

**TOWN OF LONG VIEW
TOWN ALDERMEN MEETING
February 12, 2007**

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met on Monday, February 12, 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 Vernon Moyer, Alderman Jackie Bowman, Alderman John McDaris, and Alderman Randall Mays.

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, Public Works Director David Draughn, Fire Chief Eric Shepherd, Town Planner Charles Mullis, Police Chief Cecil Rogers, Police Officer Brian Collins, and Water Superintendent Rani Holland.

OTHERS PRESENT: David Clark and others were present.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Norman Cook called the meeting to order and Alderman Jackie Bowman gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Norman Cook asked for approval of the minutes. Motion was made by Alderman Jackie Bowman, seconded by Alderman Vernon Moyer to approve the regular January 8, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes. The vote was unanimous.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A FINANCING AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED BY NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE 160A -20

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application of Approval of a Financing Agreement Authorized by North Carolina General Statute 160A-20. The resolution stated that the Town of Long View would file an application with the Local Government Commission for funding for the Raw Water Pump Station.

Motion made by Alderman Randall Mays and seconded by Alderman Vernon Moyer to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application for Approval of a Financing Agreement Authorized by North Carolina General Statute 160A-20. The vote was unanimous.

Reference: Resolutions and Proclamations 2005-Current pg.31-32

**RAW WATER PUMP STATION:
Review of Bank Bids for Raw Water Pump Station Funding**

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Town of Long View was required to publish a Request for Proposal from lending institutions for financing the Raw Water Pump Station.

The three lending institutions which submitted proposals were BB & T, Capital Bank, and Wachovia. Administrator Epley suggested that the Town should go with BB&T because it had the lowest interest rate.

Resolution Approving Financing Terms/BB & T

Motion made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner and seconded by Alderman John McDaris to adopt the Resolution Approving Financing Terms / BB & T. The vote was unanimous.

Reference: Resolutions and Proclamations 2005-Current pg.33

FINANCE REPORT:

Monthly Financial Report

Finance Director James Cozart informed the Board that in the General Fund with fifty percent of the budget year complete, Expenditures were \$1,504,821.75 and Revenues were \$1,633,542.70. Revenues exceeded Expenditures by \$128,720.95.

In the Utility Fund with fifty percent of the budget year complete, the total Revenues were \$973,476.76 and the total Expenditures were \$824,384.82. Revenues exceeded Expenditures by \$149,091.94.

Budget Amendment

Finance Director James Cozart presented to the Board Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 7 which was to expense receipt of Stream Restoration Grant Funds. In Ordinance No. 02-07: Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 7, the Fund Balance Appropriated Line Item was increased by \$93,500.00 and the Street Department Line Item was increased by \$93, 500.00.

Motion made by Alderman Randall Mays and seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to adopt Ordinance No. 02-07: Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 7. The vote was unanimous.

Reference: Ordinance Book # 2 pg. 17

PLANNING DEPARTMENT REPORT

Town Planner Charles Mullis informed the Board that the Town of Long View as a regulated public entity is required to have a written Storm Water Management Program and submit the Storm Water Management Plan along with an application for a phase 2 discharge permit to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Division of Water Quality or request a Waiver from these regulations. It was the Planning Department's opinion that the Town of Long View can continue to protect its own water quality through its own storm water management efforts without the assistance of the Department of Environment Health and Natural Resources (DEHNR) and for this reason

a letter requesting a waiver has been sent to Mike Randall of the DEHNR. A request for a waiver has met with a favorable response from the DEHNR.

Town Planner Charles Mullis informed the Board that the Planning Department has updated the Town's Geographic Information System from version 8 to version 9 to coincide with data available at the Western Piedmont Council of Governments.

Town Planner Charles Mullis informed the Board that the Planning Board recently completed the 33rd St SW Highway Corridor Overlay with the help of the North Carolina Division of Community Assistance.

Town Planner Charles Mullis informed the Board that he was currently working to obtain the American Institute of Certified Planners Certification.

Alderman Randall Mays asked at what point would the Town exceed any standards and have to implement the Storm Water. Town Planner Mullis responded that it would be based on future growth and when it occurs the Town would have to file for the permit.

Alderman Jackie Bowman asked how big an oil spill would have to be before it became an EPA concern. Town Planner Charles Mullis responded that starting this spring he would be making plans to educate citizens on to prevention of pollution of local water sources. These plans include sending out flyers with county and state phone numbers to use if an offense is found.

Alderman Randall Mays noted that he and Town Planner Mullis went to a seminar last month that occurred in Hickory. Alderman Mays said the seminar stressed the education of citizens in precautions that can be taken to prevent the pollution of local water sources.

POLICE DEPARTMEN REPORT

Police Chief Cecil Rogers informed the Board of the monthly activities of the Police Department.

Chief Rogers informed the Board that the Police Department received the Achievement Award Certificate from the Governors Highway Safety Program for Long View Police Departments 100% participation in 2006.

Chief Rogers reported that the police department has gained a new reserve officer since October.

Chief Rogers informed the Board that the Police Department has begun this year's In-Service Training.

Chief Rogers informed the Board that the Narcotics Task Force had made two arrests for drugs in Town on December 20, 2006 and January 31, 2007.

Alderman Vernon Moyer ask Chief Rogers what the Police Department's procedure was with funeral escorts. Chief Rogers said that when the Police Department receives a request from the funeral home, they try to have enough personnel to block traffic and avoid an accident.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Eric Shepherd informed the Board of the amount of the activity from the fire department for the last 3 months.

Fire Chief Shepherd reported to the Board that in the last quarter the fire department had 62 calls with the average response time being 3.6 minutes and the average number of firemen responding being 7.5.

Fire Chief Eric Shepherd informed the Board that Firefighter TJ Patton was asked to present a program for the November Lion's Club meeting in Viewmont. The program dealt with 911 information, the E.D.I.T.H. Program and firearm safety.

Fire Chief Shepherd reported that the Fire Department has been running a program to teach little children to know their street address and their home phone number in case of an emergency. He says that there has been progress since the program has started.

Fire Chief Shepherd reported to the Board that from the Wal-Mart Safe Neighborhood Grant for \$1000.00, the fire department was able to purchase a little over two hundred smoke detectors for homes.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Public Works Director David Draughn informed the Board of the highlighted activities for Public Works.

Public Works Director David Draughn informed the Board that Public Works began work on right-of ways for trimming of trees, road reports and gate installations. He said they have also begun work on rehabilitation of tennis and basketball courts at the Recreation Center which have the tentative date of being completed by early March 2007. Public Works has also begun mapping updates for the hydrants and valve books.

Public Works Director David Draughn informed the Board that Public Works has addressed the continuing sewer odor problem in the 39th Street SW area. There have been approximately 300 man hours spent on that problem and all attempts to identify the problem have not been successful. He then outlined the steps Public Works had taken to locate the problem. The next step would be smoke testing.

Public Works Director David Draughn informed the Board that plans are to try again to locate the Raw Water Lines in the spring with the Electromagnetic Pulse.

WATER PLANT REPORT

Water Plant Supervisor Rani Holland informed the Board that an appeal of the Concord-Kannapolis Interbasin Water Transfer is in the process of being reviewed by all the interested parties.

Water Plant Supervisor Rani Holland informed the Board that the Water plant had a Fire Marshall Inspection on January 22, 2007, an Annual Water Treatment Plant Inspection on January 23, 2007 and recently had an ISO inspection. She said the results from the ISO inspection could take six months.

Supervisor Rani Holland also informed the Board that the Town Engineer in the process getting the plans for the Allum Tanks, so that the Allum Tanks could be installed during the raw water pump station rehabilitation.

Alderman Vernon Moyer asked Water Plant Supervisor Rani Holland what a SCADA system was and she responded that it was a system that would measure efficiency such as flow rates and elevations as to how low or high your tanks might be. She said that they could be put in the water station and the pump station. She said that the State recommended SCADA because of the State's regulations asking for the continuous need of monitoring filters twenty-four hours a day. Water Plant Supervisor Holland said that it would probably needed later on.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Tailored Foam Grant Update

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Town has received authorization to spend the Tailored Foam Grant money. The area surveys have been completed and the plans should be ready within a month.

Retreat Date and Location

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Budget Retreat date was set for Tuesday, March 27, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. at the Morganton Community House.

Sidewalk Project Update

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the plans for the sidewalk project are 90 percent complete and should be able to go to bid during the second week of March.

Centennial Update

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that plans are still underway for the preparation for March 8, 2007 commemoration. He reported that there have been several delivery dates for the shelter and the newest date would be on February 14, 2007.

Administrator Epley suggested that if the shelter was not delivered by Wednesday, February 14, 2007 that he believed that they should cancel the order and look to get a shelter from somewhere else. The Board agreed.

Newly Acquired Property Update

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the property has been cleared of the building that was there. The ground has been reseeded.

Raw Water Pump Station Update

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Town has advertised for bids that will be open on February 27, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at Long View Town Hall.

OTHER BUSINESS:

No other business.

CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Cook called for a closed session to discuss a legal matter. Motion was made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to go into closed session at 8:07 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Motion was made by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to adjourn closed session and return to regular session at 8:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, motion was made by Alderman Jackie Bowman, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Stephanie C. Watson
Town Clerk

Norman E. Cook
Mayor