

**THE TOWN OF LONG VIEW
TOWN ALDERMEN MEETING
August 8, 2005**

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met on Monday, August 8, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers of the Government Center in Long View, North Carolina.

BOARD PRESENT: The following members of the Board were present: Mayor Norman Cook, Alderman Ken Bumgarner, Alderman Randall Mays, Alderman Vernon Moyer, and Alderman John McDaris.

STAFF PRESENT: The following members of staff were present: Town Administrator David Epley, Town Clerk Frances Hildebran, Town Attorney Redmond Dill, Fire Chief Eric Shepherd, Police Chief Cecil Rogers, Police Sgt. Mike Ford, Water Plant Superintendent Rani Holland, and Finance Director Jamie Cozart.

OTHERS PRESENT: The following names represent other persons present at the meeting: David and Kay Clark, Shirley Lowman, Jack and Pat White and others.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Norman Cook called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Alderman Ken Bumgarner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to approve the June 13 and June 27, 2005 Board of Aldermen minutes. The vote was unanimous.

NCLM – Workers Compensation Agreement: Staff presented to the Board a revised membership agreement and Resolution from the NC League of Municipalities Interlocal Risk Management Agency (NCIRMA). The Board reviewed the major changes and the following resolution was presented for approval.

**GOVERNING BODY RESOLUTION
OF THE TOWN OF LONG VIEW**

Whereas, certain municipalities and other units of local government of the State of North Carolina, as defined in G.S. 160A-460(2), have agreed to create the NORTH CAROLINA INTERLOCAL RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY and have agreed to pool the risk of their worker's compensation liabilities and payment of claims for employers' liability coverage pursuant to and to be governed by, the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes 160A-40 et seq. (Part 1 of Article 20 of Chapter 160A);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED that the above name unit of local government elects to become a member of the NORTH CAROLINA INTERLOCAL RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY upon the terms and conditions stated in the

“Interlocal Agreement for a Group Self-Insurance Pool for Workers’ Compensation Risk Sharing,” with such future policy renewal constituting a continuing ratification of this decision to be a member of the agency and to abide by the terms and conditions of the Interlocal Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the duly authorized officials of the above named unit of local government are directed to execute in the name of said unit the “Interlocal Agreement for a Group Self-Insurance Pool for Workers’ Compensation Risk Sharing,” a copy of which is attached to and made a part of this Resolution.

I certify that this is a true and correct copy of this Resolution, duly adopted by the governing body on the 8th day of August 2005 as it appears of the record of its official minutes.

Town of Long View

By: _____

Mayor Norman Cook

Attested by: _____

Town Clerk Frances Hildebran

Motion was made by Alderman Vernon Moyer, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to approve the foregoing resolution adopting the Interlocal Agreement for a group self-insurance pool for workers’ compensation risk sharing. The vote was unanimous.

SCHEDULE SPECIAL WORKSHOP WITH MAPS GROUP: It was reported by the Administrator that Pat Thomas with the MAPS Group has completed the Town of Long View Personnel Policy Revision and Job Classification and Pay Plan Study. She has asked to meet with the Board to make a presentation.

Motion was made by Alderman Mays, seconded by Alderman McDaris to set Monday, August 29, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room for the workshop. The vote was unanimous.

ISENHOUR SUBDIVISION PLAT APPROVAL: The Administrator presented to the Board a copy of the Isenhour Subdivision Plat. He informed the Board of Aldermen that the Planning Board met Thursday, August 4, 2005 and they have approved the plat.

There was detailed discussion about the drainage problem and a possible retention pond and the Board was informed that the water problem had nothing to do with the approval of the plat. However, the Board wanted to make sure the problem was eliminated before the project was approved. The drainage problem will be addressed by the engineers and a recommendation will be brought back to the Board for approval.

It was recommended that the engineering be done before the plat is approved due to the many concerns of the Board Members about the water runoff and the size of pipes, etc.

Following further discussion, Alderman Bumgarner made the motion to table the plat approval until the engineer has provided a study showing the drainage design to slow down the extensive run off and water problems as discussed. Alderman McDaris seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS LEASE AGREEMENT REVIEW: Mr. Epley informed the Board that the Town Attorney has reviewed the Telecommunications Lease Agreement with Alamosa Properties, L.P. for 200 square feet of land and space on the Town of Long View Water Tank. Attorney Dill informed the Board that the agreement appeared to be a good agreement with minor typographical errors. The staff was seeking authorization from the Board to negotiate the lease starting at \$24,000 per year. It was noted that the Lessee shall have the right to extend the Agreement on the same terms for five additional periods of five years.

The Board was in favor of the agreement, but they wanted to make sure there would be no structural damage done to the tank and that the tank's structural integrity was not compromised.

Following further discussion, motion was made by Alderman Moyer, seconded by Alderman Bumgarner to authorize staff to negotiate the terms of the Antenna Collection Lease Agreement. The vote was unanimous.

23RD STREET CULVERT UPDATE: It was noted that the Public Works Director was out sick and Administrator Epley gave the Board the 23rd Street Culvert Update.

It was reported that the Town only received one quote for the repairs to the 23rd Street, NW culvert from Ronnie Turner Construction for \$91, 500.00. A second quote was expected from Lowman's Construction and Grading, however, it did not come in.

The Board was also informed that a letter was going to be sent to the citizens informing them that a portion of 23rd Street NW where Frye Creek crosses under the street is going to be closed due to safety concerns and repairs for an undetermined period and that a detour will be set up. The engineer will make the determination when the road needs to be closed.

At this time there was detailed discussion on the materials to be used to make the repairs. The bid was for replacing the pipe with new asphalt coated pipe, replacing headwalls, cleaning out the creek on the eastern end, and apron on the western end, etc.

Alderman Bumgarner questioned the materials to be used and how long they would last. The engineer informed the Board that he was not sure but it could be for 20 – 30 years.

There was discussion about using concrete and its durability. The engineer informed the Board that concrete would be more durable and he recommended it, however, it would be more expensive.

There was discussion about drawing up new specifications and rebidding the project using concrete. There was also discussion about installing two six foot pipes. The engineer noted he would be glad to get new cost estimates using concrete, however in the meantime the road needed to be temporarily asphalted or closed.

Following further discussion Alderman Moyer made the motion to accept the quote from Ronnie Turner Construction Company and ask that he provide a change order changing the project to two circular culverts. Alderman Mays seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

BRUSH TRUCK BIDS: Mr. Epley informed the Board that the following bids had been received for the purchase of a new hydraulic knuckle boom loader.

Public Works Equipment and Supply (Nu*Life Boom)	\$91,125.00
Carolina Truck Centers (Pac Man Boom)	\$92,884.00
Unofficial Phone Quote Lucky Hydraulics (Lucky Boom)	\$118,000.00

It was staff's recommendation that they go with the low bid from Public Works Equipment and Supply for \$91,125.00. It was noted that the truck has been demonstrated and meets the specifications.

Motion was made by Alderman Mays, seconded by Alderman Bumgarner to purchase the Nu*Life Boom Truck from Public Works Equipment and Supply for \$91,125.00. The vote was unanimous.

RECREATION CENTER STOVE: The Administrator informed the Board that the stove at the Recreation Center needed to be replaced. The pilot light on the gas stove stays on constantly and when it is blown out it causes gas fumes. Staff received a price from Caldwell Appliance Center for \$3,875.65 for a Royal Commercial 60" Gas Range with six burners & 24" Griddle (two ovens). The price includes the removal of the old unit disconnecting the gas and installing the new unit and reconnecting the gas.

It was noted that there was a problem with the stove hood. The Fire Chief did an inspection and it was noted that it needed to be recharged and not replaced. It was suggested that the fire department do a monthly inspection on the stove.

There was discussion among the Board members and Alderman Moyer asked if the stove was needed. He was informed that 50% of the renters use the stove.

Motion was made by Alderman Moyer, seconded by Alderman Bumgarner to accept the proposal from Caldwell Appliance Center for a Royal Commercial 60" Gas Range for \$3,875.65. The vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: The Administrator gave the Board an update on the **14th Avenue Drainage Project**. Mr. Epley informed the Board that this project needed to be contracted out, however, staff was waiting to see what the status of the property was. It was the Administrator's understanding that it was for sale and staff may need to deal with a different property owner.

The Administrator enclosed in the agenda packet copies of six applicants for the **Town Planner's** position. He informed the Board that he would like to set up interviews with three of the applicants for Thursday, August 18, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. The Board was in agreement.

Tailored Foam Update: The Board was informed that the Town's engineers have analyzed the information provided on the pretreatment system proposed to treat the wastewater produced by Tailored Chemical Products, Inc. for the Town of Long View. Tailored Chemical has hired ESCO LLC to analyze the wastewater produced from washing glue vats in order to recommend and design a pretreatment system for the process effluent. According to the engineer the system is designed to break down the glue compound and filter out the components that are harmful to the sewer lines. Based on the provided information from ESCO LLC the process should produce an acceptable quality of wastewater that will meet the criteria for the Town's Sewer Use Ordinance with the exception of the COD and solids limits.

HSMM Engineer Rich Anderson informed the Board that the system is a reasonable process to reduce the glue substance and that Tailored Foam should have the effluent tested for at least the first ten batches for TSS, pH, and COD and provide the results along with the discharge quantity to the Town. The Town of Long View can monitor the operation and require additional treatment if necessary to protect the Town's sewer line.

The Town will have the authority to pull samples at any time to make sure the system is working properly.

Following further discussion, the Board did not want the Town spending money on the inspections to make sure the new system worked and it was recommended that a surety or performance bond be obtained.

Motion was made by Alderman Moyer, seconded by Alderman Mays to draft a letter informing Tailored Foam of the Town's requirements which include a surety bond and that the letter be sent to the Board for approval before it is sent to Tailored Foam.

Public Drinking on Private Property: The Town Attorney was asked at the last meeting to look into what the Town could do to prevent the public from drinking alcohol on their private property. Mr. Dill informed the Board that if the Town tried to regulate this it would be hard for the police department to enforce. If other violations occurred then they could be addressed.

NCLM Convention – October 16 – 18: The staff brought the Board up to date on the upcoming NC League Convention to be held in Hickory October 16 – 18. The Board was asked to let the Town Clerk know by the first of September if they were interested in attending.

Alderman Moyer informed the Board that a Youth Summit was being held in conjunction with the Convention and it was recommended that the Town pay for four students to attend the summit. The summit was being held to help develop interest of the younger generation in town business.

Motion was made by Alderman Moyer, seconded by Alderman Bumgarner to pay \$100.00 for four students to attend the Youth Summit. The vote was unanimous.

BB & T Financing Resolution: The Finance Director presented to the Board a Resolution approving financing terms for the generator, brush truck and software/hardware equipment with BB&T in an amount not to exceed \$219,000 at a not to exceed interest rate of 3.57% not to exceed five years from closing.

Motion was made by Alderman Mays, seconded by Alderman McDaris to approve the financing agreement with BB & T. The vote was unanimous.

Lion's Club Request to Solicit Funds: The Town received a letter from the Lions Club to raise money for the Annual White Cane Drive to help the blind and handicapped citizens of Long View and the state. The dates for the collections will be Saturday, September 10 and Saturday, September 17, 2005 at the intersection of 1st Ave., SW and 33rd Street and 2nd Avenue, NW and 27th Street, NW. A suggested rain date would be September 24. The time will be from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Alderman Moyer, seconded by Alderman Bumgarner to give the Lions Club permission to solicit funds for the blind and handicap at the intersections on the dates as noted above. The vote was unanimous.

Other Business: Citizen Jack White addressed the Board and stated that at the last meeting the Town approved the end of the year budget amendment with an additional \$10,043 in the salaries line item. He asked the Board what that money was for. He as informed by the Town Attorney that it was for a court sanctioned personnel settlement. Mr. White asked the Board who the employee was and what department they came from. He was told by the Town Attorney after several more questions that this was not a salary

it was a settlement for a legal personnel matter and the name did not have to be disclosed. Mr. White noted that it was public record and Attorney Dill stated there was an exception because it was a personnel matter. Mr. White noted that according to the General Statutes the name had to be disclosed. Attorney Dill asked Mr. White to provide him a copy of the statutory law and he would comply with disclosing the information asked.

At this time citizen Kay Clark informed the Board and Mr. Epley that she had been talking to Mr. Epley about her land and she wanted the record to show that her property that was for sale did not join the property discussed in the 14th Avenue Drainage Project property as noted earlier in the meeting. She was thanked for that clarification.

Alderman Randall Mays informed the Board that he had been reappointed to the Regional Planning Commission. The Board thanked him for agreeing to serve.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board motion was made by Alderman Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman McDaris to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Town Clerk

Mayor