

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

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

Not Present: Alderman Randall Mays

STAFF PRESENT: The following members of staff were present: Town Administrator David Epley, Town Clerk Stephanie Watson, Town Attorney Redmond Dill, Town Planner Charles Mullis, Water Plant Superintendent Rani Holland, Fire Chief Eric Shepherd, and Police Major Jim Worrell.

OTHERS PRESENT: No town citizens were present.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Norman Cook asked for approval of the minutes. Motion was made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to approve the September 10, 2007 minutes. The vote was unanimous.

VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF PINE MEADOWS PHASE III

Presentation of Certificate of Sufficiency

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that Town Clerk Stephanie Watson completed the Certificate of Sufficiency upon confirming that the original petition for voluntary annexation of Pine Meadows Phase III was valid.

Public Hearing

Mayor Norman Cook declared open the Public Hearing on the voluntary annexation of Pine Meadows Phase III.

Town Planner Charles Mullis informed the Board of the request made by C.M. Williams Inc for the voluntary annexation of property identified by Burke County Parcel ID number 278319614387. This property is contiguous to the Town of Long View's current boundaries.

There being no further discussion or public comment, the public hearing was declared closed.

Annexation Ordinance

Motion made by Alderman Vernon Moyer, seconded by Alderman Jackie Bowman to adopt the Ordinance to Extend the Corporate Limits of the Town of Long View. The vote was unanimous.

FINANCE REPORT**Finance Report**

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that in the General Fund with seventeen percent of the fiscal year complete, Expenditures were \$475,335.78 and Revenues were \$390,725.65. Expenditures exceeded Revenues by \$84,610.13 this year versus \$152,619.25 last year. As stated last month, liability and workers comp insurance has to be paid in full during July. With such large expenditures during the first part of the fiscal year it takes a few months to recover. The Town's revenues stand at 14.23% which is slightly less than last year. The main factor is due to the Town's CD maturing in September rather than August as it did last year. The Town's expenditures are at 17.31% this year versus 19.64% last year.

In the Utility Fund with seventeen percent of the budget year complete, the total Revenues were \$356,613.43 and the total Expenditures were \$283,818.66. Revenues exceeded Expenditures by \$72,794.77. The Town's revenue collections stand at 16.87%. In 2006, both the August and September billings were posted to August revenues which inflated the August revenues to show 23.36% of revenues collected. Our expenditures are at 13.43% this year, slightly less than 13.59% last year.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT**Public Works Department Report**

Public Works Director David Draughn informed the Board of the activities of the Public Works Department during the time of July 2007 – September 2007.

Mr. Draughn informed the Board that his department was working on the 2nd Ave NW sidewalk project and has relocated three fire hydrants and three water and sewer services for the sidewalk project.

Future plans include working with contractor JW Grading on raw water line right-of-way cleanup/drainage work during raw water pump station rehabilitation and finding a new mechanic for the Public Works Department.

Discussion of Garbage Refuse Ordinance Amendment

Public Works Director David Draughn recommended to the Board that they consider adopting an amendment to the Garbage Refuse Ordinance. The amendment includes the elimination of all commercial properties, residential complexes of more than six units and mobile home parks, from the weekly junk route and requires that they put a dumpster in place or make other arrangements for junk pickup. This would reduce wear and tear on equipment.

Motion made by Alderman Jackie Bowman, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to adopt the amendment to the Garbage Refuse Ordinance. The vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Project's Update

Sidewalk Project Update

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board as to the progress of the Sidewalk Project.

Raw Water Pump Station Update

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board as to the progress of the water pump station. Currently the Town is waiting on the pumps for the water pump station.

Picnic Shelter Update

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the picnic tables and grills for the picnic shelter at the Long View Recreation Center have arrived and have been installed. Future plans for the shelter include the placement of a monument to recognize Long View's Centennial.

Mr. Epley further stated that because of the current drought conditions, the Town would need to wait on beginning any landscaping around the picnic shelter.

Grant for Bright Property

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that Cooper Kenworth has declined to sign the grant application. The project will continue as planned.

Water Conservation Status

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that on Thursday, October 4, 2007 Duke Power declared Stage III based on their Low Inflow Protocol trigger number.

Discussion of 37th St S.W.

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board of the status of 37th St. S.W. After some discussion by the Board, it was decided that the Town should take over the road.

Motion by Alderman Jackie Bowman, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to take over 37th Street on the Catawba County and Burke County sides. The vote was unanimous.

Post Office

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board of the status of the Long View Post Office. The Town received a letter from the U.S. Postal Service in response to request for a post office to be built within Town limits. Based on the letter, the U.S. Postal Service felt that the postal needs of the Long View community were currently being met through the existing post office located in Hickory, NC.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion was made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Stephanie C. Watson
Town Clerk

Norman E. Cook
Mayor