

**TOWN OF LONG VIEW
TOWN ALDERMEN MEETING
January 8, 2007**

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met on Monday, January 8, 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 Major Jim Worrell, Police Officer Brian Collins, and Water Superintendent Rani Holland.

OTHERS PRESENT: Susan Berley of the Western Piedmont Council of Governments, Chuck Moseley Centennial Coordinator, David Clark, and Henry Thomas were present.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Norman Cook called the meeting to order and Alderman Vernon Moyer 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 Ken Bumgarner to approve the regular December 11, 2006 Board Meeting Minutes. The vote was unanimous.

**TAILORED CHEMICAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT
INFORMATION UPDATE (Susan Berley of the Western Piedmont Council of
Governments)**

Susan Berley of the Western Piedmont Council of Governments (WPCOG) informed the Board that the following firms submitted proposals for Engineering Services for the Tailored Chemical CDBG Sewer Project:

James Tindall, **HSMM**
Randy Beckner, **Mattern & Craig**
Brian Tripp, **WK Dickson**
Benjamin Thomas, **West Consultants**
Clarence M. Lockamy, **The Wooten Company**

These firms were put under review that was based on the criteria of Professional Personnel, Experience, and Availability. The review committee consisting of Mayor Norman Cook, Town Administrator David Epley and Susan Berley of the WPCOG found

HSMM to be the highest scored and recommended that the Town award the engineering contract for the Tailored Chemical CDBG Sewer Project to HSMM.

Motion made by Alderman Vernon Moyer and seconded by Alderman Jackie Bowman to award the engineering contract for the Tailored Chemical CDBG Sewer Project to HSMM. The vote was unanimous.

FINANCE REPORT:

Monthly Financial Report

Finance Director James Cozart informed the Board that in the General Fund with forty-two percent of the budget year complete, Expenditures were \$1,249,367.03 and Revenues were \$1,310,168.90. Revenues exceeded Expenditures by \$60,801.87.

In the Utility Fund with forty-two percent of the budget year complete, the total Revenues were \$816,735.07 and the total Expenditures were \$694,877.98. Revenues exceeded Expenditures by \$121,857.09.

Budget Amendment

Finance Director James Cozart presented to the Board Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 6 which would be used in the purchase of the property at 2319 1st Ave SW which was located across from Long View Town Hall. In Ordinance No. 02-07: Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 6, the Administration Item was increased by \$95,710.00.

Motion made by Alderman Randall Mays and seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to adopt Ordinance No. 02-07: Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 6. The vote was unanimous.

Federal and State Shared Proceeds Interest

Finance Director James Cozart informed the Board of his had checked with the Bank of Granite, Wachovia, and BB&T to see if it would be possible to move the Town of Long View's Federal and State proceeds to a higher interest checking account. He said that he would inform the Board at the next meeting of his progress.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Small Projects Update

Discussion of Possible Retreat Dates - Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that it was time to set a tentative date for the Budget Retreat. For a tentative date, Tuesday, March 6, 2007 was chosen.

Sidewalk Project Update - Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that Town Engineer has the surveys complete for the sidewalk project and has begun the design phase. Administrator Epley said that after he spoke to the Town Engineer and Fire Chief Eric Shepherd, he asked whether a grass strip between the four lane street and the sidewalk would be needed for safety issues. The

Board agreed that the street and the sidewalk should have a grass strip in between them. Administrator Epley said that he would have the Town Engineer to design it that way.

Water Pump Station Update – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Town Engineer had completed the redesign for the water pump station. Administrator Epley informed the Board that clearance was given from Duke Power for the project. He also stated that the Town was in the process of getting clearance from Caldwell Railway. He said that according to a survey, the majority of the building is on the Caldwell Railway right of way.

Town Administrator David Epley also stated that he and Finance Director James Cozart have started the process for the Local Government Commission.

14th Ave Dr Condemnation Update – Town Attorney Redmond Dill informed the Board that the process was beginning.

Miller Property Update – Town Attorney Redmond Dill informed the Board that the Town closed on the Miller Property on Friday, January 5, 2007 at 2:31 pm and the Town of Long View is now the owner.

Interbasin Transfer Update – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board of an article in the Hickory Daily Record discussing the Interbasin Transfer. He said that there was resolution between the committee and the commission that could possibly postpone any decision on the Interbasin Transfer from six months to a year. He said that the decision would be made on January 10, 2007.

Picnic Shelter – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the delivery date for the centennial picnic shelter was January 18, 2007. He said that Alderman John McDaris and Alderman Ken Bumgarner had volunteered to help with laying out the foundation based on the engineer's drawings.

CENTENNIAL PREPARATION UPDATE (Chuck Moseley – Centennial Coordinator):

Centennial Coordinator Chuck Moseley informed the Board that the process was moving along. He said that signs have been placed at the entrances in to Town, car tags with “Long View Celebrating 100 Years” have been placed on Town Cars and are on sale now at Town Hall. He went on to say that memorabilia is on display in Town Hall, banners are being printed to be placed in front of Town Hall and news releases are being prepared for locals newspapers.

Coordinator Moseley informed the Board that process was underway for the Town Day on March 8, 2007. He said tentative plans were to start at 3:00 pm on the 8th of March and then have the dedication of the picnic shelter at 5:00 pm.

Coordinator Moseley informed the Board that he now believed it was time to get the community involved through sponsors and he said that he and Town Administrator David Epley would start on that process.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Alderman Randall Mays wished to thank the staff at the Town of Long View for the good calendar year.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, motion was made by Alderman Jackie Bowman, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Stephanie C. Watson
Town Clerk

Norman E. Cook
Mayor