

**TOWN OF LONG VIEW  
TOWN ALDERMEN MEETING  
November 9, 2009**

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met on Monday, November 9, 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, Police Chief Cecil Rogers, and Police Officer Justin Roberts.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Sherry Long from the Western Piedmont Council of Governments (WPCOG), Wayne Harris of the Burke County EDC, Rick Hallyburton from the Bank of Granite, Town resident Harold Duckworth, Town resident Wayne Harris, and Town residents Brent and Dorothy Friar 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 Vernon Moyer, seconded by Alderman Randall Mays to approve the October 12, 2009 minutes. The vote was unanimous.

**SECOND PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION – SHERRY LONG**

Mayor Norman Cook declared the Second Public Hearing to Discuss a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Economic Development Application open.

Sherry Long from the WPCOG and Wayne Harris from the Burke County EDC informed the Board about the progress of the Maple Springs Project. Sherry Long explained that under the project the road in front of the Beagle Brand Building would need to be widened, the walking track at the Recreation Center would need to be relocated, a culvert would need to be installed, a sewer line would need to be moved and a new water line would need to be installed. The total cost of the project is projected to be \$600,000.00.

Sherry Long asked the Board for permission to submit an application to the North Carolina Department of Commerce to do structure improvements so that Maple Springs Laundry may locate in the Beagle Brand Building. Maple Springs Laundry intends to spend at least two million dollars on the project and proposes to create at least 40 new jobs in which 60% will be for the benefit of low income persons.

Sherry Long informed the Board that the Engineer had the cost estimates ready for the project.

Alderman Vernon Moyer requested information about the cost of the development of the parking and Town Administrator David Epley explained that the property that Maple Springs Laundry needs will be deeded to the company and the rest of the property will continue to be utilized by the Town of Long View as it always has been. Sherry Long added that the movement of the track should be included as part of the block grant project.

Alderman Ken Bumgarner requested information about the area needed for drainage and Town Administrator David Epley explained that the company would need no more that originally discussed.

Sherry Long added that the goal of Maple Spring Laundry was to close on the transaction and own the property by the end of December.

There being no further business, Mayor Norman Cook declared the public hearing closed.

**TOWN OF LONG VIEW AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION AND CERTIFICATION – SHERRY LONG**

Sherry Long from the WPCOG requested that the Board approve the Authorizing Resolution and Certification.

See “Resolutions and Proclamations” for a copy of the “Authorizing Resolution and Certification”.

Motion by Alderman Jackie Bowman, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to approve the Town of Long View Authorizing Resolution and Certification. The vote was unanimous.

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE LEGALLY BINDING COMMITMENT – SHERRY LONG**

Sherry Long requested that the Board of Aldermen approve the Legally Binding Commitment between Maple Springs Laundry and the Town of Long View. The Legally Binding Commitment applies that Maple Springs Laundry will create at least 40 new jobs and that the Town of Long View will supply the funds through the CDBG for the infrastructure.

Motion by Alderman Jackie Bowman, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to approve the Legally Binding Commitment between the Town of Long View and Maple Springs Laundry. The vote was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION OF AUTHORITY TO APPLY THE RURAL CENTER BUILDING REUSE AND RESTORATION GRANTS PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GRANT (NOVEMBER 2009) – SHERRY LONG**

Sherry Long from the WPCOG requested that the Board of Aldermen approve the Resolution of Authority to Apply the Rural Center Building Reuse and Restoration Grants Program Development Grant. She explained that the North Carolina Rural Center has funds that are available to residents of Burke County. Money can be applied for which will help a business renovate a building that will in turn create jobs. Based on the job creation that Maple Springs Laundry is projecting, the Town can apply for \$480,000.00 that could be provided to Maples Springs in a legally binding commitment. Maple Springs will in

turn be required to provide \$1.00 for every grant dollar that they receive. Under the grant, Maples Springs Laundry will be required to create 40 jobs.

Sherry Long explained that a 3% percent match would be required from the Town of Long View totaling \$14,400.00.

Sherry Long explained that Maple Springs Laundry will be responsible for all the construction and then each step of the construction will be checked for eligibility under this grant.

See “Resolutions and Proclamations” for a copy of the “Resolution of Authority to Apply the Rural Center Building Reuse and Restoration Grants Program Development Grant (November 2009).

Motion by Alderman Vernon Moyer, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to approve the Resolution of Authority to Apply the Rural Center Building Reuse and Restoration Grants Program Development Grant (November 2009). The vote was unanimous.

### **THANK YOU PRESENTATION TO RICK HALLYBURTON AND THE BANK OF GRANITE**

On the behalf of the Board of Aldermen and staff, Town Administrator David Epley thanked Rick Hallyburton and the Bank of Granite for their assistance during the Town of Long View’s Centennial Celebration and for the donation of pictures from the Bank of Granite office in Long View. The pictures included scenes from around the Town of Long View.

The Board wished to express their regret that the Bank of Granite has had to move from within Town limits and wished for their possible return in the future.

On behalf of the Town, Town Administrator David Epley presented to Rick Hallyburton and the Bank of Granite the Town of Long View’s Centennial Coin as a thank you.

### **CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR GRAFFITI ORDINANCE**

Town Administrator David Epley requested that the Board of Aldermen to consider calling for a public hearing in reference to the Graffiti Ordinance.

Alderman Vernon Moyer asked about whether the ordinance needed to be updated to include what to do in a situation in which a property owner places something on their own building (i.e. murals, painted signs, improper paintings, etc). The Board asked that the Town to see if there was a way to adjust the ordinance to handle those situations.

After a request from Alderman Randall Mays, there was a brief discussion on how long after notification property owner will have to remove the graffiti and the penalties if the graffiti is not removed.

Town Attorney Redmond Dill requested that the Town should consider updating the ordinance to have a better definition of what constitutes graffiti.

Alderman Vernon Moyer suggested that murals need to be included in the sign ordinance and the definition of graffiti needs to include covering objectionable material.

Alderman Vernon Moyer suggested that under the emergency removal section, the ordinance needs to more clearly define what type of situation constitutes an emergency removal.

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that he would meet with Code Enforcement Officer Tony Cline to discuss the Board's suggestions.

After the brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to postpone the public hearing for the graffiti ordinance until the requested adjustments have been researched and the ordinance has been updated as needed.

## **FINANCE REPORT**

### **Finance Report**

Finance Director James Cozart informed the Board that General Fund Revenues collected at September 30<sup>th</sup> totaled \$755,403.66. This was just over 27% of the Town's Budget Revenues for the Year. Ad Valorem Tax Collections remained strong while Local Government Sales Tax Collections were down slightly from last year. Despite the economy, the Town's Revenue Collections remained steady. Expenditures totaled \$606,234.47. This was down about 3% from last year. This is due to the Town's Department Heads being very conservative in spending. Revenues in the General Fund to exceeded Expenses by \$149,169.19 at September 30<sup>th</sup>.

In the Utility Fund, Revenues totaled \$463,695.59. This was 24% of the Town's Budgeted Revenues for the year. Utility Billing Receipts have recovered to a normal level and have helped to stabilize the Town's Utility Fund. Expenses were also down in the Utility Fund. Revenues exceeded Expenses in the Utility Fund by \$48,374.17. Once again, Department Heads controlling their spending has allowed this fund to remain stable.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

### **Project's Report**

#### **Town Clerk Stephanie Watson – CMC Certification**

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that Town Clerk Stephanie Watson has received her designation as the Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC).

Town Administrator David Epley congratulated Stephanie Watson on her achievement.

The Board of Aldermen and staff wished to congratulate Stephanie Watson on her achievement.

#### **Recognition of Reaching 100 Years**

Town Administration David Epley informed the Board that the Town had sent a letter to Moss-Marlow recognizing the company for having reached its 100 year anniversary.

#### **Swearing in of Elected Officials**

Town Administrator David Epley wished to notify those present that the newly re-elected officials will be sworn in at the Monday, December 14, 2009 Board Meeting. He wished to congratulate Mayor Norman Cook, Alderman Ken Bumgarner and Alderman John McDaris for being re-elected.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW Sidewalk Project**

Town Administrator David Epley wished to inform the Board that the sidewalk project on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW is moving forward. He explained that he would have more information as it progresses.

**Maple Springs Property**

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the acquisition of the property dealing with Maple Springs is moving forward.

**Long View Christmas Party**

Town Administrator David Epley wished to remind the Board that the Long View Christmas Party will be on Thursday, December 17, 2009.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Resident Harold Duckworth informed the Board that the street lights on a certain area of 21<sup>st</sup> St. SW should be updated to make the light stronger. He asked the Town to contact Duke Power to ask for a stronger light.

Mr. Duckworth also informed the Board that the residents on 21<sup>st</sup> St. SW would like to be notified when there are break-ins in their neighborhood so that they may take the proper precautions.

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Town would look into getting the lighting improved along 21<sup>st</sup> St SW.

Mayor Norman Cook asked that the Police Department look into the break-ins in the area of 21<sup>st</sup> St. SW.

Mr. Duckworth asked the board if there were any regulations regarding getting a security system for a resident. Alderman Vernon Moyer explained that the Town does have a issue with repeat false alarm calls.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Jackie Bowman wished to personally congratulate Town Clerk Stephanie Watson for her achievement of Certified Municipal Clerk and he wished to thank Rick Hallyburton with the Bank of Granite for the donated pictures. He also wished to thank the Department Heads for their work in saving money. He also wished to extend his well wishes to Mayor Norman Cook.

Motion was made by Alderman Vernon Moyer, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

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**Stephanie C. Watson**  
Town Clerk

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**Norman E. Cook**  
Mayor