

**TOWN OF LONG VIEW
TOWN ALDERMEN MEETING
March 14, 2011**

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met on Monday, March 14, 2011 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 Pro Tem Vernon Moyer, Alderman John McDaris, Alderman Ken Bumgarner, Alderman Randall Mays, and Alderman Jackie Bowman.

STAFF PRESENT: The following members of staff were present: Town Administrator David Epley, Town Clerk Stephanie Watson, Finance Director James Cozart, Town Planner Charles Mullis, Public Works Director David Draughn, Fire Chief Eric Shepherd, Police Chief Cecil Rogers and Police Officer Justin Roberts.

OTHERS PRESENT: Town residents Lee Little and Aaron Poland were present.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tem Vernon Moyer called the meeting to order and Alderman John McDaris gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Pro Tem Vernon Moyer asked for approval of the minutes. Motion was made by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to approve the February 14, 2011 minutes and Closed Session minutes. The vote was unanimous, by all Board members present at the respective meeting.

CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND CHAPTER 51 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO INCLUDE ARTICLE 67 ENTITLED PROCEDURES TO ESTABLISH UTILITY SERVICES

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that amendment would include the information that was discussed at the Budget Retreat on Thursday, March 10, 2011. This would set up procedures for obtaining water service and would cover potential customers providing proper ID. The article will be added to the current code.

Motion was made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman Randall Mays to call for a public hearing on April 11, 2011 to amend Chapter 51 of the Code of Ordinance to include Article 67 entitled Procedures to Establish Utility Services. The vote was unanimous.

2011 SPRING LITTER SWEEP PROCLAMATION

To emphasize the importance of clean roads and a clean environment, Governor Beverly Perdue issued a proclamation naming April 16 – April 30, 2011 as Spring Litter Sweep in North Carolina.

Motion was made by Alderman Jackie Bowman, seconded by Alderman Randall Mays to adopt the Governor's Spring Litter Sweep proclamation and promote clean up in the Town of Long View on April 16 – April 30, 2011. The vote was unanimous.

FINANCE REPORT
Finance Report

Finance Director James Cozart informed the Board that in the General Fund at January 31st with 58 percent of the fiscal year complete, Revenues totaled \$1,996,686.79. The Town has collected just over 73 percent of its budgeted Revenues at the end of January. Ad Velorum Taxes and Local Government Sales Taxes continue to be strong. The Local Government Sales Tax have returned to a much more normal level than what the Town has seen in the last few years. Expenditures in the General Fund totaled \$1,486,075.08. Expenses continue to be lower than last year in the General Fund. Revenues exceeded Expenditures by \$510,611.71. This is due in part to the decrease in Powell Bill expenses this year.

Mr. Cozart wished to thank the department heads for their efforts to keep expenses down.

In the Utility Fund, Revenues totaled \$1,061,041.94. The Town has collected about 56 percent of our revenue at the end of January. Revenues continue to be slightly ahead from last year. Expenses are up from last year and totaled \$906,742.76. The reason for the increase was the rise in cost for freight and for chemicals for the Long View Water Plant. Revenues exceeded Expenditures by \$154,299.18

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Projects Report

Frye Creek Pump Station Project – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Frye Creek Pump Station Project has been completed. The project came in slightly under budget.

Second Avenue Sidewalk Project – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Town will have the Sidewalk Preconstruction Conference on the Second Avenue Sidewalk Project soon.

Public Works Director David Draughn estimated that the date for the preconstruction conference would be toward the end of this week or the beginning of the next.

19th St Sewer Project – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that he had received the encroachment agreements for the 19th Street Sewer Project today.

Maple Springs Project – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Town has completed its obligations as it pertains to the facility. Projects that still need to be completed are the road by the building and the walking track.

Public Works Director David Draughn informed the Board of the progress that Maple Springs is making.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS A LEGAL MATTER

Motion was made by Alderman Jackie Bowman, seconded by Alderman Randall Mays to adjourn to closed session at 7:42 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. The vote was unanimous.

Motion was made by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to adjourn the closed session and return to the regular meeting at 7:46 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Randall Mays wished to thank the Town of Long View staff for their hard work.

Alderman John McDaris thanked the staff for their continuing hard work.

Mayor Pro Tem Vernon Moyer wished to congratulate Penelope Baptist Church for getting their project completed. Their first service was on Sunday, March 13th. He was very happy to see that they were able to rebuild.

There being no further business, motion was made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Stephanie C. Watson
Town Clerk, CMC

Vernon Moyer
Mayor Pro Tem