

**TOWN OF LONG VIEW
TOWN ALDERMEN MEETING
November 12, 2007**

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met on Monday, November 12, 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, Alderman Randall Mays, and 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, Water Plant Superintendent Rani Holland, Fire Chief Eric Shepherd, and Police Major Jim Worrell.

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve White and other town citizens 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 Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to approve the October 8, 2007 minutes. The vote was unanimous.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO CLOSE AN UNDEVELOPED PORTION OF 10TH AVENUE S.W.

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that as of November 12, 2007, the interested party had not made a decision as to whether he wanted to continue with the process to close a portion of 10th Avenue S.W.

The Board decided to table the consideration of the resolution of intent to close an undeveloped portion of 10th Avenue S.W.

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Town Administrator David Epley asked the Board to declare the following items surplus.

2000 Crown Victoria
VIN# 2FAFP71W8YX109696

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1991 F8 Ford Garbage Truck
VIN# 1FDYK84A8MVA03800

Motion by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Vernon Moyer to declare the items surplus. The vote unanimous.

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Report

Finance Director James Cozart informed the Board that in the General Fund with twenty-five percent of the fiscal year complete, Revenues collected total \$847,375.80. The Town has collected nearly 31% of its budgeted revenues. Expenditures year to date as of September 30, 2007 totaled \$685,957.85. Revenues exceeded expenditures by \$161,417.95.

In the Utility Fund with twenty-five percent of the budget year complete, revenues collected total \$514,534.30. The Town has collected over 24% of its budgeted revenues. Expenditures at September 30th totaled \$392,763.07. Revenues exceeded expenditures by \$121,771.25 in the utility fund as of September 30, 2007.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Project's Report

Sidewalk Project Update

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the sidewalk project should reach completion in a couple of weeks.

Communications with United States Postal Service

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that a letter has been sent to the United States Postal Service to request for the Town to have its own zip code. The Town recently received a response letter informing the Town that the request has been forwarded on to the District Office for review.

14th Avenue Dr. S.W. Project

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that plans to fix the flooding area on 14th Avenue Dr. S.W. will tentatively begin on Wednesday, November 14, 2007.

Raw Water Pump Station Update

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Town is approximately four weeks away from the preliminary work that needs to be done on the Raw Water Pump Station.

Smoke House

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that improvements have begun on the smoke house used by the Fire Department for training purposes. Currently windows have been replaced, support for the covered porch has been rebuilt and the deck has been rebuilt.

Water Conservation Status

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Town continues to remain in Stage 3 conditions. The estimated projection for reaching Stage 4, if conditions remain as they are, would be in approximately six weeks.

Mr. Epley informed the Board that if an emergency situation is declared, the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) would provide assistance.

Mr. Epley informed the Board that the IBT coalition has used the current drought conditions in their argument against the water transfer.

Water Plant Superintendent Rani Holland informed the Board of some information regarding the meetings she has been attending that discuss the drought conditions.

Status of 37th St. S.W.

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Town is moving forward with the 37th St. S.W. project and advertisements for bids will soon be posted.

The issue of access to the property has been resolved. Mr. Abernathy (the property owner on the end of 37th St. S.W.) has agreed to allow the Town to cut a temporary road for construction purposes that will allow access to Hwy 70.

OTHER BUSINESS

Town of Long View citizen Steve White voiced several concerns pertaining to 14th Ave Dr drainage, junk vehicles in the area, the Billy Huffman/Shirley Goble property, and Long View Police Department's failure to respond.

After some discussion the 14th Ave Dr. concern was addressed. The issue with the junk vehicles in the neighborhood was also addressed and the Town of Long View would look into the allegations.

On the matter of Billy Huffman, Mr. Epley explained that the court order that was presented to the Board was a court order that was issued to Billy Huffman from the court. Mr. Epley explained that the court order that was presented was an order that is over and above anything that is in the Town of Long View's code of ordinances and if the adjacent property owner and tenants felt that this particular court order was being violated, that it is the responsibility of the adjacent property owners and their tenants along with their attorney to pursue enforcement of said order.

Mr. Epley also explained that in staff's opinion that there is no business being run on that property and that the Town of Long View has always enforced and will continue to enforce its ordinances.

In the matter of the police department it was agreed that the Town of Long View would look into the allegations and report its findings at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Stephanie C. Watson
Town Clerk

Norman E. Cook
Mayor