

**TOWN OF LONG VIEW
TOWN ALDERMEN MEETING
April 14, 2008**

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met on Monday, April 14, 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 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, Public Works Director David Draughn, Fire Chief Eric Shepherd, Police Major Jim Worrell and Police Officer Justin Roberts.

OTHERS PRESENT: Members of the community were present.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Norman Cook called the meeting to order and Mayor Norman Cook 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 March 10, 2008 and March 19, 2008 minutes. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE ADOPTING A SEPARATE DEFINITION OF A DOG KENNEL

Mayor Norman Cook declared open the Public Hearing on the proposed ordinance adopting a separate definition of a dog kennel.

Town Planner Charles Mullis informed the Board on the proposed ordinance that would adopt a separate definition of a dog kennel. He explained that under this ordinance a residential lot would be allowed to have up to five animals total but would be limited to just three dogs.

Mr. Mullis informed the Board that if the new ordinance was adopted, the Town would give residents a minimum of 180 days from the adoption of said ordinance to come into compliance. If a resident does not comply after the allotted time, a \$50.00 fine would be given each day after until such time as compliance is reached.

After a brief discussion, the public hearing was declared closed.

Motion was made by Alderman Vernon Moyer and seconded by Alderman Randall Mays to adopt a separate definition of a dog kennel. The vote was unanimous.

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION (MICHAEL CONGRO
– PRESIDENT OF THE CHILDREN’S PROTECTION COUNCIL)**

As Michael Congro was not present, Town Administrator David Epley asked the Board if they would consider issuing the proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the Town of Long View.

Reference: Resolutions and Proclamations Pg. 42

Motion made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner and seconded by Alderman John McDaris to adopt the proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the Town of Long View. The vote was unanimous.

**CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED OUTDOOR STORAGE
ORDINANCE**

Town Administrator David Epley asked the Board to call for a public hearing on May 12, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Long View Council Chambers to discuss the proposed Outdoor Storage Ordinance.

Motion made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to call for a public hearing to discuss the proposed Outdoor Storage Ordinance at the May 12, 2008 Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE TOWN PARK

Town Administrator David Epley asked the Board to consider the possible purchasing of the 40+ acre piece of land off of 23rd St Street. He turned the discussion over to Alderman Randall Mays.

Alderman Randall Mays informed the Board of the possible uses for this property. He explained that it could be used as a park that would allow for hiking and other recreational activities. He said other possible uses could include a rental site for a cell tower as well as possible usage for a future satellite area for the Police and Fire Departments.

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that he had been in contact with the property owner and the current cost per acre was \$7,500. The Board agreed that at that price, purchasing the property would not be feasible. They asked Mr. Epley to continue his discussions with the owner.

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Director James Cozart informed the Board that in the General Fund, Revenues collected totaled \$2,307,942.57, which was 78.3% of the Town’s budgeted revenues for the fiscal year. Expenditures totaled \$2,044,321.89, which was 69.36% of the Town’s budgeted expenses for the fiscal year. Revenues exceeded expenditures in the General Fund by \$263,620.68.

In the Utility Fund, Revenues collected totaled \$1,293,560.64, which was 61.1% of our budgeted revenues for the fiscal year. Expenditures totaled \$938,074.55, which was

44.31% of the Town's budgeted expenses for the fiscal year. Revenues exceeded expenditures in the Utility Fund by \$355,486.09.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Project's Report

37th St SW Project (Tailored Chemical)

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the water line portion of the 37th St. S.W. project was almost complete and work on the sewer line portion would begin soon. Work on the temporary road would begin on April 15, 2008.

Raw Water Pump Station

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that work was progressing on the Raw Water Pump Station project and the estimated time of completion would be about mid May.

Raw Water Lines

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Town has been able to locate and map the Raw Water Lines.

Mr. Epley also informed the Board that a road is in the process of being cut through the woods from the area behind the Hickory Crawdads Stadium to the Raw Water Pump Station.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 2008 AS SEAT BELT AWARENESS MONTH

Town Administrator David Epley asked the Board if they would consider issuing the proclamation declaring May as Seat Belt Awareness Month in the Town of Long View.

Reference: Resolutions and Proclamations Pg. 43

Motion made by Alderman Randall Mays and seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to adopt the proclamation declaring May as Seat Belt Awareness Month in the Town of Long View. The vote was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Jackie Bowman wished Mayor Norman Cook good health in the near future.

Alderman Ken Bumgarner wished to thank the Town of Long View employees for their time and effort when putting together and running the Mayor Norman Cook's BBQ Benefit. The rest of the Board was in agreement.

Mayor Norman Cook wished to thank the Town of Long View Board and employees for their contributions and help in raising money for his fight against cancer.

There being no further business, motion was made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman Randall Mays to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Stephanie C. Watson
Town Clerk

Norman E. Cook
Mayor