

**TOWN OF LONG VIEW
TOWN ALDERMEN MEETING
June 11, 2007**

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 11, 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, Town Planner Charles Mullis, Police Major Jim Worrell and Police Officer Brian Collins.

OTHERS PRESENT: Centennial Coordinator Chuck Moseley and others were present.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Norman Cook called the meeting to order and Alderman John McDaris 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 May 14, 2007 and May 21, 2007 minutes. The vote was unanimous.

RESCHEDULE JULY REGULAR MEETING TO JUNE 25, 2007

Mayor Norman Cook asked the Board for a motion to reschedule the July 9, 2007 Regular Meeting to June 25, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion was made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to reschedule the July 9, 2007 Board Meeting to June 25, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at which time the budget will be presented for final adoption.

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED 2007 – 2008 BUDGET

Mayor Norman Cook declared the 2007 – 2008 Budget Public Hearing open. There being no discussion or public comments, the public hearing was declared closed.

Motion was made by Alderman Vernon Moyer, seconded by Alderman Jackie Bowman to approve the 2007 – 2008 Budget on first reading. The vote was unanimous. The budget will be presented for a second reading and final adoption at the Monday, June 25, 2007 meeting.

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE CLEAN WATER ACT OF 2007

Mayor Norman Cook introduced the Clean Water Act of 2007 Resolution.

See page 36 of **Resolutions and Proclamations** for full text to “Resolution of Support for the Clean Water Act of 2007.”

Motion was made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner and seconded by Alderman John McDaris to approve the Clean Water Act of 2007 Resolution. The vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Raw Water Pump Station Update

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board of the outcome of the Tuesday, June 5, 2007 Prebid-Conference on the Raw Water Pump Station. Mr. Epley noted that it was explained that the bid must come in under \$500,000 in order for the Town to be able to do the project. No change orders would be approved if it exceeded this amount.

Mr. Epley believed that from the response of those in attendance, he felt favorable that the project should be able to receive bids within the price range asked for.

Sidewalk Project Update

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board of the Addendum to the plans of the 2nd Avenue S.W. Sidewalk Project. The Addendum modified the original plan and the project would be separated in to two divisions which would be bid on separately. Division I would include the installation of sidewalk, curb and gutter, driveway modifications, catch basin upfits, and segmental retaining walls from 27th Street to 23rd Street. Division II would include installation of sidewalk, curb and gutter, Catch basin upfits, driveway modifications, and concrete retaining wall from 23rd Street to 19th Street. The date to receive bids was extended to June 12, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

Tailored Chemical Economic Development Grant Update

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board the project can move forward as far as spending funds for the placement of the sewer line. Currently the Department of Transportation is taking care of the drainage issues as per the agreement with the Town. Once the drainage issues are taken care of, the Town may begin its process to take over the road.

Mr. Epley noted that the time element would not affect the Grant Allocation and the Grant Project.

33rd St Industrial Park Economic Development Grant Update

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that he had spoke with Sherry Long of the Western Piedmont Council of Governments. Sherry Long had been in contact with George Sherrill who would be meeting in the next two weeks with the Town along with the Cooper Kenworth Vice President to finalize the grant application.

Cable Franchise Audit

Finance Director James Cozart informed the Board that in December 2006 the Town of Long View entered into a contract with Telecommunications Consulting Associates to

audit the revenues that the Town had received from Charter Communications over a three year time period. Telecommunication Consulting Associates would be able to request from Charter Communications to examine their financial reports and documents showing their calculations on how it was determined what would go to the Town as far as the Franchise Agreement.

Mr. Cozart informed the Board that Telecommunication Consulting Associates' findings were that the Town has been under paid by \$1,025 over a three year period. The consulting company charges 25% as their fee for performing the audit which would amount to \$256.25. The net due to the Town after the fee was taken out would be \$768.75.

Finance Director James Cozart recommended that the Board accept the Telecommunications Consulting Associates' Audit.

Motion was made by Alderman Jackie Bowman, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to accept the Telecommunication Consulting Associates' Audit. The vote was unanimous.

14th Street S.W.

Town Attorney Redmond Dill informed the Board that the 14th Street situation has been resolved.

OTHER BUSINESS:

No other business was mentioned.

CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Norman Cook called for a closed session to discuss a legal matter. Motion was made by Alderman Jackie Bowman, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to go into closed session at 7:47 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 8:00 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

Alderman Jackie Bowman wished to discuss the possibility of adopting the State and Federal regulations for oil spills. He believed that under this ordinance the concerned party would contact the Fire Department to document the spill and the Fire Department would pass it on to the proper organization as needed.

Alderman Randall Mays said that there used to be someone in Catawba County who would respond to oil spills and document them.

Attorney Redmond Dill said that towns were not required to have an ordinance for oil spills.

It was the consensus of the Board for the Planning and Fire Departments to look to see if it was feasible or needed for the Town to adopt regulations dealing with oil spills in Town.

Alderman Randall Mays wished to commend the Department of Transportation for their early response in reference to the paving of 33rd St SW.

Alderman Vernon Moyer noted that the Railroad Company has improved the railroad crossings through Town. His one concern was, because the recent rain, the railroad crossing at 27th Street looks to be having a problem with drainage.

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

Stephanie C. Watson
Town Clerk

Norman E. Cook
Mayor