

**TOWN OF LONG VIEW
TOWN ALDERMEN MEETING
September 10, 2007**

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met on Monday, September 10, 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 Vernon Moyer 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, Water Plant Superintendent Rani Holland, Fire Chief Eric Shepherd, and Police Chief Cecil Rogers.

OTHERS PRESENT: Town citizens were present.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Norman Cook called the meeting to order and Alderman Ken Bumgarner 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 August 13, 2007 minutes. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED WATER CONSERVATION ORDINANCE

Mayor Norman Cook declared open the Public Hearing to discuss proposed Water Conservation Ordinance. There being no discussion or public comment, the public hearing was declared closed.

Adoption of Proposed Water Conservation Ordinance

Motion made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to adopt the proposed Water Conservation Ordinance. The vote was unanimous.

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO INVESTIGATE A PETITION RECEIVED UNDER G.S. 160A-31 (VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION)

Mayor Norman Cook introduced a resolution directing the Town Clerk to investigate a petition received under G.S. 160A-31 (Voluntary Annexation). This petition regards a voluntary annexation for Phase III of the Pine Meadows Subdivision.

See page 37 of **Resolutions and Proclamations** for full text to “A Resolution Directing the Town Clerk to Investigate a Petition Received Under G.S. 160A-31.”

Motion made by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to approve the resolution directing the Town Clerk to investigate a petition received under G.S. 160A-31 (Voluntary Annexation). The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mullis requested a public hearing be called by the Board of Alderman at the next regularly scheduled meeting on October 8, 2007, contingent upon the Town Clerk finding the petition to be sufficient, in order to receive public input regarding the proposed annexation.

Motion made by Alderman Vernon Moyer, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to call for a Public Hearing for the October 8, 2007 Board Meeting contingent upon the Town Clerk finding the petition to be sufficient for the voluntary annexation for Phase II of the Pine Meadows Subdivision.

APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING BOARD TO ACT AS THE OFFICIAL REVIEW BOARD FOR MINIMUM HOUSING

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board of Aldermen that the Planning Board had met and agreed to act as the official Review Board for Minimum Housing upon agreement by the Board.

Motion made by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to appoint the Planning Board to act as the official Review Board for Minimum Housing. The vote was unanimous.

FALL LITTER SWEEP ROADSIDE CLEANUP PROCLAMATION

The Fall 2007 “Litter Sweep” Roadside Clean Up Campaign for all local governments in North Carolina has been proclaimed by Governor Mike Easley for September 15, 2007 – September 29, 2007.

See page 38 of **Resolutions and Proclamations** for full text to “Fall 2007 Litter Sweep Road Side Cleanup Proclamation.”

Motion was made by Alderman Vernon Moyer and seconded by Alderman Randall Mays to participate in the Litter Sweep Cleanup Campaign September 15, 2007 – September 29, 2007. The vote was unanimous.

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Report

Finance Director James Cozart informed the Board that in the General Fund with eight percent of the fiscal year complete, Expenditures were \$345,259.33 and Revenues were \$149,515.54. Expenditures exceeded Revenues by \$195,743.79. He explained to the Board that this was due to paying the Town’s liability and worker’s compensation insurance premiums in full at the beginning of the fiscal year.

In the Utility Fund with eight percent of the budget year complete, the total Revenues were \$201,846.32 and the total Expenditures were \$176,172.54. Revenues exceeded

Expenditures by \$25,673.78. The Town received an insurance settlement check from the liability insurance company from the Town's claim regarding the pipe rupture at the Raw Water Pump Station last April.

Budget Amendment

Finance Director James Cozart presented to the Board Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 1 which was a donation received by Mr. Adam Wang. Mr. Wang requested the donation be used for crime prevention. In Ordinance No. 02-08: Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 1, the Crime Prevention Line Item in the Police Department budget was increased by \$500.00.

Motion made by Alderman Vernon Moyer and seconded by Alderman Jackie Bowman to adopt Ordinance No. 02-08: Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 1. The vote was unanimous.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT REPORT

Town Planner Charles Mullis informed the recent updates from the Planning Department.

Mr. Mullis informed the Board of the adoption of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance and Flood Insurance Rate Maps. As the Town was able to adopt these items prior to the September 5th deadline imposed by FEMA, the Long View community is once again eligible for Federal or State disaster assistance.

Mr. Mullis informed the Board of the review and approval of the Exit 121 Business Park.

Mr. Mullis explained the Planning Department's role in the Long View Centennial Celebration. The Planning Department provided maps of the area to be used, made sure that all food vendors had received the proper applications from Burke County's Environmental Health Department, and ensured that an Environmental Health Specialist was present to do inspections on the first day of the event.

Mr. Mullis explained that future plans for the Planning Department include fulfilling the requirements for the voluntary annexation for Phase III of the Pine Meadows Subdivision. The Planning Department will also begin preparing for the 2010 Census under the Local Update of Census Addresses Program (LUCA). Mr. Mullis plans to attend a workshop for regional planners at the High Country Council of Governments in Boone in October.

Alderman Jackie Bowman wished to thank Fire Chief Eric Shepherd and Town Planner Charles Mullis for gathering information on the spill protocol for the Town of Long View.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Eric Shepherd informed the Board of the amount of the activity from the fire department for the last 6 months.

Fire Chief Eric Shepherd reported a total loss value of \$135,650.00. This was due to a windstorm that caused structural damage in May and several vehicle fires and an accident involving a tractor trailer in June.

Chief Shepherd reported that the Fire Department is trying to do their part in water conservation. Water is only being used for general maintenance and the fire department is currently waiting on the water table level to increase before further working with the hydrants.

Chief Shepherd reported that the State Wide Burning Ban was still in effect.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Public Works Director David Draughn asked to postpone his report until the next council meeting and the board agreed.

WATER PLANT REPORT

Water Plant Superintendent Rani Holland informed the Board of the activity dealing with the Water Plant that has occurred in the last few months.

Superintendent Holland informed the Board that on August 23rd and 24th she met with the State to check on the condition of the lake.

Superintendent Rani Holland informed the Board that the 5th Annual Catawba River Festival would be occurring on September 15-16, 2007.

Superintendent Rani Holland informed the Board that Duke Power implemented the Low Flow Protocol and the Town of Long View was currently in Stage Two Water Restrictions. She further stated that in the near future there would be a possibility that the Town could go into Stage Three Restrictions if the drought continued.

Superintendent Holland informed the Board of the updates for the Concord-Kannapolis Interbasin Transfer.

Superintendent Holland informed the Board that the Town should receive the Alum tank at any time. She estimated that the work on the Raw Water Pump Station would begin in six to eight weeks.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Cecil Rogers informed the Board of the monthly activities of the Police Department.

Police Chief Cecil Rogers informed the Board that the Police Department received a letter from a Town citizen giving thanks to the Police Department.

Police Chief Cecil Rogers informed the Board that the Police Department is close to completing its annual in-service training.

Chief Rogers informed the Board that one of the Police Department's officers has left and the position that was empty has been filled within the last couple of weeks.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Project's Update

Sidewalk Project – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the sidewalk project was underway. Hydrants have been moved and the construction of the sidewalk has begun.

Raw Water Pump Station – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board the estimated start time for the Raw Water Pump Station project was six weeks away.

37th Street – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Town was still waiting on the check list of items to be completed by Burke County before Long View would agree to take over the road.

Discussion of Potential Animal Control Ordinance – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board of Long View's current Animal Control Ordinance in comparison to other towns' ordinances. The ordinances were found to be similar.

Police Chief Cecil Rogers informed the Board of Aldermen that the current animal control ordinance will continue to be effective as long as citizens who make a complaint to the Police Department follow the process through to its completion.

Police Chief Cecil Rogers informed the Board that the consideration to proclaim an animal vicious it is based on complaint and determined on a case by case basis.

Fire Department – House

Fire Chief Eric Shepherd requested permission from the Board to be able to burn down a house at the old Seagle Junkyard Property once the burn ban and water restrictions have been lifted.

Motion by Alderman Vernon Moyer and seconded by Alderman Jackie Bowman to give permission to burn down the house at the old Seagle Junkyard Property once the burn ban and water restrictions have been lifted. The Vote was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

CLOSED SESSION (LEGAL MATTER)

Mayor Cook called for a closed session to discuss a legal matter. Motion was made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to go into closed session at 8:15 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Motion was made by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Jackie Bowman to adjourn closed session and return to regular session at 8:37 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Aldermen and Long View staff wished to thank Alderman Ken Bumgarner, his wife, and the Holland's for the Centennial Picnic.

There being no further business, motion was made by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Jackie Bowman to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Stephanie C. Watson
Town Clerk

Norman E. Cook
Mayor