

**TOWN OF LONG VIEW
TOWN ALDERMEN MEETING
August 11, 2008**

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met on Monday, August 11, 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. Benchmark Inc. Code Enforcement Officer Tony Cline was present.

OTHERS PRESENT: Town resident Henry Thomas and others were present.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Norman Cook called the meeting to order and Alderman Jackie Bowman 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 June 23, 2008 minutes. The vote was unanimous.

TONY CLINE WITH BENCHMARK INC TO PRESENT PROPOSED ORDINANCE CHANGES

Tony Cline with Benchmark Inc. presented to the Board the proposed changes to three Long View ordinances.

Amending Chapter 50: An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Long View With Respect to Nuisances and Weeds Provisions

Tony Cline with Benchmark Inc. explained to the Board the proposed ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Long View with respect to Chapter 50: Nuisances and Weeds Provisions.

Amending Chapter 90: Abandoned, Nuisance, and Junked Motor Vehicles

Tony Cline with Benchmark Inc. explained to the Board the proposed ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Long View with respect to Chapter 90: Abandoned, Nuisance, and Junk Motor Vehicles.

Amending Chapter 152: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 152, Housing Standards of the Town of Long View Code of Ordinances

Tony Cline with Benchmark Inc. explained to the Board the proposed ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Long View with respect to Chapter 152: Housing Standards of the Town of Long View.

CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE CHANGES

Motion by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman Vernon Moyer to call for a public hearing on September 8, 2008 to discuss an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Long View with respect to Chapter 50: Nuisances and Weeds Provisions. The vote was unanimous.

Motion by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman Vernon Moyer to call for a public hearing on September 8, 2008 to discuss an amendment to Chapter 90: the Ordinance for Abandoned, Nuisance, and Junked Motor Vehicles. The vote was unanimous.

Motion by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman Vernon Moyer to call for a public hearing on September 8, 2008 to discuss an ordinance amending Chapter 152: Housing Standards of the Town of Long View Code of Ordinances. The vote was unanimous.

DISCUSSION OF TWO YEAR EXTENSION TO FUND THE EFFORTS OF THE “PROTECT THE CATAWBA COALITION”

Town Administrator David Epley explained to the board the request of a two year extension to the Town of Long View’s existing five-year financial commitment to fund the efforts of the Protect the Catawba Coalition.

The Board expressed concern with committing money for the two year extension this far in advance.

After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to wait to give money for the two year extension to the existing five-year financial commitment.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Project’s Report

37th St. S.W.

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the project was close to 100% completion.

Tailored Chemical Project

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Town of Long View had blocked any discharge from Tailored Chemical until the time that a filter press is installed and the Town’s Engineer inspects it. He further explained that Tailored Chemical was currently containing and transporting any waste discharged.

Raw Water Pump Station

Town Administrator David Epley wished to offer his apologies to the Board for the inaccurate information given at the June 9, 2008 meeting. At the June 9, 2008 meeting, Mr. Epley reported that the Raw Water Pump Station Project was on schedule, when the notice to proceed gave the contracted builders until June 1, 2008 to complete the project, making the project completion 9 days overdue. He explained to the Board that while the incorrect information was passed on to him about the Raw Water Pump Station's progress, he still felt responsible for the misquoted information and wished to apologize.

Mr. Epley informed the Board that as of August 11, 2008, the construction on the new Raw Water Pump Station had not been completed. He explained that while the Town of Long View had continued to make a profit even when buying water from the City of Hickory, it was making approximately \$15,669.53 less per month than if the Town was making its own water. As per the contracted agreement the Town would be charging liquidated damages against the construction company for the time that was past the contracted start date.

Mr. Epley informed the Board that the current estimated start date for the new Raw Water Pump Station would be Thursday, August 14, 2008.

Dog Ordinance

After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to send out a notice to town residents notifying them of the amendment to the dog ordinance in reference to how many dogs are allowed on a piece of property.

OTHER BUSINESS

Alderman Jackie Bowman wished Mayor Norman Cook continual improvement with his cancer treatments. The rest of the Board was in agreement.

Alderman Vernon Moyer complemented the Town of Long View on the newly constructed access road to the Raw Water Pump Station.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion was made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman Jackie Bowman to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Stephanie C. Watson
Town Clerk

Norman E. Cook
Mayor