

## TOWN OF SILER CITY

The Siler City Town Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, February 3, 2014 in the City Hall Courtroom with Mayor John Grimes Presiding. The invocation was given by Commissioner Lewis Fadely after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Cindy Bray, Larry Cheek, Mike Constantino, Lewis Fadely, John Grimes, Bill Haiges, Thomas K "Chip" Price, and Tony Siler.

**TOWN STAFF PRESENT:** Town Manager, Bryan Thompson, Town Attorney William Morgan, Planning Director Jack Meadows, Police Chief Gary Tyson and Dee Lee Thompkins, Administrative Support Specialist.

### **AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Town Manager stated he had an item to add under New Business.

***A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Commissioner Siler, seconded by Commissioner Price and unanimously carried.***

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Grimes stated that all items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine, to be enacted on one motion without discussion. If a Board Member or citizen requests discussion of an item, the item, may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered under New Business.

- Approval of Minutes
  - January 23, 2014
  - January 23, 2014 Closed Session

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Siler City Municipal Pool at Bray Park – Carolina Pool Management Agreement**

After discussion among the members, the board decided they would like to table the management agreement till next month. The board would like staff to call surrounding towns to find what their admission price is and how much of an increase are they asking for from last year. The board would also like for next year to get other pool management companies to bid on the management of the pool.

***A motion to table the item was made by Commissioner Fadely, seconded by Commissioner Haiges and unanimously carried.***

#### **Discussion of Proposed Town Code of Ordinance Amendment-Chapter 5, Section 2 - "Consumption or display of malt beverage, unfortified wine"**

Jon Spoon with the NC Arts Incubator explained to the board that the Art Incubator is trying to schedule a Craft Brew Festival in conjunction with their Art Street Fair. He stated that currently under the town code prohibits the consumption of alcoholic beverages in or on any public streets. Mr. Spoon explained

that to have that kind of festival, an amendment would like to be done to the Siler City Code of Ordinances. He stated that he had done a draft of the propose amendments which is included with your agenda. The amendment would allow the town manager to issue a special permit to allow the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages during special events. Mr. Spoon reported that craft beer is a booming industry that could attract a crowd of 1500 people. He named the towns in North Carolina that host a craft beer festival.

The board decided after discussion with Mr. Spoon, Police Chief Tyson, Town Attorney Morgan and Town Manager Thompson that they would like staff to contact to some other towns that allow this kind of festival and report back to board his findings.

#### **UDO Request for Extension**

Manger Thompson reported that the UDO Review Committee had to cancel their last meeting due to weather. They are asking the board to grant an extension to move their presentation to the Planning Board to March 10, 2014.

*A motion to grant the extension was made by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Constantino and unanimously carried.*

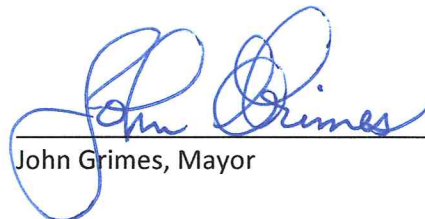
#### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

##### **Safe Routes to School Grant – Chatham Charter and Chatham Middle**

Manager Thompson reported that Siler City has been awarded a \$500,000.00 grant to improve transportation to local schools. There were four projects proposed and two were selected. The grant will go to Chatham Middle School and Chatham Charter School. Thompson stated he would hopefully have more information by budget retreat time to report.

Manager Thompson reported that he had talked to Allen Parks with USDA Rural Development and they do offer grants programs and loan programs, with low interest loans. Depending on incomes, water quality and prepared systems you could get up to 45 to 50 percent grant with a low interest loan. Thompson stated that Mr. Parks said if the USDA Rural Development could be of any assistance to contact them.

  
Dee Lee Thompkins, Recording Secretary

  
John Grimes, Mayor

