

**TOWN OF LONG VIEW
TOWN ALDERMEN MEETING
December 8, 2008**

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met on Monday, December 8, 2008 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 Randall Mays, and Alderman Vernon Moyer.

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: The following member of the Board was not present: Alderman John McDaris.

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, Public Works Director David Draughn, Fire Chief Eric Shepherd, Police Major Jim Worrell, and Police Officer Justin Roberts.

OTHERS PRESENT: Town resident Kay Clark and other 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 Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman Randall Mays to approve the November 10, 2008 minutes. The vote was unanimous.

APPOINTMENT OF POLICY BOARD DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that it was time to elect a Delegate and Alternate to the Western Piedmont Council of Governments Policy Board.

Motion was made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman Jackie Bowman to appoint Long View Alderman Vernon Moyer as Delegate and Long View Alderman Randall Mays as Alternate for the Western Piedmont Council of Governments. The vote was unanimous.

CONSIDERATION OF PETITION TO CLOSE ROAD BETWEEN 2508 HWY 70 S.W. AND 637 26TH ST. PL. S.W.

Town Planner Charles Mullis informed the Board of the petition to close the road between 2508 Hwy 70 S.W. and 637 26th St. Pl. S.W. The request was made by Long View property owner Jeff Jacomine. The road in question is currently unopened. Mr. Mullis explained that property owners located adjacent to the road will still have access to their properties by access of other roads.

Mr. Mullis requested the Board to call for a public hearing for the January 12, 2008 Board Meeting at which time a resolution of intent will be brought before the Board.

Motion by Alderman Vernon Moyer, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to call for a Public Hearing on January 12, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the closure of the road between 2508 Hwy 70 S.W. and 637 26th St. Pl. S.W. The vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Project's Report

Surplus Property – Public Works Director David Draughn explained that the bicycles declared surplus have met all the unclaimed property laws. Mr. Draughn informed the Board that he had spoken with a cub scouts group who asked for all of the bicycles so that they may refurbish them and then give them to families in need.

Motion made by Alderman Jackie Bowman, seconded by Alderman Vernon Moyer to give the surplus bicycles to the cub scouts group. The vote was unanimous.

Letter Commending Police Department – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board of a letter given to Police Chief Cecil Rogers commending the Long View Police Department for the good work.

Paving Bids – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Town has received two bids for street paving:

Precision Paving	\$258,547.00
Carolina Paving	\$210,241.00

After looking over the bids, Mr. Epley suggested to the Board that it may be best to wait until spring and advertise for bids again. The Board was in agreement.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion made by Alderman Jackie Bowman, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to go into closed session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter.

Motion made by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Vernon Moyer to adjourn the closed session at 9:14 p.m. and return to the regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board wished to congratulate Finance Director James Cozart and the rest of the Town employees who were responsible this year's Long View Christmas Party.

Alderman Vernon Moyer wished to commend Town Clerk Stephanie Watson for her work when the Town hosted the Western Piedmont Policy Board Meeting.

Alderman Vernon Moyer informed the Board of Aldermen that one of the projects that the Policy Board has taken on is to provide counseling program to families in homes that are close to foreclosure. The Policy Board planned to hire an extra person to help with counseling. The Town's expenses for the rest of this fiscal year would be \$441. The money that would need to be budgeted for the Fiscal Year 2009 – 2010 would be \$1,428.00.

Motion made by Alderman Vernon Moyer, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to approve funds for Mortgage Counseling Program. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, motion was made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman Vernon Moyer to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Stephanie C. Watson
Town Clerk

Norman E. Cook
Mayor