

**TOWN OF LONG VIEW  
TOWN ALDERMEN MEETING  
December 10, 2007**

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met on Monday, December 10, 2007 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 Jackie Bowman, Alderman John McDaris, Alderman Randall Mays, and Alderman Vernon Moyer.

**STAFF PRESENT:** The following members of staff were present: Town Administrator David Epley, Town Clerk Stephanie Watson, Town Attorney Redmond Dill, Finance Director James Cozart, Town Planner Charles Mullis, Water Plant Superintendent Rani Holland, Public Works Director David Draughn, Fire Chief Eric Shepherd, and Police Chief Cecil Rogers.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Amber McGhinnis from Martin Starnes and Associates, CPAs, P.A. was present.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Mayor Norman Cook called the meeting to order and Alderman John McDaris gave the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mayor Norman Cook asked for approval of the minutes. Motion was made by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Vernon Moyer to approve the November 12, 2007 minutes. The vote was unanimous.

**OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Alderman Jackie Bowman, Alderman Randall Mays, and Alderman Vernon Moyer were re-elected to the Long View Board.

Town Attorney Redmond Dill gave the Oath of Office to Alderman Jackie Bowman, Alderman Randall Mays, and Alderman Vernon Moyer.

**MARTIN STARNES AND ASSOCIATES TO PRESENT AUDIT REPORT – PRESENTED BY AMBER MCGHINNIS**

Amber McGhinnis with Martin Starnes and Associates, CPAs, P.A. presented to the Board the 2006 – 2007 Audit Report.

It was noted that the Town of Long View received an unqualified opinion which means the financial statements were approved by the Local Government Commission.

In the Financial Highlights, the assets of the Town of Long View exceeded its liabilities at the close of the fiscal year by \$13,178,373 (net assets). Long View's total net assets increased by \$45,089. As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Town of Long

View's governmental fund reported an ending fund balance of \$2,688,823, a decrease of \$285,977 in comparison with the prior year. Approximately 64 percent of this total amount, or \$1,713,585 is available for spending at the government's discretion (unreserved fund balance).

At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance for the General Fund was \$1,713,585, or 53 percent of total general fund expenditures for the fiscal year. The Town of Long View's total net debt decreased by \$432,077 (15.7%) during the current fiscal year.

Town Administrator David Epley asked Ms. McGhinnis to look at the Property Evaluation History for 2007 and verify the information. Ms. McGhinnis said she would verify this information and Finance Director James Cozart would report the results at the next scheduled board meeting in January.

Motion made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner and seconded by Alderman John McDaris to approve the 2006 – 2007 Audit Report contingent on the verification being made for the Property Evaluation History for 2007. The vote was unanimous.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF WESTERN PIEDMONT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS POLICY BOARD DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE**

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that it was time to elect a Delegate and Alternate to the Western Piedmont Council of Governments Policy Board.

Motion was made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to appoint Long View Alderman Vernon Moyer as Delegate and Long View Alderman Randall Mays as Alternate for the Western Piedmont Council of Governments. The vote was unanimous.

#### **FINANCE REPORT**

##### **Finance Report**

Finance Director James Cozart informed the Board that in the General Fund with thirty-three percent of the fiscal year complete, Revenues collected total \$1,022,559.00. Expenditures totaled \$943,220.00. Revenues exceeded expenditures by \$79,338.00. This was due to the first payment on the sidewalk project being made during October.

Revenues collected in the Utility Fund were \$670,832.00, which was 32% of the Town's budgeted revenues. Expenditures totaled \$524,171.00. Revenues exceeded expenditures by \$146,661.00.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

##### **Project's Report**

**Sidewalk Project** – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Sidewalk Project is close to reaching completion.

**Raw Water Pump Station Update** – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Raw Water Pump Station Project is projected to begin sometime in early 2008. The City of Hickory will be notified prior to start of the project.

**37<sup>th</sup> Street S.W. Project Update** - Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that Town Engineer Rich Anderson will soon advertise the project. Mr. Epley explained that there are two property owners that the Town needs to negotiate with for traffic management for this project. One of the property owners has been successfully negotiated with and the other is still in the process.

**New Catawba-Wateree Drought Management Advisory Group** – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board of the New Catawba-Wateree Management Advisory Group and explained that Long View should become a part of that group. He asked that it be considered and a decision to be made at the next board meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Police Chief Cecil Rogers informed the Board of the outcome of the Food Lion's Chili Cook-off that took place on Saturday, December 8, 2007. He reported that nine members of the Long View Police Department participated and Bruce Long from the Long View Fire Department assisted. Chief Rogers explained that the money raised would be for boxes full of grocery items that would be given out to members of the community that are in need of assistance this season.

**CLOSED SESSION – PERSONNEL MATTER**

Motion made by Alderman Vernon Moyer, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to go into closed session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. The vote was unanimous.

Motion made by Alderman Vernon Moyer, seconded by Alderman Randall Mays to leave closed session at 8:06 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, motion was made by Alderman Jackie Bowman, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

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Stephanie C. Watson  
Town Clerk

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Norman E. Cook  
Mayor