

**TOWN OF LONG VIEW
TOWN ALDERMEN MEETING
May 9, 2011**

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met on Monday, May 9, 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 Lee Little, Alderman 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, Town Attorney Larry Johnson, 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: No others were present.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Lee Little called the meeting to order and Mayor Lee Little gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Lee Little asked for approval of the minutes.

Motion was made by Alderman Vernon Moyer, seconded by Alderman Randall Mays to approve the April 11, 2011 Regular Meeting minutes.

APPOINT AARON POLAND AS PLANNING BOARD MEMBER FOR THE TOWN OF LONG VIEW

Town Planner Charles Mullis informed the Board that the Planning Department of the Town of Long View would like to request that the Board of Aldermen appoint Aaron Poland of 112 24th St S.W. as Alternate #2 to the Town of Long View Planning Board. Mr. Poland would serve the remainder of the term vacated by Lee Little as required by the Planning Board Rules of Procedure. The term will expire in July of 2012.

The former Vice Chairman of the Planning Board, Mr. Luther Rudisill will become the acting Chairman. The second longest serving member of the Planning Board, Shirley Lowman, will become the Vice Chairman. The first Alternate, Wayne Heffinger, will become a voting member of the Planning Board. The second Alternate, Phillis Pennington, will become the first Alternate.

The Planning Department requests that Aaron Poland be the second Alternate for the Long View Planning Board.

Motion was made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to appoint Aaron Poland as Planning Board Member for the Town of Long View. The vote was unanimous.

FINANCE REPORT
Finance Report

Finance Director James Cozart informed the Board that in the General Fund at March 31, 2011 with 75% of the fiscal year complete, Revenues totaled \$2,301,581.10. The Town has collected just over 84% of its budget Revenues for the fiscal year. The Town's Ad Velorum and Sales and Use Taxes remain stronger than last year. Expenditures totaled \$1,936,465.73. Decreased expenses over last year helped with the Town's financial stability. Revenues exceeded Expenditures by \$365,115.37.

In the Utility Fund, Revenues totaled \$1,346,642.24. The Town had collected 71% of its budget revenues for the year. Expenditures totaled \$1,109,045.71. Revenues exceeded Expenditures by \$237,596.53.

Mr. Cozart informed the Board that it was the first year that the surplus in the Utility Fund was great enough absorb the Henry Fork Regional Interceptor Line Debt Payment.

Alderman Randall Mays asked why under Miscellaneous Revenues, is the number higher than what was projected on the Budget. Mr. Cozart informed Mr. Mays that the Town had gotten an insurance reimbursement.

Budget Amendment

Finance Director James Cozart presented to the Board Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 4 which was to amend the General Fund Budgeted amounts. In Ordinance No. 02-10-11: Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 4, in Revenues the Proceeds from Bank Loan Line Item (21-329-0000) was increased by \$130,000.00.

In Expenditures, the Frye Creek Expense Line Item (21-615-1000) was increased by \$80,000.00, the Demolition Expense Line Item (21-615-1100) was increased by \$30,000.00, and the Engineering Expense Line Item (21-615-1200) was increased by \$20,000.00.

The amendment is necessary to make the loan for the Frye Creek repairs and the demolition of the building at 800 28th St S.W. an official part of the 2010-2011 Budget.

Motion was made by Alderman Vernon Moyer, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to adopt Ordinance No. 02-10-11: Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 4. The vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Projects Report

Maples Springs Project – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that Maple Springs Laundry has plans to possibly move in the new building in June. The Town has notified its engineer of this. The street widening and relocation of walking track projects will soon go to bid.

19th Street Sewer Project – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Town will need to obtain an easement from Century Furniture. Century Furniture has a distribution center along 19th Street. The current sewer line runs underneath that building. The plans are to move the sewer line out from under the building and move it through their parking lot.

Mr. Epley stated that the Town has been in contact with Century Furniture to explain what the Town wants to do. Mr. Epley stated that the Town is in the process of having the survey done so that the Attorney may draw up an easement.

Mr. Epley briefly went over his conversation with Century Furniture's Finance Director. The Finance Director requested a plat map and one has been sent to him.

Public Works Director said that the surveying for the project is completed and the Town has received the permit.

Mr. Epley said that he is awaiting a call for the confirmation or denial of the signing of the easement.

Alderman Randall Mays asked that if there is a problem trying to obtain the easement, would there be an alternate plan. Mr. Epley briefly stated the possible alternate options.

Mr. Draughn asked that the Hilltop apartment portion be included in the plan. He stated that the Town had got the permits from the state today.

Alderman Jackie Bowman asked that if the Town to consider the condemning the property, how long would that process take? Attorney Larry Johnson stated that at the least condemning the property would take approximately 90 days. It could take longer.

Alderman Jackie Bowman asked if there was not someone else that the Town could talk to at Century Furniture.

Mr. Epley stated that he would get in contact with the representative from Century Furniture again to see what their opinion is.

2nd Avenue Sidewalk – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the 2nd Avenue Sidewalk Project is underway.

Budget Work Session – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Budget Work Session will be on Monday, May 16, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Sewer Pump – Town Administrator David Epley requested that Public Works Director David Draughn go over the situation with one of the Town's sewer pumps. Mr. Draughn informed the Board that two weeks ago a pump stopped working at the Cape Hickory Pump Station. There are normally two functioning pumps. The station is a low flow station but it is still designed to have two pumps.

Mr. Draughn informed the Board that he had been in contact with Brushy Mountain Builders, who looked at the pump and gave a quote for a replacement. Brushy Mountain Builders estimated that for them to replace the pump with a new one would cost \$16,500.00. The pump would come with a five year warranty.

Alderman Ken Bumgarner and Alderman Randall Mays stated that the pump was needed.

Mr. Draughn requested Board approval before the project to replace the pump could proceed.

Alderman Vernon Moyer asked if the Town would need to consider going ahead and replacing both pumps at this time. Is the other getting ready to go out?

Mr. Draughn said that he felt that it would probably be better to wait on the replacement of the other pump until it fails. The station can work on one pump for a while but it is better to have two pumps so there is a backup. Also, when there are two pumps, the station cycles between the two.

Motion was made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman Randall Mays to allow for the purchase and replacement of the pump at the Cape Hickory Pump Station. The vote was unanimous.

Report about the Doug Marlowe Property – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board of the report on the Doug Marlowe property. Mr. Epley noted that Mr. Marlowe was not present to hear the report.

Mr. Epley noted that Mr. Marlowe had two concerns. The first concern was with the private street off 14th Ave Dr. Mr. Epley informed the Board of Public Works Director David Draughn's recommendation which states that the street is a private street and the Town has a "Private Street Policy" in place.

Alderman Randall Mays stated that the Town has spoken with Mr. Marlowe before about this issue. Mr. Mays stated that if the resident was willing to do the work to get the street in the condition as required, the Town would be able to take over the street for repairs as stated in "Private Street Policy."

Mr. Epley stated that Mr. Marlowe's other concern was that he was not compensated when the Town did the drainage improvement project in that area. Mr. Epley explained that the only property that the Town dealt with during that project was Kay Clark's property. The Town never encroached on Mr. Marlowe's property.

The Board agreed that no entitlement was due to Mr. Marlowe.

Mayor Lee Little suggested that since Mr. Marlowe was not present, the Town send him some information regarding this matter.

Mayor Little thanked Mr. Epley for his report.

CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 13, 2011 TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED 2011 – 2012 BUDGET

Motion was made by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to call for a public hearing on Monday, June 13, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the proposed 2011-2012 Budget.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Randall Mays thanked Mr. Little for his work at his first meeting.

Alderman Randall Mays informed the Board that there was a possibility that he would not be present for the June 13, 2011 Board Meeting.

Mayor Lee Little thanked Long View's staff for their hard work.

There being no further business, motion was made by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Vernon Moyer to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Stephanie C. Watson
Town Clerk, CMC

Lee Little
Mayor