

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

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met on Monday, November 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 Jackie Bowman 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, Finance Director James Cozart, Fire Chief Eric Shepherd, Town Planner Charles Mullis, Police Chief Cecil Rogers, Police Major Jim Worrell, Police Officer Brian Collins, and Water Superintendent Rani Holland.

OTHERS PRESENT: David Hooser, Lillie McConnell, and others were present.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Norman Cook asked for approval of the minutes. Motion was made by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Jackie Bowman to approve the regular October 9, 2006 Board Meeting Minutes. The vote was unanimous.

SWEARING IN OF TOWN CLERK – STEPHANIE WATSON:

Mayor Norman Cook administered the following Oath of Office to the new Town Clerk Stephanie Watson.

OATH OF OFFICE

I, Stephanie C. Watson, do solemnly swear that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as Town Clerk of the Town of Long View, so help me God.

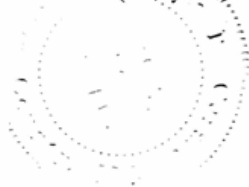
I, Stephanie C. Watson, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain, and defend the Constitution of the said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability, so help me God.

Signed this 13th day of November 2006.


Stephanie C. Watson
Town Clerk

Sworn and subscribed before me this 13th day of November 2006.

(Notary Seal)



James R. Cogant
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:
April 25, 2009

Notary Commission Expires: _____

The Board of Aldermen welcomed Stephanie Watson as the new Town Clerk.

DISCUSSION OF RAW WATER PUMP STATION PROJECT:

Town Administrator David Epley wished to inform the Board of the new development with the Raw Water Pump Station Project.

Administrator Epley said that with the newly found information about the problems with the Raw Water Pump Station's structural integrity, the bid process would have to be postponed until structural changes could be made to the design plans.

Town Administrator David Epley said that the Town Engineer has made some recommendations to what he feels would be a good solution to this problem. These recommendations include putting the pumps in cans, bringing the cans to floor level and then filling the hole in. Then the Town could basically build what was originally talked about.

Town Administrator David Epley wished to call a Special Meeting on Monday, November 20, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the Raw Water Station Project.

Alderman Jackie Bowman believed that it would be a good idea to have a meeting to discuss this new development.

Motion was made by Alderman Jackie Bowman and seconded by Alderman Randall Mays to hold a Special Meeting on November 20, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. in the Town of Long View Government Center Council Chambers to discuss the Raw Water Pump Station Project. The vote was unanimous.

AWARD CONTRACT FOR 19TH STREET DRAINAGE PROJECT:

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Town received two bids on the 19th Street Drainage Project. One of the bids was from Hickory Sand Company for \$45,350 and one was from Gragg's Grading Company, Inc for \$114,978. He recommended that the Board award the bid to Hickory Sand Company.

Motion was made by Alderman Vernon Moyer and seconded by Alderman Randall Mays to award the contract for the 19th Street Drainage Project to Hickory Sand Company. The vote was unanimous.

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY (DAVID DRAUGHN):

Public Works Director David Draughn was not able to attend the meeting.

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board of the Public Works and Police Department vehicles that need to be declared Surplus.

95 Ford 4-door pickup
Vin # 1FTJW35H85EH22689

84 Chev C-10 Pickup
Vin # 1GCDC14HOEF360954

77 Chev C-10 Pickup
Vin # CCD147B142685

87 Chev C-60 4-door dumptruck
Vin # 1GBG6D1A1HV108190

96 Ford Ranger
Vin #1FTCR10VTTUA05429

96 Ford Crn Victoria
Vin # 2FALP71W5TX145521

98 Ford Crn Victoria
Vin # 2FAFP71W2WX139788

97 Pontiac Grand Prix
Vin # 1G2WJ52K2VF243630

86 Ford Mustang
Vin # 1FABP28M8GF31158

Public Works Director David Draughn moved that the Town Council declare the above list as surplus property and authorized the Town Administrator to dispose of the surplus property as provided by law.

Motion was made by Alderman Vernon Moyer and seconded by Alderman Randall Mays to declare the vehicles from the Public Works Department and the Police Department for surplus sale. The vote was unanimous.

FINANCE REPORT:

Monthly Financial Report

Finance Director James Cozart informed the Board that in the General Fund as of September 30, 2006, Expenditures were \$740,159 and Revenues were \$771,821. Revenues exceeded Expenditures by \$31,665.

In the Utility Fund as of September 30th, the total Revenues were \$614,213 and the total Expenditures were \$381,561. Revenues exceeded Expenditures by \$232,652.

Finance Director James Cozart reminded the Board of the upcoming substantial debt payment that will occur this month for the Henry Ford EPA Loan.

Budget Amendments

Finance Director James Cozart informed the Board about Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 2 which would set aside \$5,000 per year as a contribution by the Town of Long View to a litigation fund to fight the Concord-Kannapolis Interbasin Transfer Request. In Ordinance No. 02-07: Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 2, the Administration Line Item was increased by \$5,000.

Motion made by Alderman Randall Mays and seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to approve Ordinance No. 02-07: Budget Ordinance Amendment No 2. The vote was unanimous.

Finance Director James Cozart informed the Board about Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 3 which would increase Stephanie Watson's salary due to her promotion to the Town Clerk's position and to increase Town Planner Charles Mullis's salary due to job performance. In Ordinance No. 02-07: Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 3, the Administration Line Item was increased by \$6,029 and the Planning Line Item was increased by \$2,230.

Motion made by Alderman Vernon Moyer and seconded by Alderman Randall Mays to approve Ordinance No. 02-07: Budget Ordinance Amendment No 3. The vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Western Ridge Stream Restoration Project Contract - Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Western Ridge Stream Restoration Project is approximately 80% complete. He said that it has made an improvement to the back side of the surrounding properties.

Sidewalk Project Cost Estimates –Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board of the Engineer's estimates for the Sidewalk project that will cover from 19th to 27th Street. The sidewalk would be constructed on the North side of 2nd Avenue.

The total estimated cost for the sidewalk along 2nd Avenue NW was \$205,229.99.

Motion made by Randall Mays and seconded by Ken Bumgarner to proceed with the sidewalk project based on the presented Engineer's estimate.

Tailored Chemical Economic Development Grant Update - Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Tailored Chemical Economic Development Grant has been approved at the state level. He said that currently the Town is awaiting

the forwarded copy which includes information that will need to be adopted by the Board at next month's meeting.

Other Small Projects Update

Picnic Shelter Update –Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that an order has been placed for the Picnic Shelter. He said that as of now the Town is waiting for the shop drawings of the shelter and when those have been received; the Town may begin on the concrete portion.

Raw Water Lines – Town Administrator David Epley reported that as mentioned in the previous meeting that Public Works Director David Draughn was planning to use something other than the Underground Radar Unit to find the Raw Water Lines. Mr. Epley said that they have not had a chance to test the alternative machinery at this time.

CLOSED SESSION:

Motion was made by Alderman Jackie Bowman and seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to go into closed session to discuss a potential litigation at 7:50 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 8:23 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS:

David Hooser from 20th Street said that he appreciated what has been done to take care of the adult activities that were taking place in his neighborhood. He said that there have still been some instances of loud noise and drug activity.

Mayor Norman Cook addressed Mr. Hooser's concern and said that he should speak with the Police Department and Narcotic's Division.

ADJOURNMENT:

Alderman Jackie Bowman wished to welcome Stephanie Watson as the new Town Clerk.

Alderman Randall Mays wished to remind everyone that Town Planner Charles Mullis and the Planning Board will be holding a Public Information Session in regards to the 33rd Street overlay. This Public Information Session will occur on November 16, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. Alderman Mays said that he and Mr. Bowman were committed to be in attendance and the rest of the Aldermen were also asked to attend. He then thanked Mr. Mullis for getting all the information together.

Alderman Randall Mays also wished to thank Alderman Ken Bumgarner for his dedication with the Sidewalk Project.

Alderman Vernon Moyer wished to say that he would not be able to attend the Public Information Session due to an outside conflict.

Alderman Vernon Moyer also mentioned that at the last COG Policy Board Meeting they met with the Hickory Hmong Association. He said that the Hickory Hmong Association has noticed that Long View has very few Hmong businesses and a lot of empty buildings. He said that a representative would possibly like to come to speak with the Board to promote more Hmong businesses moving into Long View and at the same time help the Long View economy.

There being no further business, motion was made by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Jackie Bowman to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Stephanie C. Watson
Town Clerk

Norman E. Cook
Mayor