

**TOWN OF LONG VIEW  
TOWN ALDERMEN MEETING  
April 16, 2007**

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met on Monday, April 16, 2007 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, Alderman John McDaris, 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, Public Works Director David Draughn, Fire Chief Eric Shepherd, Town Planner Charles Mullis, Water Plant Superintendent Rani Holland and Police Major Jim Worrell.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Sherry Stepp, Child Protective Services Social Worker and David Clark were present.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mayor Norman Cook asked for approval of the minutes. Motion was made by Alderman Jackie Bowman, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to approve the regular March 12, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes and March 27, 2007 Budget Retreat Minutes. The vote was unanimous.

**PROCLAMATION – CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH (SHERRY STEPP, CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES SOCIAL WORKER)**

Mayor Norman Cook introduced Child Protective Services Social Worker Sherry Stepp. Sherry Stepp asked the Board if they would consider issuing the proclamation declaring April Child Abuse Prevention Month in the Town of Long View.

Reference: Resolutions and Proclamations 2005-Current pg.34

Motion made by Alderman Vernon Moyer and seconded by Alderman Randall Mays to adopt the proclamation declaring April Child Abuse Prevention Month in the Town of Long View. The vote was unanimous.

**PROCLAMATION FOR LITTER SWEEP ROADSIDE CLEANUP**

To emphasize the importance of clean roads and a clean environment, Governor Easley issued a proclamation naming April 14 - 28, 2007 as Spring Litter Sweep in North Carolina.

Reference: Resolutions and Proclamations 2005-Current pg.35

Motion made by Alderman Vernon Moyer and seconded by Alderman John McDaris to support the Governor's Spring Litter Sweep proclamation and promote clean up in the Town of Long View April 14 - 28, 2007. The vote was unanimous.

**CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED CHARTER OF THE WESTREN PIEDMONT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

Alderman Randall Mays informed the Board of the amendments to the Charter of the Western Piedmont Council of Governments. He explained that the amendments would allow non-board elected persons to serve as members.

Alderman Vernon Moyer wished to thank Alderman Randall Mays for attending the meeting of Western Piedmont Council of Governments last month in his place.

Motion made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to adopt the amended Charter of the Western Piedmont Council of Governments. The vote was unanimous.

**FINANCE REPORT:**

**Monthly Financial Report**

Finance Director James Cozart informed the Board that in the General Fund with sixty-seven percent of the budget year complete, Expenditures were \$2,251,122.33 and Revenues were \$2,296,517.20. Revenues exceeded Expenditures by \$45,394.87.

In the Utility Fund with sixty-seven percent of the budget year complete, the total Revenues were \$1,261,029.37 and the total Expenditures were \$1,030,677.06. Revenues exceeded Expenditures by \$230,352.31.

**Debt Setoff Program**

Finance Director James Cozart informed the Board that the Town has submitted about \$48,000 worth of bad debt to the Department of Revenue and so far have collected almost \$12,000 in bad debt that otherwise would not have be collected without the Debt Setoff Program.

Alderman Randall Mays wished to thank Mr. Cozart for being aggressive on the interest income that Town has been earning on the General Fund and for spending time on researching investments to find the right one.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**Tentative Budget List**

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that of the tentative Budget Preparation Schedule that was planned for the 2007 – 2008 FY Budget. The Board of Aldermen approved the schedule.

**Sidewalk Project Update**

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Town Engineer Rich Anderson had received the encroachment agreements from the Department of

Transportation and plans are for the Town to advertise the project by Wednesday, April 18, 2007.

#### **Tailored Chemical Project Update**

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Town is still waiting for the encroachment agreement on the Tailored Chemical Project. The Town is currently working on a thoroughfare plan and has tentative plans with a property owner that may let the Town use some of the property as a temporary cut through to Highway 70. Mr. Epley said that the Town is a few weeks away from advertising.

#### **Raw Water Pump Station Update**

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that Town Engineer Rich Anderson should be prepared to re-advertise for bids by the beginning of the following week. Administrator Epley said that the Town planned to have a preconstruction conference and at that conference plans were to let possible bidders know that \$500,000 would be limit that the Town would be willing to spend.

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that repairs to the busted flange were underway. He informed the Board that the original attempt to weld the cast iron pipe was unsuccessful because the pipe was too old and began to collapse. The next plan of action was to cut out the damaged section and replace it with a newer piece.

Administrator Epley estimated that it would be Wednesday, April 18, 2007 before the repairs would be finished.

#### **Discussion of Albert L. Parkhurst Day in Hildebran on April 21, 2007**

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board of an invitation for the elected officials to attend Albert L. Parkhurst Day in Hildebran on April 21, 2007.

Alderman Randall Mays informed that Mayor Albert L. Parkhurst had worked for the Town of Hildebran for 19 years and just recently diagnosed as terminally ill. Albert L. Parkhurst Day would be to honor Mr. Parkhurst for his years of service.

#### **Concord-Kannapolis Interbasin Transfer**

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the IBT Coalition which consists of Counties and Municipalities in the region have hired a lobbyist to help facilitate the passage of a future House and Senate bill to not allow any future IBT requests. The Town of Long View financial obligation is \$5000.00.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

##### **Smoke House**

Fire Chief Eric Shepherd informed the Board that he had sent out bids again for the smoke house and have two groups who have expressed interest. He believed that they should have some cost estimates very soon.

#### **Fire Insurance Classification**

Fire Chief Eric Shepherd informed the Board that the Department of Insurance: Office of the State Marshall had completed their evaluation of the fire insurance classification for the Town of Long View and the Town had reached a protection class Level 4 rating. Chief Shepherd noted that the Town had never been at level before.

The Board of Alderman and Town Administrator David Epley wished to commend them for their effort.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Mayor Cook called for a closed session to discuss a personnel issue. Motion was made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to go into closed session at 7:50 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Motion was made by Alderman Vernon Moyer, seconded by Alderman Randall Mays to adjourn closed session and return to regular session at 7:54 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Motion was made by Alderman Vernon Moyer, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to approve the employment agreement with Town Administrator J. David Epley and the Town of Long View. The vote was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Alderman Jackie Bowman wished to let everyone know that due to health and other reasons that he would not be running for re-election for Ward 3. He said that he enjoyed working with the Board and he believes that the Town is doing well but he feels that he would not be able to run.

The Board wished to let Alderman Jackie Bowman know that they had enjoyed working with him and hoped that he would change his mind before the next election.

Alderman Randall Mays informed everyone that Catawba County had finally received enough maintenance money through the Department of Transportation to start the Repair I-40 Construction Project that is supposed to extend from the Burke County to Iredell County line. He said that it would be a long term project.

Alderman Vernon Moyer wished suggest a Geo Cashing Game to get people more involved with the Long View Centennial. The basic idea would be to set up coordinates around Long View for people with GIS devices to find. At each coordinate would be a clue to follow that would ultimately lead to a prize. He believed it would be a way to attract people to the Town.

Alderman Ken Bumgarner wished to thank Water Plant Superintendent Rani Holland and Town Administrator David Epley with their work on getting the Raw Water Station back to running. He also wished to thank the rest of the Board and the Public Works Department for all the help and encouragement that went into constructing the Long View Centennial Shelter.

There being no further business, motion was made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman Jackie Bowman to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

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Stephanie C. Watson  
Town Clerk

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Norman E. Cook  
Mayor