

**THE TOWN OF LONG VIEW
TOWN ALDERMEN MEETING
June 27, 2005**

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 27, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers of the Government Center in Long View, North Carolina.

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

STAFF PRESENT: The following members of staff were present: Town Administrator David Epley, Town Clerk Frances Hildebran, Town Attorney Redmond Dill, Public Works Director David Draughn, Fire Chief Eric Shepherd, Police Chief Cecil Rogers, Police Officer Brian Collins, Water Plant Superintendent Rani Holland, and Finance Director Jamie Cozart.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. and Mrs. Jack White and several other citizens were present.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Norman Cook called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem Vernon Moyer.

FISCAL YEAR 2005 – 2006 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION: The Administrator informed the Board that the Town's revenues were up from last year allowing the Town to have no appropriation of fund balance in the General Fund. The tax rate of \$.40 per \$100 would remain the same. Capital Outlay items include the generator for Town Hall, a new brush truck and new software. Insurance cost increased approximately six percent from last year and the Town will be able to provide the same level of coverage to its employees. Mr. Epley noted that the Utility Fund revenues were up \$156,500 from last year. The increase in revenues was due to the increase in sewer rates implemented last year. Since the sewer rates will continue to increase from Hickory it was proposed a \$2.00 increase in sewer rates. Water line extensions were put in the new budget with extensions proposed along Sweet Bay Lane and 33rd Street as well as a portion of Hwy 70. Garbage collection rates will increase \$1.00 added Mr. Epley. He noted that the fund balance appropriation in the proposal was \$244,036. This was down from last year's appropriation of \$450,112. A 3% cost of living was proposed for all employees. Finally, the Administrator informed the Board that the budget this year was up \$17,326 which is less than one percent.

Following Mr. Epley's comments and there being no further discussion, motion was made by Alderman Vernon Moyer, seconded by Alderman Jackie Bowman to approve the 2005 – 2006 Town of Long View Budget. The vote was unanimous.

<u>BUDGET ORDINANCE</u>		
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LONG VIEW, NORTH CAROLINA, THAT:		
Section I. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the Town government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006 according to the following schedules:		
SCHEDULE A (GENERAL FUND)		
Governing Board		\$ 21,191.00
Administration		\$ 493,754.00
Town Complex		\$ 176,603.00
Planning & Development		\$ 86,965.00
Police Department		\$ 686,318.00
Fire Department		\$ 411,902.00
Street Department		\$ 350,131.00
Powell Bill		\$ 134,500.00
Recreation Department		\$ 19,500.00
Recreation Department-Swimming Pool		\$ 20,600.00
Contingency Breakdown		\$ -
Risk Management		\$ 9,300.00
Medical Center		\$ 43,711.00
Garage-General Fund		\$ 81,000.00
Total General Fund		<u>\$ 2,535,475.00</u>
SCHEDULE B (UTILITY FUND)		
Debt Service		\$ 368,433.00
Public Utilities		\$ 814,176.00
Water Plant		\$ 413,449.00
Wastewater Plant		\$ 331,000.00
Garage-Utility Fund		\$ 13,000.00
Contingency Breakdown		\$ -
Total Utility Fund		<u>\$ 1,940,058.00</u>
Total Fiscal Operating Budget		<u>\$ 4,475,533.00</u>

Section II. Estimated Revenues. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006 to meet the foregoing Appropriations, according to the current information.

SCHEDULE A (GENERAL FUND)

Local Taxes and Revenue	\$ 1,324,835.00
County and State Revenue	\$ 1,210,640.00
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ -
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Total General Fund	\$ 2,535,475.00
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SCHEDULE B (UTILITY FUND)

Local Revenue	\$ 126,000.00
Water and Sewer Charges	\$ 1,350,000.00
Water and Sewer Taps	\$ 43,022.00
Late Charges and Reconnect Fees	\$ 37,500.00
Revenue from County and State	\$ 7,500.00
Henry Fork Reimbursements	\$ 132,000.00
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ 244,036.00
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Total Utility Fund	\$ 1,940,058.00
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Total Fiscal Operating Budget	\$ 4,475,533.00
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SECTION III. Distribution. Copies of this ordinance shall be furnished to the Finance Director of the Town of Long View, to be kept on file for direction in the disbursement of funds.

SECTION IV. Taxes. The following rates of tax on each hundred dollars \$100.00 valuation of taxable property, as listed for taxes of January 1, 2005 for the purpose of calculation. These calculations were based on the existing tax rate with no increase, that rate being 0.40 cents per \$100.00 of valuation of taxable property.

SECTION V. Utilities. See attached utilities schedule.

SECTION VI. Capital Outlays. Capital Outlays are set forth herein and are described on outlay sheets attached.

INSIDE CORPORATE LIMITS OF LONG VIEW

WATER RATE	0 - 3,000 Gallons	\$12.00
	3,001 – 50,000 Gallons	\$2.26 per 1,000 Gallons
	50,001 - 500,000 Gallons	\$2.09 per 1,000 Gallons
	500,001 - 1,000,000 Gallons	\$1.74 per 1,000 Gallons
	Over 1,000,000 Gallons	\$1.59 per 1,000 Gallons

SEWER RATE	0 - 3,000 Gallons	\$16.00
	Over 3,000 Gallons	\$2.09 per 1,000 Gallons

GARBAGE/RECYCLING **\$5.00**

OUTSIDE CORPORATE LIMITS OF LONG VIEW

(INCLUDES ADMINISTRATIVE SURCHARGE)

WATER RATE	0 - 3,000 Gallons	\$24.00
	3,001 – 50,000 Gallons	\$4.52 per 1,000 Gallons
	50,001 - 500,000 Gallons	\$4.18 per 1,000 Gallons
	500,001 - 1,000,000 Gallons	\$3.48 per 1,000 Gallons
	Over 1,000,000 Gallons	\$3.18 per 1,000 Gallons

SEWER RATE	0 - 3,000 Gallons	\$32.00
	Over 3,000 Gallons	\$4.18 per 1,000 Gallons

Adopted this the 27th day of June, 2005 by unanimous vote of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Long View.

Mayor Norman Cook

Attest:

Town Clerk

HEARING – REPEAT OFFENSES ORDINANCE: The Repeat Offenses Ordinance was presented for the Board of Alderman’s review and final approval.

The Town Administrator informed the Board that since the draft ordinance was presented the Code Enforcement Officer asked that the 36-month period be changed to 18 months stating that a repeat offence would be if any violation reoccurred on the same property by the same violator more than once within an 18 month period.

Following a brief discussion and the fact that the 18 months would allow for a full mowing season the Board was in agreement to change the 36 months to 18 months.

Motion was made by Alderman Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman Moyer and the vote was unanimous to approve the following amended Repeat Offenses Ordinance.

Town of Long View
Repeat Offences Ordinance

Repeat Offense. Any violation reoccurring on the same property by the same violator more than once within an 18-month period shall be considered a repeat offense provided the reoccurrence is a violation of the same Article of this Ordinance. A notice of violation shall be issued by the Administrator or his/her designee and shall have an immediate civil penalty of \$50.00. No warning period shall be granted since this provision applies only to violations that occur more than once in an 18-month period and proper notice was given for the initial violation as prescribed in the Town of Long View Code Enforcement Policy. For each day the repeat violation remains, the violator shall be subject to a civil penalty as outlined in Long View Code of Ordinances. Chapter 10.99. Should a violation continue to exist and /or the violator fails to pay the penalties, the City shall seek to recover the penalty together with all costs by filing a civil action in the General Court of Justice in the nature of a suit to collect a debt. The collection of a penalty pursuant hereto shall not foreclose further proceedings for penalties coming due subsequent to the date of the filing of a prior proceeding.

Adopted this the 27th day of June, 2005.

Mayor Norman Cook

Attest:

Town Clerk

2004 – 2005 YEAR END BUDGET AMENDMENTS: Finance Director James Cozart presented to the Board the Year End Budget Amendment as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 02-04
BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 5

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the Town of Long View, that the following Amendment be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005:

Section 1: To amend the General Fund revenue and expenditure line items, the budget will be changed as follows:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Administration	\$29,978.39	
Town Complex	\$ 2,477.55	
Fire Dept.	\$18,747.12	
Street Dept.	\$13,664.48	
Recreation Dept.	\$ 423.14	
Auto Repair General Fund	\$ 2,734.43	
Water Plant	\$ 4,307.88	
Fund Balance Appropriation –General Fund	\$68,025.11	
Fund Balance Appropriation –Utility Fund	\$ 4,307.88	

Section 2: Copies of the budget ordinance amendment shall be furnished to the Town Manager and the Finance Director for their direction.

This the 27th day of June, 2005.

Mayor Norman Cook

Attest:

Town Clerk

He briefly explained the justifications for each item. There being no comments or questions, motion were made by Alderman Moyer, seconded by Alderman Bowman to

approve the foregoing year end budget amendment as presented by the Finance Director. The vote was unanimous.

WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT GRANT RESOLUTION: The Town Administrator gave the Board an update on the grant application to the Clean Water Trust Fund for the Western Ridge Subdivision. He noted that the Town was also applying for a Water Resource Management Grant which was due July 1, 2005 and the following resolution was needed for the grant application packet.

II. Official Resolution

WHEREAS, the Town of Longview desires to sponsor stream restoration and drainage improvements to improve water and sediment transport in the Catawba sub basin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) The Council requests the State of North Carolina to provide financial assistance to the Town of Longview for Western Ridge stream restoration in the amount of \$53,504, Laurel Place drainage improvements in the amount of \$33,333, and 25th St. drainage improvements in the amount of \$40,000 for a total amount of \$126,837 or 66 2/3 % cost, whichever is the lesser amount;
- 2) The Council assumes full obligation for payment of the balance of project costs;
- 3) The Council will obtain all necessary State and Federal Permits;
- 4) The Council will comply with all applicable laws governing the award of contracts and the expenditure of public funds by local governments;
- 5) The Council will supervise construction of the project to assure compliance with permit conditions and to assure safe and proper construction according to approved plans and specifications;
- 6) The Council will obtain suitable spoil disposal areas as needed and all other easements or rights of ways that may be necessary for the construction and operation of the project without cost or obligation to the State;
- 7) The Council will assure that the project is open for use to the public on an equal basis;
- 8) The Council will hold the State harmless from any damages that may result from the construction, operation, and maintenance of the project;
- 9) The Council accepts responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the completed project.

Adopted by the Town of Longview this 27th day of June, 2005.

Clerk to the Town Board

Town Mayor

III. Project Budget

Stream Restoration Summary Table of Projected Project Costs

Category Major Cost Categories	Local Cost	State Cost	Other Contributions	Totals
Project Design		\$2,225	\$2,225	\$4,450
Permitting		\$1,560	\$1,560	\$3,120
Relocation of Existing Utilities		\$2,500	\$2,500	\$5,000
Construction \$44,500		\$35,626	\$8,874	
Construction administration		\$3,900	\$3,900	\$7,800
Administrative Costs		\$780	\$780	\$1,560
<u>Water Quality Monitoring Costs</u>		<u>\$3,575</u>	<u>\$3,575</u>	<u>\$7,150</u>
Totals \$80,256		\$53,504	\$26,752	

Drainage Improvements Laurel Place Summary Table of Project Costs

Category Major Cost Categories	Local Cost	State Cost	Other Contributions	Totals
Survey \$2,000	\$2,000			

Project Design \$4,000	\$4,000		
Construction \$41,000	\$7,677	\$33,333	
<u>Administration</u> \$3,000	<u>\$3,000</u>		
Totals \$50,000	\$16,677		\$33,333

**Drainage Improvements
25th Street NW and 14th Avenue NW
Summary Table of Project Costs**

Category Major Cost Categories	Local Cost	State Cost	Other Contributions	Totals
Survey \$2,000		\$2,000		
Project Design \$4,000		\$4,000		
Construction \$44,000	\$10,000			\$34,000
<u>Administration</u> \$10,000	<u>\$10,000</u>			
Totals \$60,000	\$20,000			\$40,000

Summary Table of Project Costs

Category	Local	State	Other	
Major Cost Categories	Cost	Cost	Contributions	Totals
Stream Restoration \$80,256		\$53,504	\$26,752	
Drainage Improvements \$50,000	\$16,677	\$33,333		
<u>Drainage Improvements</u> <u>\$60,000</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>	<u>\$40,000</u>		
Totals \$190,256	\$36,677	\$126,837	\$26,752	

Motion was made by Alderman Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman Moyer to approve the foregoing resolution for the Water Resource Management Grant. The vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: Mr. Epley reminded the Board that the next regular Board meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 8, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

He brought the Board up to date on the **Tailored Foam** Products project. He informed the Board that the Town engineers were working with Tailored Foam’s engineers. It was noted that the schematic drawing requested from Tailored Foam was not adequate; therefore there was still discussion and more testing being done at this time.

Alderman Bowman questioned who would be testing the water once the system was approved by the engineers. It was noted that Tailored Foam will have a permit and that the Town would take the water sample on a monthly or quarterly basis and it would be sent off for testing with Tailored Foam bearing the expense.

OTHER BUSINESS: At this time Mayor Cook asked if the Board members had any questions or concerns.

Alderman Bowman informed the Board that he was concerned about some of Long View’s citizens drinking alcohol outside their homes. He questioned what the Town’s policy was on **drinking alcohol** outside on private property. He was informed by the Police Chief and Town Attorney that if a person is drinking alcohol on his/her property there is nothing Town Officials can do about it unless they became disorderly.

Alderman Bowman stated that this seems to be an ongoing problem especially on rental property and he has had citizens express concern to him about the problem.

It was suggested that concerned citizens need to talk to the Landlords about their objections of drinking and foul language, but the Town's hands were tied.

Following further comments, Alderman Bowman asked staff to check into this to see if there was anything the Town could do about the problem.

Alderman Bumgarner at this time expressed his sincere appreciation to the Town staff for the excellent job they did on this year's budget. He also thanked the citizens of Long View for their support.

Attorney Redmond Dill informed the Board that he appreciated the opportunity to work with David Epley and his staff on this year's budget.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the meeting, motion was made by Alderman Moyer, seconded by Alderman McDaris to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Town Clerk

Mayor