

**TOWN OF LONG VIEW
TOWN ALDERMEN MEETING
December 11, 2006**

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met on Monday, December 11, 2006 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 Vernon Moyer, Alderman Jackie Bowman, Alderman John McDaris, and Alderman Randall Mays.

STAFF PRESENT: The following members of staff were present: Town Administrator David Epley, Town Clerk Stephanie Watson, Town Attorney Redmond Dill, Public Works Director David Draughn, Fire Chief Eric Shepherd, Town Planner Charles Mullis, Police Major Jim Worrell, Police Officer Brian Collins, and Water Superintendent Rani Holland.

OTHERS PRESENT: Susan Berley of the Western Piedmont Council of Governments and David Clark were present.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Norman Cook called the meeting to order and Alderman John McDaris gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Norman Cook asked for approval of the minutes. Motion was made by Alderman Vernon Moyer, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to approve the regular November 13, 2006 Board Meeting Minutes and the November 20, 2006 Special Called Meeting Minutes. The vote was unanimous.

ADOPT TAILORED CHEMICAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT INFORMATION

Project Budget Ordinance #01-06: 2006 Community Development Block Grant

Susan Berley of the Western Piedmont Council of Governments informed the Board of the Revenues in the amount of \$815,763 received from the State to implement this project. She asked that the Board adopt Project Budget Ordinance #01-06 which would outline how the funds would be used:

Sewer Improvements	\$698,203
Engineering	\$ 87,560
Planning/Administration	<u>\$ 30,000</u>
	\$815,763

Motion was made by Alderman Jackie Bowman and seconded by Alderman John McDaris to adopt Project Budget Ordinance #01-06: 2006 Community Development Block Grant. The vote was unanimous.

Agreement Between the Western Piedmont Council of Governments and the Town of Long View for the Provision of Grant Management Assistance: Tailored Chemical Sewer Economic Development Project (December 1, 2006 – November 30, 2008)

Susan Berley of the Western Piedmont Council of Governments informed the Board of the Agreement Between the Western Piedmont Council of Governments and the Town of Long View for the Provision Grant Management Assistance: Tailored Chemical Sewer Economic Development Project (December 1, 2006 – November 30, 2008). The cost of the contract was \$24,500 for Administrative Services and \$5,000 for Planning. The cost was included in the grant.

Motion was made by Alderman Jackie Bowman and seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to adopt the Agreement Between the Western Piedmont Council of Governments and the Town of Long View for the Provision of Grant Management Assistance: Tailored Chemical Sewer Economic Development Project (December 1, 2006- November 30, 2008). The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Norman Cook and the Board wished to thank Susan Berley and Sherry Long from the Western Piedmont Council of Governments for all the work they have done.

APPOINT WESTERN PIEDMONT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS POLICY BOARD DELEGATE AND ALTERNATIVE

Motion was made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner and seconded by Alderman Jackie Bowman to appoint Alderman Vernon Moyer as the Western Piedmont Council of Governments Policy Board Delegate. The vote was unanimous.

Motion was made by Alderman Jackie Bowman and seconded by Alderman Vernon Moyer to appoint Alderman Randall Mays as the Western Piedmont Council of Governments Policy Board Alternate. The vote was unanimous.

FINANCE REPORT:

Monthly Financial Report

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that in the General Fund with 33 percent of the budget year complete, Expenditures were \$948,421.70 and Revenues were \$960,176.54. Revenues exceeded Expenditures by \$11,754.84.

In the Utility Fund with 33 percent of the budget year complete, the total Revenues were \$623,880.70 and the total Expenditures were \$491,705.75. Revenues exceeded Expenditures by \$132,374.95.

Budget Amendment

Town Administrator David Epley presented to the Board Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 4 in which the Long View Fire Department received a Safe Neighborhood Heroes grant from Wal-Mart in Hickory to purchase smoke detectors. In Ordinance No. 02-07: Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 4, the Fire Line Item was increased by \$1,000.

Motion made by Alderman Randall Mays and seconded by Alderman Vernon Moyer to adopt Ordinance No. 02-07: Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 4. The vote was unanimous.

Town Administrator David Epley presented to the Board Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 5 to receive the loan proceeds from BB&T for the purchase of two meter trucks. In Ordinance No. 02-07: Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 5, the Utility Line Item was increased by \$33,400.

Motion made by Alderman Vernon Moyer and seconded by Alderman John McDaris to adopt Ordinance No. 02-07: Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 5. The vote was unanimous.

Property Tax Refund Request

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that Jackie Spencer, Catawba County Tax Collector, requested a tax refund for Hickory Finishing Company. The refund of \$124.18 was due to an over assessment by the Catawba Tax Office.

Motion was made by Alderman Randall Mays and seconded by Alderman John McDaris to approve the request for a tax refund of \$124.18 for Hickory Finishing Company.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Small Projects Update

Western Ridge Stream Restoration Project Contract - Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Western Ridge Stream Restoration Project was 100% complete.

Sidewalk Project –Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the surveying has been completed and the Town Engineer is currently working on plans for the project.

Water Pump Station Update – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Town Engineer is currently working on the designs for this project and Administrator Epley estimated that the plans should be completed in two to three weeks and then the project will be ready for bids.

Miller Property Across the Street From Long View Town Hall - Town Administrator David Epley informed the board that the property has been surveyed and platted. This information has been given to Town Attorney Redmond Dill.

Properties on 37th Street That Were Proposed to Be Given to the Town - Town Administrator David Epley informed the board that those properties have been surveyed but not platted. As soon as the properties are platted the information will go to Town Attorney Redmond Dill.

Raw Water Lines – Public Works Director David Draughn informed the Board that plans have been made after the first of the year to use a Subsonic Radar to locate the raw water lines.

CLOSED SESSION:

Motion was made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner and seconded by Alderman John McDaris to go into closed session to discuss a legal matter at 7:42 p.m.

Motion was made by Alderman Randall Mays and seconded by Alderman Vernon Moyer to adjourn closed session and to return to a regular session at 7:47 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Motion made by Alderman Jackie Bowman and seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to start the legal process of condemnation proceedings on 14th Ave Dr SW. The vote was unanimous.

Motion made by Alderman Vernon Moyer and seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to authorize the purchase of the Miller property across the street from Long View Town Hall for the sum not to exceed \$95,000. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board of Aldermen wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked the Town of Long View staff for the Christmas Party.

There being no further business, motion was made by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Vernon Moyer to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Stephanie C. Watson
Town Clerk

Norman E. Cook
Mayor