

**TOWN OF LONG VIEW
TOWN ALDERMEN MEETING
August 13, 2007**

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met on Monday, August 13, 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 Jackie Bowman, Alderman John McDaris, and Alderman Randall Mays.

Not Present: Alderman Vernon Moyer

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, Town Planner Charles Mullis, Code Enforcement/Minimum Housing Officer Dan Weeks, Water Plant Superintendent Rani Holland, Fire Chief Eric Shepherd, and Police Major Jim Worrell.

OTHERS PRESENT: Town citizens were present.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Norman Cook called the meeting to order and Alderman Jackie Bowman 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 Ken Bumgarner to approve the June 25, 2007 minutes and July 10, 2007 Special Meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION
ORDINANCE AND FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS**

Mayor Norman Cook declared open the Public Hearing to discuss Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance and Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

Town Planner Charles Mullis informed the Board and members of the community that the Floodplain Zones in the Town of Long View occur around the main water bodies in Town which include Frye Creek, Long View Creek and the Henry Fork River. In Long View, these floodplain zones affect 81 lots in Catawba County and 19 lots in Burke County.

Mr. Mullis informed the Board that this ordinance would be effective on August 13, 2007 and the Flood Insurance Rate Maps will become effective on September 5, 2007.

Mr. Mullis informed the Board that the Planning Board reviewed this Ordinance and it was also reviewed and approved by Ed Curtis the National Flood Insurance Program Engineer for the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management.

Mr. Mullis informed the Board that a correction would need to be made on the ordinance under Section A: Designation of Floodplain Administrator on page 7, in which the phrase "...or successors.." will need to be added after "Town Planner, Charles T. Mullis..."

Following the Town Planner's presentation Mayor Cook declared the Public Hearing closed.

Motion made by Alderman Jackie Bowman, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to adopt the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance upon correction to Section A Designation of Floodplain Administrator on page 7, in which the phrase "...or successors..." will be added after "Town Planner, Charles T. Mullis..." The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING PUBLIC INPUT ON PROPOSED RENOVATIONS TO ITS RAW WATER PUMP STATION FACILITY AND FOR THE GOVERNING BOARD TO AUTHORIZE TO PROCEED WITH FINANCING OPTIONS

Mayor Norman Cook declared open the Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving public input on proposed renovations to its Raw Water Pump Station. There being no discussion or public comment, the public hearing was declared closed.

APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE REGIONAL RECREATION /TOURISM COMMITTEE

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Town had received a memorandum from the Western Piedmont Council of Governments requesting the Board to appoint one person to serve on the Regional Recreation/Tourism Committee.

Alderman Jackie Bowman asked to table this discussion until such time as more information is gathered about the job responsibilities of the appointee and information on how this affects the Town. The rest of the Board was in agreement.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

33rd St Economic Development Grant Update

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that there was a Grant meeting planned on Tuesday, August 14, 2007 that would include George Sherrill from Raleigh, Sherry Long from the Western Piedmont Council of Governments, Town Planner Charles Mullis, Town Administrator David Epley and Russell Laing with Cooper Kenworth Incorporated.

Mr. Epley informed the Board that the Town has been approved by Mr. Sherrill for \$475,000 in grant money based on job creation from the new Cooper Kenworth Corporation. The money will be used for extending infrastructure to the site and as well as doing some extensions to water lines.

State Road SR 1637 in Burke County and SR 1300 in Catawba County (37th Street S.W.) Update

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the grant money to extend the sewer is available. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources has approved the plans and specifications for running the sewer line.

The Department of Transportation is in receipt of a letter from the Town's engineering firm explaining to them in detail as to what needs to be done to the Town's satisfaction before the Town considers taking over the road. Mr. Epley was told by Doug McNeal the District Engineer of Burke County that the work should be completed in August.

2nd Ave NW Sidewalk Project

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Preconstruction Conference for the Sidewalk Project took place on Thursday, July 26, 2007. The contract documents, performance bonds, payment bonds and contract were executed and sent to Little Mountain Builders Inc. Little Mountain Builders should begin work within the next 14 days and in the next 2 weeks the hydrants and water valves should be moved.

Mr. Epley informed the Board that Public Works Director David Draughn has continued to speak with the residents on 2nd Ave NW to keep them updated as to the upcoming process.

Raw Water Pump Station

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Town was in the process of completing the application from the Local Government Commission and the Town has been given permission to execute contracts.

The Town held a Preconstruction Conference for the Raw Water Pump Station on Thursday, August 9, 2007. He explained the lead time on the pumps would be 16 weeks and plans to begin work on the pump station were estimated at 6 to 8 weeks before the pumps were to arrive.

Mr. Epley informed the Board that the City of Hickory would still be able to supply water to the Town of Long View when the Town's Pump Station is offline, despite current drought conditions. He was told by Mick Berry with the City of Hickory that if the Hickory were to mandate restrictions during the time that they were to supply Long View with water, the Town of Long View would have to follow the same restrictions.

14th Ave Dr

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that preparations were underway to address the drainage issues and he has asked the Town Engineer to check into it. Plans are to start in the next few weeks.

Drought Issues

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Town has implemented Stage I Voluntary Restrictions. He said that if conditions continue, the Town might soon have to implement Stage II Mandatory Restrictions.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Jackie Bowman wished to thank the staff for all their hard work in putting together the Centennial Celebration. The rest of the Board agreed.

Alderman Randall Mays noted that the Department of Transportation had started to cut the manholes on 33rd Street.

Alderman Randall Mays noted that he has had complaints about continuous barking of neighborhood dogs and vicious dogs. He asked if there was a recommendation to be made to update the ordinance. This matter will be looked in to.

Alderman Ken Bumgarner wished to congratulate Water Plant Superintendent Rani Holland for being re-elected to President of the North Carolina Water Works (Western Section). The rest of the Board wished to congratulate her as well.

There being no further business, motion was made by Alderman Jackie Bowman, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Stephanie C. Watson
Town Clerk

Norman E. Cook
Mayor