

**TOWN OF LONG VIEW
TOWN ALDERMEN MEETING
June 23, 2008**

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 23, 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 Randall Mays, and Alderman Vernon Moyer.

BOARD NOT PRESENT: Alderman Jackie Bowman and Alderman John McDaris.

STAFF PRESENT: The following members of staff were present: Town Administrator David Epley, Town Clerk Stephanie Watson, Town Attorney Redmond Dill, Town Planner Charles Mullis, Water Plant Superintendent Rani Holland, Public Works Director David Draughn, Fire Chief Eric Shepherd, Police Major Jim Worrell, and Police Sergeant Michael Ford.

OTHERS PRESENT: Town resident Phyllis Pennington was 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 Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to approve the June 9, 2008 minutes. The vote was unanimous.

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED 2008-2009 BUDGET

Mayor Norman Cook declared the second 2008 – 2009 Budget Public Hearing open. The Budget was presented for second reading and final adoption.

Alderman Randall Mays wished to recognize the Town of Long View for not having to raise the tax rates or service costs for the upcoming fiscal year. The rest of the Board was in agreement.

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

Motion was made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman Vernon Moyer to approve the 2008 – 2009 Budget for final adoption. The vote was unanimous with 3 Ayes and 0 Noes.

MEET WITH BENCHMARK CMR, INC. REPRESENTATIVE

Town Administrator David Epley explained to the Board the services Benchmark CMR, Inc. would take care of in regards to Code Enforcement/Minimum Housing for the Town of Long View. He noted that the one year contract was still in negotiations but the not to exceed rate

of \$37,500 had been agreed on. He informed the Board that plans were to have Benchmark begin working for the Town on July 1, 2008.

Motion made by Alderman Vernon Moyer, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to give conditional approval to the Code Enforcement/Minimum Housing contract with Benchmark CMR, Inc. The vote was unanimous.

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

It was the consensus of the Board to hold the discussion of the two year extension to fund the efforts of the “Protect the Catawba Coalition” until the August 11, 2008 meeting.

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Report

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that in the General Fund, Revenues collected totaled \$2,989,619.21, which was 101.43% of the Town’s budgeted revenues for the fiscal year. Ad Valorem Taxes show a collection rate of 98.83%, not including June receipts. Expenditures totaled \$2,703,652.44, which was almost 92% of the Town’s budgeted expenses for the fiscal year. Revenues exceeded expenditures in the General Fund by \$285,966.77. The Town of Long View’s projected General Fund balance at June 18th was \$2,974,789.77.

In the Utility Fund, Revenues collected totaled \$1,978,312.41, which was 89.23% of our budgeted revenues for the fiscal year. Expenditures totaled \$1,860,289.77, which was 83.91% of the Town’s budgeted expenses for the fiscal year. Revenues exceeded expenditures in the Utility Fund by \$118,022.64.

Budget Amendment

Town Administrator David Epley presented to the Board Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 5 which was to amend the General and Utility Fund Budgeted amounts. In Ordinance No. 02-08: Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 5, in Revenues the Fund Balance Appropriated Line Item (10-399-0000) was increased by \$6,410.00 and Fund Balance Appropriated Line Item (31-399-0000) was increased by \$61,300.00. In Expenditures, the Town Complex Line Item (10-47-4500) was increased by \$6,410.00 and the Water Plant Line Item (30-811-8500) was increased by \$61,300.00.

Motion made by Alderman Vernon Moyer and seconded by Alderman Randall Mays to adopt Ordinance No. 02-08: Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 5. The vote was unanimous.

HICKORY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

The Hickory City Council requested a recommendation from the Town of Long View to appoint a representative for the Hickory Regional Planning Commission to serve a three-year term beginning July 1, 2008. It was noted that Alderman Randall Mays, who currently serves in that position was eligible for reappointment.

Motion made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman Vernon Moyer to reappoint Alderman Randall Mays for another three year term to the Hickory Regional Planning Commission. The vote was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS

Alderman Vernon Moyer informed the Board that Doug Taylor, the Director of the Western Piedmont Council of Governments was retiring. Mr. Taylor was the first and only director since the Western Piedmont Council of Governments' beginning. He served for 37 years.

DeWitt "Dee" Blackwell Jr. will replace Mr. Taylor as the new Director of the Western Piedmont Council of Governments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion was made by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Vernon Moyer to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Stephanie C. Watson
Town Clerk

Norman E. Cook
Mayor