

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

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met on Monday, February 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 Chief Cecil Rogers and Officer Justin Roberts.

OTHERS PRESENT: Joe White from Image Printing and Town citizen Edwin Lundquist 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 January 14, 2008 minutes. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO OUTSIDE STORAGE
Mayor Norman Cook declared open the Public Hearing to discuss Ordinance pertaining to Outside Storage.

After a brief discussion by the Board, motion made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman Randall Mays to table the Ordinance pertaining to Outside Storage.

There being no further discussion or public comment, the public hearing was declared closed.

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

Motion made by Alderman Vernon Moyer, seconded by Alderman Randall Mays to call for a public hearing to discuss the ordinance pertaining to adopting a separate definition of a dog kennel at the March 10, 2008 Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Report

Finance Director James Cozart informed the Board that in the General Fund with fifty percent of the fiscal year complete, Revenues collected total \$1,787,138.13 which is 65% of the Town's total budgeted revenues. Strong Ad Valorem tax payments in November and December have helped boost general fund revenues. Expenditures totaled \$1,519,342.71. Revenues exceeded expenditures by \$267,795.42.

Revenues collected in the Utility Fund were \$984,669.50, which was 47% of the Town's budgeted revenues. Expenditures totaled \$729,604.27. Revenues exceeded expenditures by \$255,065.27 at Dec 31st.

Debt Setoff Update

Finance Director James Cozart informed the Board that the Town of Long View currently has \$55,604.00 of bad utility debts on file with the Department of Revenue. To date the Town of Long View has collected \$19,600.00 worth of revenue that would not have been collected without this program.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT REPORT

Local Update of Census Addresses (L.U.C. A. Program)

Town Planner Charles Mullis informed the Board that the Planning Department has received all the needed materials from the Census Bureau and has begun the process of reviewing and updating the full address list for the Town. This will be an ongoing process that the Planning Department anticipates the work being completed and returned by the April 4, 2008 due date.

Regional Transportation Planning Survey

Town Planner Charles Mullis informed the Board of the update as to the Regional Transportation Survey. The due date to fill out the survey is March 26, 2008.

Amendment to Zoning Ordinance – Definition of a Dog Kennel

Town Planner Charles Mullis informed the Board that the Planning Board has been in discussions regarding the definition of a dog kennel. A public hearing has been called for March 10, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

Town Planner Certification

Town Planner Charles Mullis informed the Board that he will be taking the test to become a certified planner this summer.

Kenworth

Town Planner Charles Mullis informed the Board that the Planning Board has assigned an address to the Kenworth property. The new address is 3500 17th Ave Cir S.W.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Public Work Director David Draughn informed the Board the activities of the Public Works Department for the last five months.

Mr. Draughn stated that in the last five months his department has installed the new picnic tables and grills for the centennial shelter, helped with sidewalk project, performed maintenance on Public Works equipment and performed regularly scheduled tasks.

Mr. Draughn informed the Board that in the future Public Works is preparing to install 200 feet of new sewer line for a small subdivision, install 100 feet of drainage pipe for a resident and begin work on the Public Works storage yard.

WATER PLANT REPORT

Water Plant Supervisor Rani Holland informed the Board that last month the Water Plant had its yearly inspection in which it passed. She also informed the Board that the Raw Water Pump Station Project began today.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Eric Shepherd informed the Board of the amount of the activity from the Fire Department for the last five months.

Mr. Shepherd said that last quarter the fire department responded to 68 calls, and had 1055 training hours.

Town Administrator David Epley wished to recognize that the reconstruction of the Fire House by the Airport was completed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Cecil Rogers informed the Board of the monthly activities of the Police Department for the last five months.

Mr. Rogers said that the food boxes bought from the chili cook-off were successfully delivered to Long View families in need.

Police Chief Cecil Rogers informed the Board that on January 12th Food Lion held a fund raiser for an injured police officer. The Long View Police Department worked at this fund raiser and earned \$2,555.00.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Project's Report

2nd Ave N.W. Sidewalk Project

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the 2nd Ave NW Sidewalk Project is almost complete.

Raw Water Pump Station Update

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that construction on the Raw Water Pump Station began today. The delivery date of the pumps is April 14, 2008.

37th St SW

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Tailored Chemical Preconstruction Conference will be held on February 26, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. and an Open Bids Conference will be held on March 6, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. Both will be held in the Council Chambers of Long View Town Hall.

Budget Retreat Date – March 19, 2008

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Budget Retreat Date for the Town of Long View will be on March 19, 2008 at the Morganton Community House from 9:00 am to 4:00 p.m.

Benefit for Long View Mayor Norman Cook

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that on Saturday, March 29, 2008 from 11:00 – 3:00 p.m., the Town of Long View will hold a Barbeque Benefit Dinner in an effort to raise money for Long View Mayor Norman Cook in his fight against cancer.

OTHER BUSINESS

Town citizen Mr. Edwin Lundquist informed the Board of his concern about the Town Newsletter being printed in Spanish.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Randall Mays wished to congratulate Town Planner Charles Mullis in his effort to become a Certified Planner. The rest of the Board congratulated Mr. Mullis.

Mayor Norman Cook wished to thank the Board and staff for putting together the benefit to raise money for his fight against cancer.

There being no further business, motion was made by Alderman Vernon Moyer, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Stephanie C. Watson
Town Clerk

Norman E. Cook
Mayor