

**TOWN OF LONG VIEW
TOWN ALDERMEN MEETING
May 14, 2007**

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met on Monday, May 14, 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, Fire Chief Eric Shepherd, Town Planner Charles Mullis, Police Major Jim Worrell and Police Officer Brian Collins.

OTHERS PRESENT: Chuck Moseley, Centennial Coordinator; Daniel Proctor, professional engineer representing Cooper Kenworth Inc.; Henry Thomas; David Clark; 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 Vernon Moyer, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to approve the regular April 16, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes upon a correction being made in the Debt Setoff Program section. The vote was unanimous.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION UPDATE (CHUCK MOSELEY – CENTENNIAL COORDINATOR)

Centennial Coordinator Chuck Moseley informed the Board that plans for the Centennial were under way. Entertainment, fireworks and concessions were ready for the Saturday, June 30, 2007 – Sunday, July 1, 2007 event, but the Town was still looking for transportation from the alternate parking locations. He said that the Town has begun to run advertisements for the two day event.

Alderman Vernon Moyer asked if it would be possible to add any food vendors and what would be the rules for these vendors. Mr. Moseley responded that it would be possible to add new vendors and the fee the Town plans to charge would be 15% of whatever the vendors make on those two days. He also noted that all vendors would need to make sure that they were up to the inspection code.

Mr. Moseley informed the Board that Ralph Stanley, one of the Town's main performers on June 30 – July 1, performed before the Queen of England in Jamestown the week of May 6 – 12.

CONSIDERATION OF EXIT 121 BUSINESS PARK

Town Planner Charles Mullis informed the Board of a subdivision proposal for a 28 acre piece of property owned by the Bright family. The property (Parcel ID # 2782-20-81-7030) was located adjacent to I-40 and would be accessible by 33rd St. SW. The proposal would be to split the property designated Zoning C-4 into three separate pieces of land. Cooper Kenworth Inc has proposed to put a warehouse/distribution center on Tract 2 of the property.

Mr. Mullis informed the Board that in order to access the property a new road will need to be constructed and on 33rd Street there will need to be two new turning lanes added for north and south moving traffic. Mr. Mullis informed the Board that the plat has been reviewed and approved by both the Planning Board and Town Engineer Rich Anderson.

Alderman Vernon Moyer asked about access to Tract 3. Mr. Mullis said that Tract 3 would probably not be developable and the property owners proposed to give the property to First Church of God to be used possibly as a park.

The Board asked what address was planned for that street. Town Administrator David Epley responded that the street would be addressed with the sequential numbers of the surrounding roads and Town Planner Charles Mullis would be responsible for assigning a number to the building as well as the notification of the county.

Motion made by Alderman Jackie Bowman, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to approve the subdivision proposal for the Bright property (Parcel ID # 2782-20-81-7030).

FINANCE REPORT:

Monthly Financial Report

Finance Director James Cozart informed the Board that in the General Fund with seventy-five percent of the budget year complete, Expenditures were \$2,392,414.63 and Revenues were \$2,478,515.36. Revenues exceeded Expenditures by \$86,100.73.

In the Utility Fund with seventy-five percent of the budget year complete, the total Revenues were \$1,417,312.73 and the total Expenditures were \$1,120,585.38. Revenues exceeded Expenditures by \$296,727.35.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Sidewalk Project Update

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Town plans to open bids for the sidewalk project on May 22, 2007.

Raw Water Pump Station Update

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Town plans to re-advertise for bids for the Raw Water Pump Station by Wednesday, May 16, 2007.

IBT Lobbying Update

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that from what he understood from the recent conference call notes that he has received; the Lobbyist group feels confident that their efforts are making a difference in the IBT situation.

Budget Work Session Reminder

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Budget Work Session would be on May 21, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

Cooper Kenworth

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that Town Planner Charles Mullis and he met on May 14, 2007 with Russell Laing, the Vice President of Cooper Kenworth Corporation and Sherry Long of the Western Piedmont Council of Governments. He said that they discussed the possibility of another grant application and the outcome looked favorable. They planned to meet with George Sherrill from Raleigh in the next few weeks.

Tailored Chemical Grant

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that last week he met with the District Engineers of Department of Transportation on site. He said that the Department of Transportation's current concern was the relocation of the sewer line down the middle of the road.

Town Administrator David Epley said that the Department of Transportation preliminarily agreed that they would take care of the drainage issues if the Town would take over the road at the time of completion. He felt that the Town should take over the road after the drainage issues to the road were addressed.

It was the consensus of the Board that once the maintenance dealing with drainage is completed to the Town's satisfaction, the Town would be willing to take over the road.

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 Vernon Moyer to go into closed session at 8:02 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Motion was made by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Vernon Moyer to adjourn closed session and return to regular session at 8:15 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

Alderman Jackie Bowman said that after much thought that he has decided to run for Alderman for Ward 3 in the coming election.

There being no further business, motion was made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman Randall Mays to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Stephanie C. Watson
Town Clerk

Norman E. Cook
Mayor