

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

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met on Monday, January 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, Code Enforcement/Minimum Housing Officer Dan Weeks, Water Plant Superintendent Rani Holland, Public Works Director David Draughn, Fire Chief Eric Shepherd, Police Major Jim Worrell and Officer Justin Roberts.

OTHERS PRESENT: No others were present.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Norman Cook called the meeting to order and Alderman Vernon Moyer gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Norman Cook asked for approval of the minutes. Motion was made by Alderman John McDaris, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to approve the December 10, 2007 and December 18, 2007 minutes. The vote was unanimous.

CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO OUTSIDE STORAGE

Motion made by Alderman Jackie Bowman, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to have call for a public hearing to discuss the ordinance pertaining to outside storage at the February 11, 2008 Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

CATAWBA WATEREE WATER GROUP RESOLUTION

Town Administrator David Epley gave the Board an update on the Catawba Wateree Water Group. Mr. Epley was named the authorized official.

Motion made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to approve the Catawba Wateree Water Group Resolution. The vote was unanimous.

BUDGET RETREAT DATE

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that staff had been working on the budget schedule for the 2008 – 2009 Budget. The suggested dates were March 12th or

March 19th for the Budget Retreat. Mr. Epley said that he would check these dates to see if they were available and then inform the Board of which date would be possible.

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Report

Finance Director James Cozart informed the Board that in the General Fund with forty-two percent of the fiscal year complete, Revenues collected total \$1,371,848.48. Expenditures totaled \$1,369,222.24. Revenues exceeded expenditures by \$2,626.24.

Revenues collected in the Utility Fund were \$831,784.91, which was 39.36% of the Town's budgeted revenues. Expenditures totaled \$637,693.51. Revenues exceeded expenditures by \$194,091.40.

Mr. Cozart informed the Board that he had been contacted by the Town of Long View's Audit Firm regarding the question asked by Administrator Epley at the last Board Meeting concerning the property valuation total in the Town's audit. The Audit Firm informed Mr. Cozart that there was an error in the formulas in their work papers. The Town actually had a 2% increase in property valuation over the last year. The Audit Firm will correct this in the 2008 Audit.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Project's Report

Raw Water Pump Station Update – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board of the update for the Raw Water Pump Station. The Town is currently waiting for a delivery date for the pumps.

Town Administrator David Epley requested that the Board approve colors for the Raw Water Pump Station. The colors approved were Brownstone for the building and Medium Bronze for the Trim.

37th Street S.W. Project Update - Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that Town Engineer Rich Anderson has designed the access road for the end of 37th Street for through traffic during sewer line replacement project. Mr. Epley also stated that the Town has attained all temporary easements that will be needed during the project. HSMM will advertise the project sometime in January.

Sidewalk Project – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that there had been concerns voiced by citizens of lack of visibility at the corner of 23rd St. N.W. and 2nd Ave N.W due to the fenced area of the Sidewalk Project. Mr. Epley informed the Board that this issue would be resolved on January 15, 2008.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Randall Mays informed the Board and community members of the Regional Transportation Survey that is now posted on the Long View Web site. The survey would set the standard for planning of transportation in the uniform area for the next 25 years.

Alderman Ken Bumgarner wished to thank the Long View Police Department for their efforts for the wounded police officer in Burke County Sheriff's Department. The Long View Police Department earned a little over \$2500.

There being no further business, motion was made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Stephanie C. Watson
Town Clerk

Norman E. Cook
Mayor