

**TOWN OF LONG VIEW
TOWN ALDERMEN MEETING
June 12, 2006**

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 12, 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, Alderman Jackie Bowman and Alderman Randall Mays.

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, Fire Chief Eric Shepherd, Town Planner Charles Mullis, Public Works Director David Draughn, Police Major Jim Worrell, Officer Brian Collins, and Water Superintendent Rani Holland.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. and Mrs. Jack White, Joan Hall and others were present for the meeting.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Cook asked for approval of the minutes. Motion was made by Alderman Mays seconded by Alderman Bumgarner to approve the May 8, 2006 regular meeting and May 22, 2006 budget work session minutes. The vote was unanimous.

RESCHEDULE JULY REGULAR MEETING TO JUNE 26, 2006: Administrator Epley informed the Board that in the past it has been the Town's policy to reschedule the July board meeting to the last Monday in June.

Motion was made by Alderman Moyer, seconded by Alderman McDaris to reschedule the July 10th Board meeting to June 26, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at which time the budget will be presented for final adoption. The vote was unanimous.

PROPOSED 2006 – 2007 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Norman Cook declared the 2006 – 2007 budget public hearing open. The Administrator read the budget message and there being no discussion or public comments, the public hearing was declared closed.

Motion was made by Alderman Moyer, seconded by Alderman Bumgarner to approve the 2006 – 2007 budget on first reading. The vote was unanimous. The budget will be presented for second reading and final adoption at the June 26, 2006 meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING – Residential Development Moratorium on 33rd Street: Mayor Norman Cook declared the public hearing open on the residential development moratorium on 33rd Street to Sweet Bay Lane.

Town Planner Chuck Mullis informed the Board that the General Statutes give cities and counties authority to adopt temporary moratoriums. Mr. Mullis stated that the reason for the moratorium was due to the fact that a few vacant lots on 33rd Street, SW (corner of 14th Avenue Drive, SW and 33rd St. SW) were zoned for residential purposes. Mr. Mullis noted that there were areas in that part of town the Board would like to see developed commercially in the future.

It was noted that the adoption of the moratorium would restrict residential development on vacant lots on 33rd Street, SW. It would also restrict additions, uplifts, and accessories to the fronts of any current residential zoned properties with structures already in place. Mr. Mullis added that the sides and rear of properties with structures presently on them for residential use would not be affected by this proposed moratorium.

He also noted that other actions such as rezoning the vacant lots were inadequate at this time and would lead to spot zoning which would be incompatible with the surrounding area. However, if the property was of historical value, environmental importance or scenic value it would justify special zoning for the small area, but none of these circumstances apply to 33rd Street, SW.

The moratorium would cover every parcel of property fronting 33rd Street, SW from 1st Avenue, SW to Sweet Bay Lane.

Mr. Mullis reported that according to the General Statutes a temporary moratorium was for 60 days or less and may be adopted with a public hearing. It was further stated that any extension beyond 60 days requires an additional notice and hearing.

Mr. Mullis recommended that the Town adopt a 60 day moratorium beginning on Friday, June 16 and extending to Monday, August 14, 2006.

The Town Planner added that an action plan must be set forth to address the issues that led to the implementation of the moratorium. It was noted that the action plan was the commercial development overlay for the 33rd Street corridor that is currently being constructed by the Town's Planning Board. Once the overlay is recorded and becomes an official NCDOT corridor map, it will govern future land use development on 33rd Street.

There being no further comments or discussion, Mayor Cook declared the public hearing closed.

Motion as made by Alderman Mays to approve a 60 day moratorium to restrict development on parcels of property fronting 33rd Street, SW from 1st Avenue SW to Sweet Bay Lane effective June 16, 2006 to August 14, 2006 to allow the planning staff to

produce a commercial overlay on 33rd Street. Alderman Moyer seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT:

Administrator Epley recommended that the Board set Monday, June 26, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. as the date for the second public hearing for the economic development grant application. The Town proposes to apply for \$815,763 to construct 4,000 linear feet of sewer line to be installed along 1st Avenue, SW to the intersection of 39th Street, SW then east along 2nd Avenue, SW to 37th Street, SW.

Mr. Epley met with the owners of Tailored Chemical Products, Inc. to discuss the replacement of the sewer line on 37th Street. Tailored Chemical Products, Inc. agreed to assist the Town in the grant application process and as a result they propose to create and retain jobs.

The Town's engineer has completed the preliminary engineering report and since Tailored Chemical Products, Inc. is in Burke County it was determined that the Town was eligible for a 100% grant.

Mr. Epley informed the Board that Western Piedmont Council of Governments was assisting the Town with the application process and Sherry Long will be present at the June 26th meeting to give the Board an updated report.

Following discussion, motion was made by Alderman Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman Bowman to set June 26, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. as the second public hearing date to discuss a CDBG Economic Development grant application to be submitted to the NC Department of Commerce. The vote was unanimous.

WESTERN RIDGE PROJECT UPDATE: The Administrator gave the Board an update on the Western Ridge Subdivision Stream Restoration Project. He informed them that a bid opening had been set for Thursday, June 29, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at the Government Center. He informed the Board that the Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Health and Natural Resources had approved the project.

SWIMMING POOL DEMOLITION PROJECT UPDATE: The Board authorized the completion of the swimming pool demolition project at the budget work session in May.

The Administrator informed the Board that the following bids were received:

JW Grading and Demolition	\$14,500
D.H. Griffin Wrecking Company, Inc.	\$17,750
Burke Grading and Paving, Inc.	\$24,800

Motion was made by Alderman Moyer, seconded by Alderman Bumgarner to officially approve the J.W Grading contract of \$14,500 for the Swimming Pool Demolition Project.

The vote was unanimous. Mr. Epley informed the Board that the project was complete and JW Grading did a good job.

FINANCE REPORT: Finance Director James Cozart gave the monthly finance report. He informed the Board that the budget was 83% complete as of April 30, 2006 and the General Fund revenues exceeded expenditures by \$113,037.53. The Utility Fund revenues were less than expenditures by \$280,536.57 due to debt payments being made during April in the amount of \$326,148.

RAW WATER PUMP STATION: Mr. Epley informed the Board that the bid opening for the Raw Water Pump Station Renovation Project was set for Tuesday, June 20, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at the Government Center.

It was noted that cost to borrow the money was less than originally anticipated and the lower rates could reduce the cost to the customers if the bids come within budget. However, Mr. Epley told the Board that the structural part of the project was more involved than originally thought and that could drive the price up.

There was discussion among the Board members and Mr. Epley informed them that the construction would take approximately 90 days, and if the project went over the contract time there was a \$200 per day fee. The engineer stated that incentives for completing the project early were not put in the specifications.

OTHER BUSINESS: Swimming Pool Questions: Mr. Jack White asked the Board how much it cost to fill-in the swimming pool and he was informed that the contract price was \$14,500. Another lady in the audience asked what the future plans were for the swimming pool site and she was informed that a picnic shelter was going to be constructed in commemoration of the Town's 100th anniversary.

The Mayor informed those present that if the pool had not been filled in, the Town would have had to raise taxes to do the necessary repairs and to keep the facility in operation.

CLOSED SESSION: At this time a motion was made by Alderman Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman McDaris to adjourn regular session at 8:15 p.m. and go into closed session to get legal advice. The vote was unanimous.

Motion was made by Alderman Mays, seconded by Alderman Moyer to adjourn closed session and return to the regular meeting at 8:40 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

West Ridge Water Policy Request: At this time the Mayor asked if the Board members had any concerns and Alderman Bumgarner informed the Board that he received a call from Tyron Burrus who lives in West Ridge. Mr. Burrus wanted Alderman Bumgarner to ask the Board of Aldermen if they would consider a summer water policy allowing water adjustments for watering the grass, lawns gardens, etc. similar to the City of

Hickory. It was noted that Mr. Burrus buys water from the Town; however, he was not on town sewer or in the city limits.

Following a brief discussion motion was made by Alderman Bowman, seconded by Alderman Bumgarner to not change the Town's current policy for Mr. Burrus. The vote was unanimous. Alderman Bumgarner stated he would notify Mr. Burrus of the Board's decision after the minutes were approved.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. upon motion of Alderman Moyer and seconded by Alderman Bumgarner. The vote was unanimous.

Town Clerk

Mayor