

**TOWN OF LONG VIEW
TOWN ALDERMEN MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2005**

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met on Monday, September 12, 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 John McDaris, and Alderman Jackie Bowman.

STAFF PRESENT: The following members of staff were present: Town Administrator David Epley, Town Clerk Frances Hildebran, Town Attorney Redmond Dill, Police Major Jim Worrell, Police Sgt. Mike Ford, Police Investigator Brian Collins, Town Planner Charles Mullis, Public Works Director David Draughn, Water Plant Superintendent Rani Holland, and Finance Director Jamie Cozart.

OTHERS PRESENT: The following names represent other persons present at the meeting: Kay Clark, Ken Caldwell, Brent and Dorothy Friar, Mr. and Mrs. Jack White, Shirley Lowman., Larry Buff and Sam Scaggs.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Norman Cook called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Alderman Jackie Bowman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Alderman Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman Bowman to approve the August 8, 16 and 29th Board of Aldermen Minutes. The vote was unanimous.

FALL 2005 "LITTER SWEEP" ROADSIDE CLEANUP PROCLAMATION:
The Fall 2005 "Litter Sweep" Roadside Clean Up Campaign for all local governments in North Carolina has been proclaimed by Governor Mike Easley for September 17 - October 1, 2005.

Motion was made by Alderman Mays, seconded by Alderman Bumgarner to participate in the Litter Sweep Cleanup Campaign September 17 – October 1, 2005. The vote was unanimous.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS LEASE AGREEMENT: Staff was instructed at the August meeting to negotiate the terms of the Antenna Collection Lease Agreement with Alamosa Properties, L. P., a Texas limited partnership. The Administrator informed the Board that they needed to go into closed session to get legal advice from the Town Attorney on several issues in the lease agreement. It was directed by the Mayor that this item be moved to the end of the agenda.

ISENHOUR SUBDIVISION: The Isenhour plat was tabled at the August meeting to give the Town Engineer time to review several modifications as recommended by the Board. Town Engineer Rich Anderson presented a new drawing of the project with the revised changes.

Following detailed discussion about the retention of water by using a ditch, rock quarry and pipe, the Board was in agreement with the Engineer's recommendation. It was noted that the junction box will not be replaced unless needed.

Motion was made by Alderman Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman Moyer to approve the Isenhour Subdivision Plat as presented by the Engineer. The vote was unanimous.

NCLM CONVENTION DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE: The Staff informed the Board that the NC League Convention was going to be in Hickory this year. Mayor Cook asked if any of the Board wanted to attend the Convention.

Following a brief discussion, motion was made by Alderman Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman McDaris to designate Alderman Vernon Moyer as the Town's delegate to the League Convention and Alderman Jackie Bowman as the alternate. The vote was unanimous.

TOWN PLANNER OATH OF OFFICE: At this time Mayor Norman Cook issued the following Oath of Office to Town Planner Charles Mullis.

OATH OF OFFICE

I, **Charles T. Mullis**, do solemnly swear that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as Town Planner of the Town of Long View, so help me God.

I, **Charles T. Mullis**, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain, and defend the Constitution of the said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability, so help me God.

Signed this 12th day of September, 2005.

Charles T. Mullis
Town Planner

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: The Administrator informed the Board that over the past several years older computer equipment has been updated with new equipment and the Town has accumulated several pieces of outdated computers that need to be declared

surplus. The Town has 15 computer towers, 15 monitors, approximately 10 printers and a few key boards. It was noted that each computer's hard drive had been cleaned by staff.

Motion was made by Alderman Moyer, seconded by Alderman Bumgarner to declare the foregoing computer equipment surplus. The vote was unanimous.

PERSONNEL AND JOB CLASSIFICATION POLICY UPDATE: The Administrator informed the Board that the updated Personnel Policy was presented for their review. He informed them to call him if they had any questions. The Policy will be presented for final adoption in October.

WESTERN RIDGE GRANT APPLICATION UPDATE. The Administrator announced that the Town has received preliminary approval of the Western Ridge Grant Application. A letter will be forthcoming to the Mayor by the 19th of September announcing the award and then the money should be available to assist the citizens of Western Ridge Subdivision.

Sam Scaggs, a citizen of Western Ridge was present and asked several questions about the project and work to be done.

OTHER BUSINESS: Developer Larry Buff informed the Board that he was putting in a new subdivision called Country Place located in Burke County. He requested assistance from the Town of Long View in putting water lines into the new subdivision.

Following detailed discussion he was informed that the Town would not be able to help him because his property was not in the town limits and regulated by the Town's Subdivision Ordinance. The Board informed Mr. Buff that all other developers had to put in their own water lines. Staff apologized to Mr. Buff if he was misled in anyway thinking the Town would assist with the water line.

The Board told him that the Town would be glad to provide water taps and water service at the out of town rate once the lines were installed.

CLOSED SESSION: At this time motion was made by Alderman Mays, seconded by Alderman Bumgarner to adjourn regular session and go into closed session to get legal advice on the Telecommunications Lease Agreement.

Motion was made by Alderman McDaris, seconded by Alderman Bumgarner to adjourn closed session and return to regular session. The vote was unanimous.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS LEASE AGREEMENT: Mayor Cook called the regular session back to order and motion was made by Alderman Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman McDaris to approve the Telecommunications Lease Agreement contingent upon several changes being approved by Alamosa Properties, L.P. The vote was unanimous.

TOWN'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION: Alderman Moyer called attention to the fact that Long View will be 100 years old in 2007 and suggested that a Centennial Committee be appointed to start to work on preparing for the event. The Administrator informed the Board that he would start working on the Centennial Committee.

DONATION TO AMERICAN RED CROSS FOR HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF EFFORTS: Alderman Ken Bumgarner informed the Board that he would like to give \$100 of his salary to the American Red Cross for the Hurricane Katrina Relief effort and challenged the other Board members and any staff to do the same. The Board was in agreement with Alderman Bumgarner and all agreed to match his gift.

FINE SHEER: Alderman Bumgarner wanted to know what the status was on Fine Sheer. It was noted that the building has been an on going problem and eye sore in the community for years and the Town needs to start condemnation procedures. Staff informed Alderman Bumgarner that the Town will begin the procedures.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Alderman Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman McDaris to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Town Clerk

Mayor