

**TOWN OF LONG VIEW
TOWN ALDERMEN MEETING
January 9, 2006**

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met on Monday, January 9, 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 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, Finance Director James Cozart, Police Major Jim Worrell, Town Planner Charles Mullis, Public Works Director David Draughn, and Water Plant Superintendent Rani Holland.

OTHERS PRESENT: Citizen Charles Davis was also present.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Cook asked for approval of the minutes and Alderman Randall Mays noted the minutes stated that it was the consensus of the Board that Randall Mays be reappointed as alternate to the WPCOG Policy Board. Alderman Mays noted that the Board did not vote on his reappointment.

Motion was made by Alderman Bumgarner seconded by Alderman Moyer to approve the December 12, 2005 regular meeting minutes and closed session minutes with the noted correction. The vote was unanimous.

WPCOG POLICY BOARD ALTERNATE APPOINTMENT: Motion was made by Alderman Moyer, seconded by Alderman McDaris to reappointment Randall Mays as the Alternate to the Western Piedmont Council of Governments Policy Board. The vote was unanimous.

Water Plant Pump Station Project: Town Engineer Rich Anderson gave the Board a detailed report on various options to replace the Raw Water Pump Station Pump.

He noted that the Water Pump Station provides raw water to the Town's water treatment facility which was flooded twice during the 2005 hurricane season. Due to those events a berm has been constructed around the pump station to keep flooded waters away from the station. It was noted that the area around the station has been regraded to drain rain water that falls within the berm to an area where a sump pump has been installed to automatically pump the rain water out of the site.

He informed the Board that the raw water pump station consist of horizontal split case pumps located in a structure that has a finished floor elevation located approximately 20' below ground level. The pumps and motors are mounted in the bottom of the structure. It was reported that minor flooding within the structure would submerge the pumps, and moderate flooding would submerge the electrical panels and controls.

Mr. Anderson noted that it was the Town's desire to move all electrical components above ground level to prevent future loss of operations due to flooding of the structure. He presented two options for the Board's review: **Option #1** – Vertical Turbine Pumps in Cans and **Option #2** – Relocation of Existing Pumps with the addition of Submersible Pumps in Series.

Option #1 would replace the existing raw water pumps by two vertical turbine pumps in cans. The raw water from the lake would be piped into two 24" pipes (cans) installed vertically with the base mounted on the floor. The vertical pumps would be mounted inside these cans. The motors and electrical components would be located above ground level inside the existing building. A new upper floor above ground would be constructed.

Option #2 uses the existing raw water pumps by relocating them above ground level on a new upper floor to be constructed with the structure. The relocation of the existing pumps would eliminate the flooded suction that the pumps require. Submersible pumps would be installed on the suction side of the relocated pumps to provide the needed positive suction pressure. With the exception of the submersible pumps all electrical components would be located above ground level.

It was noted that each of the options provides the desired operational performance. **Option #1** offers single unit operation and reliability while **Option #2** requires two pumps working together. Option #1 is estimated to have a higher capital cost estimate at \$380,000. **Option #2** is estimated to cost \$319,000, and the reason for the lower estimate is because the existing pumps would be used.

Following detailed discussion and questions among the Board Members, staff recommended **Option #1** because it achieved the desire of the Town to move all electrical components in the pump station above ground. The reliability of the single pump operation and all new pumps validates the cost difference.

Motion was made by Alderman Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman Bowman to approve **Option #1** and directed the engineers to design the plans and specifications for the Vertical Turbine Pumps in Cans. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Anderson informed the Board that the project should be ready to go to bid by mid to late March.

Water Plant Supervisor Rani Holland asked the Engineer how much down time the water plant would have during the change over. This was an unknown variable and could be several months. There was discussion about the Town connecting to Hickory's water

supply during the down time. The Engineer informed the Board that the project could be bid to have the contractor responsible for keeping the water pumping through an auxiliary pump during the change over. The Board was in agreement to put this option in the specifications. It was also suggested that an incentive be placed in the bid package if the project was completed earlier than the contract timeline.

The Administrator informed the Board that he had spoken to the City Manager of Hickory and was checking into the possibility of the Town buying water from Hickory during the down time at the same rate they sell water to their residential customers. He noted that the final decision needed to be taken to the City of Hickory Council. Mr. Epley stated that he would get with the Finance Director to work on a budget for this project. He also informed the Board that he planned on going to Raleigh with Gene Haynes with HSMM to seek grant assistance for this project.

BIDS FOR ASBESTOS REMOVAL OF HOUSE ON AIRPORT ROAD: Informal bids were requested from four contractors to remove asbestos and demolish the old house owned by the Town at 2333 8th Ave., NW. Two bids were received as follows:

JW Grading and Demolition	\$3,200.00
Whitmire Decorating/WDC, Inc.	\$6,873.00

The low bidder was reputable and his bid included the removal of all debris, sowing new grass and the removal of asbestos siding from the site.

Following a brief discussion motion was made by Alderman Mays, seconded by Alderman Moyer to award the bid to JW Grading and Demolition for \$3,200. The vote was unanimous.

It was noted that the second house the Town owns on 8th Avenue, NW will get a face lift to make it more attractive to the community. It will be used by the Fire Department for training purposes.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Public Works Director David Draughn informed the Board that the 23rd Street Culvert Project was complete. He noted it took longer than anticipated due to the discovery of a 12 inch water line and concrete bridge which the contractor had to work around. They did a great job and the project ended up costing the Town a little more than originally planned due to the extra time it took to work around the water line and bridge.

BRUSH PICK UP: The Public Works Director passed out a report on the Brush Pickup since the ice storm on December 15, 2005. He noted that they continue to run two trucks daily when possible and expected to be caught up by the end of the month if weather permitted.

Truck Loads – 60
Total Tons Brush – 125 Approximate
Landfill Fees \$2,010
Man-hours – 228 Approximate

CLOSED SESSION: Mayor Cook called for a closed session to discuss a legal matter. Motion was made by Alderman Bowman, seconded by Alderman Bumgarner to go into closed session at 8:00 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Motion was made by Alderman Mays seconded by Alderman Moyer to adjourn closed session and return to regular session at 8:15 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS: At this time Mayor Cook asked if there was any other business to bring before the Board. Alderman Mays asked the Administrator what the status was on the barking dogs off 19th Avenue. He was informed that staff was working on the problem and the Town's kennel ordinance and noise ordinance were being enforced.

Mr. Epley also informed the Board that staff was working on Mr. Duckworth's project.

Alderman Bumgarner asked about the status of Fine Sheer. Mr. Epley informed him staff had the authorization to do an inspection and was seeking quotes to have the industrial appraisal done.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board motion was made by Alderman Mays, seconded by Alderman Bumgarner to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Town Clerk

Mayor