

**TOWN OF LONG VIEW  
TOWN ALDERMEN MEETING  
February 13, 2006**

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met on Monday, February 13, 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 John McDaris, and Alderman Jackie Bowman. Alderman Randall Mays arrived late due to being on call at his work.

**STAFF PRESENT:** The following members of staff were present: Town Administrator David Epley, Town Clerk Frances Hildebran, Town Attorney Redmond Dill, Finance Director James Cozart, Police Major Jim Worrell, Officer Brian Collins, Fire Chief Eric Shepherd, Code Enforcement Officer Dan Weeks, Town Planner Charles Mullis, Public Works Director David Draughn, and Water Plant Superintendent Rani Holland.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mr. and Mrs. Jack White, Phyllis Pennington and other citizens were present.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mayor Cook asked for approval of the minutes. Motion was made by Alderman Vernon Moyer and seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to approve the January 9, 2006 regular session and closed session minutes. The vote was unanimous.

**DECLARE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT:** The Town Administrator presented the following list of property recommended by the Public Works Director to be declared surplus and sold to the highest bidder at a private bidding.

**Surplus Property Items:**

- 1) 1994 Crown Victoria  
Vin#2FALP71WXRX181617
- 2) 1993 Crown Victoria  
Vin#2FACP71W5PX179240
- 3) 1994 Crown Victoria  
Vin#2FALP71W1RX181618
- 4) 1993 Crown Victoria  
Vin#2FACP71W9PX179239
- 5) 1997 Crown Victoria  
Vin#2FALP71W8VX163367
- 6) 1997 Crown Victoria  
Vin#2FALP71WXVX163368

Bicycles picked up by the Police Department – Approximately 50

Alderman Bowman stated that he would like to see the 50 bicycles donated to a nonprofit club or organization to fix up and give to needy children.

Following a discussion, motion was made by Alderman Moyer, seconded by Alderman Bowman to declare the foregoing vehicles surplus and advertise for sale.

Staff to was also instructed to contact civic clubs and organizations to see if anyone was interested in the bicycles and if so to make a written request to the Aldermen at a Town Board meeting. The vote was unanimous.

**14<sup>th</sup> AVENUE APPRAISAL:** The Administrator noted that this item would be discussed in closed session.

**FINANCE REPORT:** Finance Director James Cozart informed the Board that 50% of the fiscal year budget was complete.

In the General Fund the total revenues were \$1,800,241.86 and the total Expenditures were \$1,573,436.37. It was noted that Revenues exceed Expenditures by \$226,805.49.

In the Utility Fund - Expenditures were \$956,169.21 and Revenues were \$742,076.32. Expenditures exceed Revenues by \$215,092.89.

Following a brief discussion on the financial report, it was noted that the increase in expenditures in the Utility Fund was due to the problems with the water pump station.

**SCHEDULE BUDGET RETREAT:** The Administrator informed the Board that staff had been working on the budget schedule for the 2006 – 2007 budget. It was recommended that the Budget Retreat be held on Monday, March 20, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Community House in Morganton. The Board was in agreement with having the Budget Retreat on March 20<sup>th</sup> in Morganton.

**WATER PUMP STATION PROJECT:** Mr. Epley informed the Board that he had received a report from the Town's Engineer Rich Anderson. Mr. Anderson noted that his structural engineer had made a site visit on the structural integrity of the existing walls of the pump station. Due to the surface cracking and the fact that the existing internal platforms were not supported by the walls, the structural engineer did not recommend supporting the proposed upper floor by the walls. A more extensive substructure for the proposed floor may be required. The engineers were looking at better ways to meet the Town's needs and to take into consideration the construction cost and finished project. Mr. Anderson also noted that the plans need to be sent to NCDNER in Raleigh for review. He updated the construction schedule by stating that if the design was settled on

by the first of March, it would take eight weeks or longer for NCDNER to review and construction could begin sometime this summer.

The Administrator informed the Board that a special meeting may need to be called to approve the design.

**AIRPORT ROAD HOUSES:** Mr. Epley informed the Board that the dilapidated house on Airport Road had been demolished and the contractor did a good job of cleaning everything up. Staff was in the process of obtaining bids to do some minor repairs on the second house.

**ISENHOUR SUBDIVISION UPDATE:** The Administrator informed the Board that two bids had been received on the storm drain and catch basin repair at 25<sup>th</sup> Street, NW and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW.

Hickory Sand Company bid \$24,830 and Ronny Turner Construction Company bid \$32,200. The bid cost addresses problems with an existing concrete wall.

Mr. Epley informed the Board that the project was eligible for the Town's Clean Water Grant which has been approved.

There was detail discussion about the project and Alderman Moyer thought the developer was going to bear the expense of the project. He was informed by Mr. Epley that the Town was responsible for dumping water on the property and staff felt like the Town should bear the expense to remove the water.

Following more discussion, motion was made by Alderman Bowman, seconded by Alderman Bumgarner to award the repair contract to Hickory Sand Company, Inc in the amount of \$24,830 for the Isenhour Subdivision Project. The vote was unanimous.

**SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE TO REVIEW PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE STATES NEW LAND USE PLANNING LAWS:** Town Planner Chuck Mullis informed the Board that Senate Bill 518 and Senate Bill 814 became effective January 1, 2006. The purpose of the new legislation was to clarify and modernize the State Statues that govern land-use planning in North Carolina.

Mr. Mullis requested that the Board set March 13, 2006 as a Public Hearing date to receive input from the public on these new regulations.

Following a brief discussion, motion was made by Alderman Moyer, seconded by Alderman Bumgarner to set March 13, 2006 as a public hearing date to receive comments on the new planning laws. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Mullis stated that he would get information to the Board prior to the Public Hearing.

**WESTERN RIDGE PROJECT:** The Administrator informed the Board that the plans were complete on the Western Ridge Project and staff was waiting for the permit from the State.

**CLOSED SESSION:** At this time Mayor Cook informed the Board that they needed to go into closed session to discuss several legal matters. Motion was made by Alderman Bowman, seconded by Alderman Bumgarner to adjourn regular session at 7:50 p.m. and go into closed session. The vote was unanimous.

Motion was made by Alderman Bowman, seconded by Alderman Bumgarner to adjourn closed session and return to regular session at 8:30 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Mayor Cook asked if there was any other business to bring before the Board.

Alderman Moyer briefly brought the Board up to date on discussions about a joint venture with 10 different entities to build an industrial park. He suggested that it would be good to have someone from the Catawba County Economic Development Commission to come to the Budget Retreat to bring the Board up to date on the project.

There being no further business to come before the Board motion was made by Alderman Bowman, seconded by Alderman Moyer to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

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Town Clerk

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Mayor