

**TOWN OF LONG VIEW
TOWN ALDERMEN MEETING
May 11, 2009**

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met on Monday, May 11, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers of the Government Center in Long View, North Carolina.

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

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, Public Works Director David Draughn, Water Plant Superintendent Rani Holland, Fire Chief Eric Shepherd, and Police Major Jim Worrell.

OTHERS PRESENT: Town residents Todd Friar, Henry Thomas, and others were present.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Norman Cook called the meeting to order and Alderman Randall Mays 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 April 13, 2009 minutes. The vote was unanimous.

RESOLUTION FOR 2ND ROUND OF ECONOMIC STIMULUS (19TH Street NW SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT)

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Town of Long View is continuing to pursue funding for the 19th Street Sewer Replacement Project. The Resolution for the 2nd Round of the Economic Stimulus under the Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 is the first step in the process.

Motion made by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to adopt the Resolution for 2nd round of the Economic Stimulus (19th Street NW Sewer Replacement Project). The vote was unanimous.

RESCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING TO JUNE 8, 2009 BOARD MEETING

Town Planner Charles Mullis informed the Board of Aldermen that the Planning Board requested that the Public Hearing for May 11, 2009 be rescheduled to the June 8, 2009 Board Meeting.

Motion made by Alderman Jackie Bowman, seconded by Alderman Randall Mays to reschedule the Public Hearing for May 11, 2009 to the June 8, 2009 Board Meeting. The vote was unanimous.

RESCHEDULE JULY REGULAR MEETING TO MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2009

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the regularly scheduled Board meeting in July will need to be rescheduled to June 22, 2009.

Motion made by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to reschedule the regularly scheduled July meeting to June 22, 2009. The vote was unanimous.

REQUEST FROM CATAWBA COUNTY TO RELEASE \$22.36 IN OVERPAID TAXES

Finance Director James Cozart informed the Board that Xerox Corporation has requested a property tax refund for their overpayment of 2008 taxes. For this reason Catawba County has requested approval to release \$22.36 in overpaid taxes to Xerox.

Motion made by Alderman Vernon Moyer and seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to approve the release of \$22.36 in overpaid taxes to Xerox. The vote was unanimous.

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Report

Finance Director James Cozart explained that in the General Fund with 75% of the budget year complete, revenues totaled \$2,486,343.31. The Town has collected 88% of its budgeted revenue for the year. Expenditures totaled \$2,135,893.61. General Fund revenues exceeded expenditures by \$350,449.70.

In the Utility Fund, revenues totaled \$1,331,224.62. The Town had collected 64% of the budgeted revenues for the year. Expenditures totaled \$1,278,728.28. Revenues exceeded expenditures by \$52,516.34.

Mr. Cozart explained to the Board that the reason for Utility Fund being at only 64% with 75% percent of the budget year complete is that water revenue is down. The Town received \$19,000.00 in investment earnings last year where the Town has only collected \$4,348.00 this year. Also, last year the Town received an insurance reimbursement from the Raw Water Pump Station which totaled around \$40,000.00.

Mr. Cozart explained to the Board that the Utility Billing has started to recover with the May billing being \$8,000.00 up over last year at this time. One of the factors for the increase is the number of customers in town has grown.

Town Administrator David Epley explained that the Town has established a spending freeze to keep expenses down. Only emergency items are to be purchased. The Town is also budgeting appropriately for the next fiscal year.

Mr. Cozart informed the Board that the Town of Long View made a large debt payment for Henry Fork Interceptor Line.

The Board wished to thank Finance Director James Cozart for his work with the budget.

Town Administrator David Epley wished to thank the department heads for working to keep expenses down.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Projects Report

Budget Work Sessions

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the first Budget Work Session is on May 18, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that a second Budget Work Session, if necessary, will be scheduled for May 26, 2009.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Town did not receive any funding in the first round submittals of the Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. He explained that there is a second round for submittals in which the Town is participating.

Raw Water Pump Station

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the work on the Raw Water Pump Station is completed.

Water Plant Supervisor Rani Holland briefly described the work done to the Raw Water Pump Station. She further explained that warranty was adjusted to begin when the new parts were put into place.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Jackie Bowman wished to thank the staff and board for their hard work dealing with the budgeting process.

Alderman Randall Mays requested a time as to when the 19th Street Sewer Project would begin. Town Administrator explained that Town is currently trying get funding from the Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Public Works Director David Draughn noted that the design work has begun for the 19th Street Sewer Project. He explained that if funding was not awarded by the Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 that the Town would apply for the Clean Water Trust Fund.

Alderman Vernon Moyer stated that there have been a large number of phone books that have been left at vacant lots. He requested that the Town look into a way to dispose of those books and make sure that they are not left in vacant lots in the future.

Alderman Ken Bumgarner and Alderman John McDaris wished to thank the staff for their hard work.

There being no further business, motion was made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Stephanie C. Watson
Town Clerk

Norman E. Cook
Mayor