They will be bringing a recommendation to the Town Board in the near future. Dickson advised the Authority that the DOT-Aviation Division is finalizing its contract process for engineering services for the Siler City Airport runway Rehabilitation project. The Airport Layout Plan has been identified by the Authority as the most beneficial project.

NC RURAL WATER-WATER/SEWER ANALYSIS: Thompson stated that NC Rural Water is in the process of conducting a water/sewer rates analysis and will hopefully receive information back in the next few weeks.

RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FROM JULY 15, 2013: As directed by the Board, Thompson has prepared a response to concerns presented to the Board at the July 15, 2013 Public Comment Session.

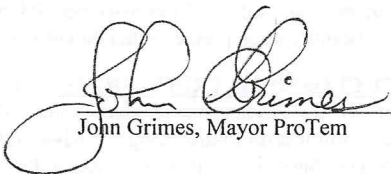
EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION EVENT: Thompson reported that Staff anticipates having a luncheon for employees possibly at Bray Park during the fall. More definite plans will be forthcoming.

COLLINS PARK MONUMENT ENGRAVING: Town Staff is in the process of working with Chatham Monument to have Mayor Charles Johnson's name engraved on the bell monument.


SOCCER FIELD RIBBON CUTTING: There will be a ribbon cutting for the new soccer field at Paul Braxton Field on September 7, 2013 at 11:00 a.m with the inaugural game played afterwards.

BRIDGE CLOSING: NCDOT advised they have plans to replace the Rocky River Bridge and will have detours around the area.

With no further business, Commissioner Siler made a motion to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. and unanimously carried upon a second by Commissioner Price.


John Grimes, Mayor ProTem

ATTEST:


Karen C. Alman, Town Clerk