

**TOWN OF LONG VIEW  
TOWN ALDERMEN MEETING  
October 12, 2009**

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met on Monday, October 12, 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:** Pastor Joel Cook, Sherry Long from the Western Piedmont Council of Governments (WPCOG), Town Engineer Doug Chapman and others were present.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Mayor Norman Cook called the meeting to order and Pastor Joel Cook 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 corrected September 14, 2009 minutes. The vote was unanimous.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE CLOSEOUT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (TAILORED CHEMICAL PRODUCTS SEWER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT)**

Sherry Long informed the Board that the purpose of the public hearing was to begin the closeout process for the Tailored Chemical Project. The town received \$815,763 to change out the sewer line at Tailored Chemical. As a result of the project, 53 jobs were saved and 12 jobs were added.

Ms. Long informed the Board that the Tailored Chemical project has been completed.

Motion by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to close the public hearing to discuss the closeout of Community Development Block Grant (Tailored Chemical Products Sewer Economic Development Project). The vote was unanimous.

Motion by Alderman Randal Mays, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to approve the closing of the Community Development Block Grant (Tailored Chemical Products Sewer Economic Development Project). The vote was unanimous.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE CITIZEN INPUT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR THE COMING YEAR**

Sherry Long informed the Board that the purpose of the public hearing was to receive citizen input in the development of Community Development Block Grant Applications for the coming year.

Sherry Long briefly went over each of the possible projects. The projects included: Infrastructure (CDBG-IF), Economic Development (CDBG-ED), Scattered Site Housing, Water/Sewer Connection Grant, Community Revitalization, Housing Development (HD), Capacity Building, Urgent Needs, and Small Business and Entrepreneurial Assistance.

Ms. Long informed the Board that the Economic Development project allows companies that are going to create or retain jobs to receive infrastructure money to be able to locate in the Long View area.

Ms. Long informed the Board that the Small Business and Entrepreneurial Assistance project is new and helps small businesses that may need to change the way they do business. Under this project, if a business has been in business for one year and has at least one employee, it may be eligible for up to \$25,000 to use for the business.

Motion by Alderman Vernon Moyer, seconded by Alderman Randall Mays to close the public hearing to receive citizen input in the development of community development block grant applications for the coming year. The vote was unanimous.

Motion by Alderman Vernon Moyer, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to call for a second public hearing on Monday, November 9, 2009 to discuss the Community Development Block Grant. The vote was unanimous.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE NONRESIDENTIAL BUILDING MAINTENANCE STANDARDS**

Town Administrator David Epley introduced to the Board the Nonresidential Building Maintenance Standards and asked the Board to consider it for adoption. He explained that under this ordinance, Code Enforcement Officer Tony Cline and Town Attorney Redmond Dill would be able to take action as needed in handling non-residential dilapidated buildings.

Town Attorney Redmond Dill said that he considers the Nonresidential Building Maintenance Standards Ordinance a good starting point and would need to be considered as a work in progress.

There being no further comments, the public hearing was declared closed.

Motion by Alderman Jackie Bowman, seconded by Alderman Randall Mays to adopt the Nonresidential Building Maintenance Standards Ordinance. The vote was unanimous.

**DOUG CHAPMAN WITH MCGILL AND ASSOCIATES TO DISCUSS TAILORED CHEMICAL PRETREATMENT**

Town Engineer Doug Chapman briefly informed the Board of the progress of the Tailored Chemical Pretreatment Project.

He explained that Tailored Chemical has put in a pretreatment system for waste that is currently undergoing testing. Mr. Chapman explained that the new treatment process that Tailored Chemical has installed should be significant to take out the products in the water.

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Town would continue to monitor Tailored Chemical's pretreatment system.

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LONG VIEW BOARD OF ALDERMEN IN OPPOSITION TO LOSS OF JOBS AT HICKORY MAIL PROCESSING AND DISTRIBUTION**

Town Administrator David Epley requested that the Board approve the Resolution of the Town of Long View Board of Aldermen in Opposition to Loss of Jobs at Hickory Mail Processing and Distribution.

See **Resolutions and Proclamations** for full text to "Resolution of the Town of Long View Board of Aldermen in Opposition to Loss of Jobs at Hickory Mail Processing and Distribution."

Mr. Epley informed the Board that he had received an e-mail explaining that the U.S. Postal Service was conducting an Area Mail Processing Study of mail processing at the Hickory Processing and Distribution Center. The reason for the study would be the possible consolidation of certain operations into the Greensboro Processing Distribution Center. The most notable operation would be the shifting of all outgoing mail from the 286 region to be processed in Greensboro. The effect would be a further loss of jobs to the Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir MSA.

Mr. Epley asked that the Board adopt the resolution to show Long View's support in the opposition.

Motion made by Alderman Jackie Bowman, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to approve the Resolution of the Town of Long View Board of Aldermen in Opposition to Loss of Jobs at Hickory Mail Processing and Distribution. The vote was unanimous.

**FINANCE REPORT**

**Finance Report**

Finance Director James Cozart informed the Board that in the General Fund with seventeen percent of the fiscal year complete, Revenues collected totaled \$391,876.53. Expenditures totaled \$428,356.69. Expenditures exceeded Revenues by \$36,480.69.

In the Utility Fund, Revenues totaled \$299,785.48. Expenditures totaled \$282,298.82. Revenues exceeded Expenditures by \$17,486.66.

Mr. Cozart wished to recognize the Department Heads for their jobs of minimizing spending over the last few months.

Mr. Cozart informed the Board that the Annual Audit has been completed. He noted that the report for the annual audit should happen at the November or December Board of Aldermen Meeting.

**Budget Amendment**

Finance Director James Cozart presented to the Board Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 2 which was to amend the General Fund budgeted amounts.

In Ordinance No. 02-10: Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 2, in Revenues the Fund Balance Line Item (10-399-0000) was decreased by \$2,850.

In Expenditures, the Administration Line Item (10-420-0200) was decreased by \$2,850.

The purpose for the amendment was to adjust salary expense for the Administration Department.

Motion by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to adopt Ordinance No. 02-10: Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 2. The vote was unanimous.

### **PLANNING DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Town Planner Charles Mullis informed the Board of the events that have taken place in the past few months in the Planning Department.

#### **Catawba County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Mr. Mullis informed the Board that Long View's portion of the Catawba County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan has recently been updated.

#### **2010 Census**

Mr. Mullis informed the Board that it is almost time for the 2010 Census. Mr. Mullis represents the Town of Long View as a participant in the Catawba County Census Complete Count Committee. The committee has applied for and received a promotional grant from the Census Bureau which includes promotional items from the Census Bureau which is written in multiple languages.

Mr. Mullis noted that there were several dates to remember in regards to the 2010 Census. The Census questionnaires will be delivered to households beginning in February of 2010. Census Day is scheduled for April 1, 2010. A media blitz for the Census is scheduled to begin December 2009.

#### **Development**

Mr. Mullis informed the Board that for the Phase III Pine Meadows Subdivision the Planning Board has approved a preliminary plan that will include 10 new single family homes.

Mr. Mullis informed the Board that preliminary plans for the new sanctuary at Penelope Baptist Church have been submitted.

### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Public Works Director David Draughn informed the Board of the activities that have occurred within the Public Works Department in the last few months.

Mr. Draughn informed the Board that Public Works spent 224 hours performing daily checks and maintenance on Long View's three wastewater pumping stations and replaced pump number two at the Frye Creek Pump Station.

Mr. Draughn informed the Board that Public Works worked 10 hours on cutting roots around the sewer line on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW. He noted that there was a backup in this line

causing damage to two residences and as a result, Public Works will now be performing bi-monthly maintenance. Homeowners were also advised to install backflow preventers.

Public Works Director David Draughn informed the Board of the special projects that Public Works has handled in the last few months. Public Works staff has been assisting JW Grading in replacing drain system that collapsed on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NW, has hired a paving company to pave water plant drives and four streets, has had water plant buildings and fuel tanks at gas pumps and Frye Creek Station repainted, and has installed a new sign at the water plant. Mr. Draughn added that Public Works has also had to deal with scrap metal thefts which include an old cast iron pipe at the Water Plant and catch basin grates.

### **WATER PLANT REPORT**

Water Plant Supervisor Rani Holland informed the Board of the events that occurred at the Water Plant in the last few months.

Ms. Holland thanked Alderman John McDaris, Alderman Ken Bumgarner and members of the Public Works Department for their work with the sign at the Water Plant.

Ms. Holland informed that Board that the driveway above the Water Plant has been paved. Other maintenance items included the roofing of buildings and painting of the fuel tanks.

Ms. Holland wished to thank the Fire Department for their help in cleaning out the algae at the Water Plant.

Ms. Holland wished to thank the Police Department for their arrest of the vandals who were taking copper wire from around the Raw Water Pump Station.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Fire Chief Eric Shepherd informed the Board of the activities of the Fire Department for the last few months.

Chief Shepherd informed the Board that the Fire Department had 196 calls since the February meeting. Those calls included but was not limited to 44 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 32 Service Calls, 26 Assist EMS, 21 Mutual Aid, and 15 Structure calls.

Chief Shepherd informed the Board that the major Structure Fire was at Penelope Baptist Church in February.

Chief Shepherd informed the Board that he was pleased to report that no injuries due to fire have occurred to either Fire Department personnel or town citizens within the last few months.

Chief Shepherd informed the Board that the Fire Department received a thank you letter from the Morganton Department of Public Safety I for the Long View Fire Department's assistance in combating the fire at the old Drexel Heritage plant in Morganton.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Police Chief Cecil Rogers informed the Board of the activities of the Police Department for the last few months.

Chief Rogers informed the Board that an alligator was found and captured on 19<sup>th</sup> St. SW. The North Carolina Department of Wildlife was contacted to take over responsibility of the animal.

Chief Rogers informed the Board that a letter was sent to the Long View Police Department thanking them for their help with the Hickory Lock-up this year.

Chief Rogers informed the Board that a letter was sent to the Long View Police Department from the Governor's Highway Safety Program for being a 100% reporting agency.

Chief Rogers informed the Board that the Long View Police Department received a letter from the Secret Services which thanked Investigator Roberts for his service. Mr. Roberts was helpful in the locating of \$11,500 in counterfeit dollars.

Chief Rogers informed the Board that the total street value substances confiscated over the last few months was \$255,980.

When asked about what is being done about the gangs in the area, Chief Rogers informed the Board that there was a grant that is in the final stages that will help in dealing with gangs.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

### **Project's Report**

**Maple Springs Project** – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Maple Springs Project is still in progress and explained that he would have more information for the November 9, 2009 Meeting.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW Sidewalk** – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that Hickory is currently constructing a sidewalk along the its portion of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW. Mr. Epley explained that there is a small portion of a non-sidewalk area that the Town should take into consideration for paving to connect Long View's 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW sidewalk to Hickory's sidewalk.

Mr. Epley informed the Board that the Town Engineer is looking at the possible cost to connect Long View's sidewalk to Hickory's.

### **Presentation of Potential Graffiti Ordinance**

Town Administrator David Epley presented to the Board the Graffiti Ordinance that the City of Kannapolis currently uses. He asked the Board to look over the ordinance and upon adjustments as needed to suite the Town, consider its adoption. He noted that there will be further discussion at the November 9, 2009 Meeting.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Jackie Bowman wished to thank Town of Long View employees for their dedication to saving the Town money.

Alderman Jackie Bowman wished to thank Town Administrator David Epley for his work with the Maple Springs Project.

Alderman Vernon Moyer requested that the Town recognize the Bank of Granite and Rick Hallyburton for the donation of pictures to the Town.

After a request from Alderman Vernon Moyer there was a brief discussion about recycling for multi-family housing.

Alderman Ken Bumgarner wished to give his appreciation for all the work Sherry Long has done.

Town Administrator wished the Mayor good luck with his treatments.

Motion was made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

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**Stephanie C. Watson**  
Town Clerk

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**Norman E. Cook**  
Mayor