

**TOWN OF LONG VIEW
TOWN ALDERMEN MEETING
June 26, 2006**

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 26, 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, and others were present for the meeting.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Norman Cook called the meeting to order and Alderman Vernon Moyer's Pastor, Jim Roth with Hickory Mennonite Church, gave the invocation. The Board thanked Pastor Roth.

In memory of former Fire Chief Ernest Riley, Chief Eric Shepherd read Chief Riley's obituary. He also read a thank you card from Chief Riley's family thanking the Mayor, Aldermen and Town Employees for the flowers. Chief Shepherd also thanked the fire department for their participation in Ernest Riley's funeral service.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Cook asked for approval of the minutes. Motion was made by Alderman Moyer, seconded by Alderman McDaris to approve the regular June 12, 2006 board meeting minutes and closed session minutes. The vote was unanimous.

2006 – 2007 Budget Second Reading and Final Adoption: The budget was presented for second reading and final adoption. Motion was made by Alderman Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman Mays to adopt the 2006 – 2007 Budget Ordinance as presented. The vote was unanimous.

Town of Long View Budget Ordinance

Be it ordained by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Long View, North Carolina, that:

Section I. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the town government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007 according to the following schedules:

Schedule A (General Fund)

Governing Board	\$ 17,991.00
Administration	586,741.00
Town Complex	212,044.00
Planning and Development	103,788.00
Police Department	676,105.00
Fire Department	389,287.00
Street Department	393,328.00
Powell Bill	169,500.00
Recreation Department	40,500.00
Recreation Department – Swimming Pool	800.00
Risk Management	6,800.00
Medical Center	43,713.00
Garage – General Fund	105,000.00
Total General Fund	\$2,745,597.00

Schedule B (Utility Fund)

Debt Service	\$ 441,232.00
Public Utilities	778,660.00
Water Plant	418,128.00
Sewer Plant	325,200.00
Garage – Utility Fund	16,500.00
Total Utility Fund	\$1,979,720.00

Total Fiscal Operating Budget **\$4,725,317.00**

Section II. Estimated Revenues. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007 to meet the foregoing appropriations, according to the current information.

SCHEDULE A (GENERAL
FUND)

Local Taxes and Revenue	\$1,398,620.00
County and State Revenue	\$1,346,977.00
Total General Fund	<u>\$2,745,597.00</u>

SCHEDULE B (UTILITY
FUND)

Local Revenue	\$63,000.00
Water and Sewer Charges	\$1,575,000.00
Water and Sewer Taps	\$40,000.00
Revenue from County and Henry Fork Reimbursements	\$7,500.00 \$128,689.00
Fund Balance Appropriated	<u>\$165,531.00</u>
 Total Utility Fund	 <u>\$1,979,720.00</u>
 Total Fiscal Operating	 <u>\$4,725,317.00</u>

Section III. Distribution. Copies of this ordinance shall be furnished to the Finance Director of the Town of Long View, to be kept on file for direction in the disbursement of funds.

Section IV. Taxes. The following rates of tax in each hundred dollars valuation of taxable property, as listed for taxes on January 1, 2006 for the purpose of calculation. These calculations were based on the existing tax rate with no increase, that rate being forty cents per hundred dollars of valuation of taxable property.

Section V. Utilities. See attached utility fee schedule.

Section VI. Capital Outlay Requests. Capital outlay requests are set forth herein and are described on the outlay sheets attached.

We hereby adopt the FY 2006-2007 budget as voted on this 26th day of June 2006.

Mayor: _____
Norman Cook

Ward 1: _____
Randall Mays

Ward 2: _____
John McDaris, Sr.

Ward 3: _____
Jackie Bowman

Ward 4: _____
Vernon Moyer

Ward 5: _____
Kenneth Bumgarner

David Epley, Town Administrator

James Cozart, Finance Director

Frances Hildebran, Town Clerk

Economic Development Grant Second Public Hearing: Mayor Cook declared the Economic Development Grant Public Hearing open. Sherry Long with the Western Piedmont Council of Governments gave the Board an update on the CDBG Economic Development Grant Application process.

Mrs. Long informed the Board that the application would allow the Town to apply for assistance to install sewer lines to help Tailored Chemical Products, Inc. to expand its operation and retain its 85 employees. It was also noted that with the much needed expansion Tailored Chemical Products, Inc. would need to hire an additional ten employees over the next two years. The grant application was for \$800,000 which would require no matching funds since the property is in Burke County which is not a “match county” because of economic conditions. Mrs. Long noted that Tailored Chemical Products, Inc. was willing to work with the Town on this application. The engineers have done the preliminary engineering report and it will be submitted to the NC Department of Commerce. The owners of Tailored Chemical Products, Inc., Mr. Jack Temple and his son were present to answer any questions.

Mr. Temple informed the Board that they planned on purchasing additional property and was in the process of making a commitment to spend a million dollars on capital improvements and to hire new people. He also noted that they have agreed to work with the Town in regards to the sewage pretreatment problem. A system will be put into place as recommended by the Town’s engineers. Mr. Temple noted that this grant assistance will insure that Tailored Chemical Products, Inc. will stay in business in Long View for many years to come.

The Board thanked Sherry Long for her assistance with the grant application and also expressed their appreciation to Tailored Chemical Products for their economic investment in the Town of Long View and their willingness to be a part of the grant application process. Mayor Norman Cook declared the public hearing closed.

Following a brief discussion, motion was made by Alderman Mays, seconded by Alderman Bowman to adopt the following Authorizing Resolution and Certification supporting the grant application for the Tailored Chemical 37th Street Sewer Economic Development Project. The vote was unanimous.

TOWN OF LONG VIEW
AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION
AND
CERTIFICATION

WHEREAS, various State and Federal agencies provide for funds to municipalities to meet the needs of local governments in financing the cost of Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Commerce will be the State administering agency for the Community Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant Program has Economic Development funds available to local governments to maintain or create new jobs for low and moderate income people; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Long View Board of Aldermen has solicited and received citizen input regarding the Tailored Chemical 37th ^{Street} Sewer Economic Development Project as described in the formal CDBG application.

NOW , THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LONG VIEW BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

That the Town of Long View will substantially comply with all Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations and ordinances pertaining to the project and to Federal and State grants pertaining thereto.

That, David Epley, Town Manager, and successors so titled is hereby authorized to develop, execute and file an application on behalf of the Town of Long View to appropriate Federal and State agencies to secure funds for the Tailored Chemical 37th Street Sewer Economic Development Project.

That, David Epley, Town Manager, and successors so titled is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate governmental agencies may request in connection with such applications for the project; to make the assurances and certifications as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the construction of the project.

That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this 26th day of June, 2006 at Long View, North Carolina by unanimous vote of the Board of Aldermen upon a motion by Alderman Randall Mays and seconded by Alderman Jackie Bowman.

Norman E. Cook, Mayor

Frances Hildebran, Town Clerk

Raw Water Pump Station Project: Mr. Epley informed the Board that the bid opening on the Raw Water Pump Station was held on June 20, 2006 and no bids were received. It was noted that local contractors were very busy during this time of year and they had concerns about the structural part of the project. It was noted that the project was to be completed in 90 days and the contractors felt that was not enough time to complete the project.

The Administrator informed the Board that the Town's engineer was going back to revisit the structural part of the project and make any necessary changes. After review by the engineers the project will be rebid.

It was noted that staff will need to reschedule another public hearing on the Local Government Commission application. The application needs the contract price for the Raw Water Pump Station Project.

The financing bids for the project came in at 4.1% from BB & T Bank. The Finance Director stated that the bids were good for 60 days. If the project is on hold for more than 60 days another request for financing proposals will need to be done by staff.

Alderman Mays questioned the structural part of the raw water pump station project and the Engineer told him he would talk with the contractors who looked at the project to see for sure if the structural part of the project hindered them from submitting a bid. The structural engineers may need to redesign the structural part of the project.

Following discussion Alderman Moyer noted that the Town could always go back to Option #4.

2005 – 2006 Budget Amendments: The Finance Director presented two budget amendments. The first amendment concerned the loan the Town received from BB & T in August 2005. Mr. Cozart informed the Board that the auditors reviewed the resolution adopted which was sufficient for the revenue portion of the budget, but not the expense portion and an amendment needed to be done to take care of the expense portion. The loan was for the new financial software, the Town Hall generator and the new brush truck.

The second amendment was the final year end amendment with the exception of the 23rd Street, NW culvert repair project. It was noted that amendments in the General Fund

were minimal. The Town was able to pay for the Ford F-350 truck with the exception of \$5,292.38 from the funds budgeted in Powell Bill. The Raw Water Pump Station has been a challenge financially this year, reported the Finance Director. The fund balance appropriation was originally in the amount of \$244,036, however only \$154,545.70 was needed in the appropriation which is approximately \$90,000 less than budgeted.

Following a brief discussion, motion was made by Alderman Mays, seconded by Alderman Moyer to adopt Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 1. The vote was unanimous.

**ORDINANCE NO. 02-06
BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 1**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the Town of Long View, that the following Amendment be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30 2006:

Section 1: To amend the General Fund revenue and expenditure line items, the budget will be changed as follows:

Expenditures:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Administration	\$47,755.37
Town Complex	\$78,064.63
Street Department	<u>\$93,180.00</u>
Total Expenditures	\$219,000.00

Revenues:

Receipt of Financing Loan from BB&T Governmental Finance in the amount of \$219,000 as approved by the Board of Aldermen in the form of a Resolution on August 8, 2005.

Adopted this the 26th day of June, 2006.

Mayor

Town Clerk

Motion was made by Alderman Mays, seconded by Alderman Moyer to adopt Budget Ordinance Amendment 2. The vote was unanimous.

ORDINANCE NO. 02-06
BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 2

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the Town of Long View, that the following Amendment be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30 2006:

Section 1: To amend the General Fund and Utility Fund budgeted amounts, the budget will be changed as follows:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Governing Board	\$ 7.74
Powell Bill	\$126,193.25
Medical Center	\$1.33
Garage- General Fund	<u>\$19,768.51</u>
Total General Fund Budget Amendment:	\$145,970.83
Utility Department	\$149,407.78
Water Plant	\$4,787.69
Garage – Utility Fund	<u>\$350.23</u>
Total Utility Fund Budget Amendment:	\$154,545.70
Grand Total of Amendment:	\$300,516.53

Adopted this the 26th day of June, 2006.

Mayor

Town Clerk

Finance Report: The Finance Director gave the financial report as of June 22, 2006. He noted that the revenues in the General Fund were over expenditures by \$103,969.68. In the Utility Fund there was a deficit in the amount of \$128,462.46, however this was due to the unexpected problems with the Raw Water Pump Station.

Mr. Cozart gave the Board an estimated update on the budget for the remainder of fiscal year 2005 - 2006. He noted that spending was frozen June 1st on all purchases except emergencies and he did not expect the expense totals to increase very much.

The Board thanked Mr. Cozart for the excellent report and the good job he continues to do for the Town.

19th Street Drainage Project: Mr. Epley informed the Board that Mr. Duckworth on 19th Street has had drainage problems for a number of years. He talked to Alderman McDaris and Alderman Bumgarner as well as the Town's administrative staff about his problem. Mr. Epley asked the Town's engineer to look at the problem and do a cost estimate to make the necessary repairs to correct the drainage problem.

The engineer presented two options. Option 1 would have a 48" storm drain installed and 4 catch basins. Option 2 would consist of ditch/berm rehab, three catch basins, and a storm drain.

Following a brief review of the options and the fact that Mr. Duckworth has had this problem for so many years, the Board thought Option 1 was the best at a cost of \$63,745. Option two was \$55,275.

Alderman Bumgarner asked staff if funds were available, and he was informed by the Administrator that Powell Bill money can be used for this project. Mr. Bumgarner noted that this has been a problem for 20 years and he would like to see something done about it. He suggested that staff obtain three bids and bring the results back to the Board.

It was the consensus of the Board to get bids on Option 1.

Administrator's Report: Administrator Epley informed the Board that the next regular meeting was set for August 14, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. There would be no meeting in July. The June 26th meeting would take the place of the July meeting.

Moratorium Extension: Town Planner Chuck Mullis requested authorization from the Board to hold a public hearing at the August 14th meeting to ask for another 60 day extension of the 33rd Street Moratorium.

Motion was made by Alderman Mays seconded by Alderman McDaris to set August 14, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. as the public hearing date for the 33rd Street Moratorium Extension. The vote was unanimous.

Other Business: Alderman Mays asked staff to look at the budget calendar next year to see if the budget can be adopted at the first meeting in June so the regular July meeting can be held. The Administrator noted that he will look into it next year.

Adjournment: There being no further business, motion was made by Alderman Mays, seconded by Alderman Bumgarner to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Town Clerk

Mayor