

**TOWN OF LONG VIEW
TOWN ALDERMEN MEETING
March 10, 2008**

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met on Monday, March 10, 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, and Police Major Jim Worrell.

OTHERS PRESENT: No community members were present.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Norman Cook asked for approval of the minutes. Motion was made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to approve the February 11, 2008 minutes. The vote was unanimous.

RESCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONING ORDINANCE TO APRIL 14, 2008

Town Planner Charles Mullis informed the Board that the public hearing for the dog kennel ordinance scheduled for the March 10, 2008 Board Meeting would need to be rescheduled to April 14, 2008.

Motion made by Alderman Vernon Moyer, seconded by Alderman Randall Mays to reschedule the public hearing for the dog kennel ordinance to April 14, 2008 Board Meeting. The vote was unanimous.

SPRING 2008 LITTER SWEEP PROCLAMATION

To emphasize the importance of clean roads and a clean environment, Governor Easley issued a proclamation naming April 19 – May 3, 2008 as Spring Litter Sweep in North Carolina.

Reference: Resolutions and Proclamations, Pg.41

Motion made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner and seconded by Alderman John McDaris to support the Governor's Spring Litter Sweep proclamation and promote clean up in the Town of Long View April 19 – May 3, 2008. The vote was unanimous.

AWARD CONTRACT FOR 37TH ST SEWER PROJECT (TAILORED CHEMICAL)

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board of the bids received for the 37th St Sewer Project (Tailored Chemical). The bid opening was held at Town Hall on March 6, 2008.

The bids were as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid</u>
Ronny Turner Construction Company	\$713,206.50
Hickory Sand Company	\$641,851.90
Bryant's Land and Development Industries	\$670,683.62
Neill Grading Construction Company	\$686,783.00

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that upon his review of the bid opening results, it was his recommendation that the Town of Long View award the contract to Hickory Sand Company.

Motion made by Alderman Randall Mays and seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to award the contract to Hickory Sand Company for the 37th St Sewer Project (Tailored Chemical). The vote was unanimous.

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Report

Finance Director James Cozart informed the Board that in the General Fund, Expenditures were \$1,762,831.79 and Revenues were \$2,174,639.58. Revenues exceeded Expenditures by \$411,807.79. He explained to the Board that this was due to very strong ad valorem tax revenues from December and January. The Town had collected 79.10% of its budgeted revenues at the end of January. Town Expenditures were at 64.12% this year versus 64.13% last year.

In the Utility Fund, the total Revenues were \$1,144,326.12 and the total Expenditures were \$836,241.76. Revenues exceeded Expenditures by \$308,084.36. The Town's revenue collections at January 31st were at 54.15% of the Town's budgeted revenues. The Town's expenditures were at 39.57% this year, down over 5% from the same time period last year.

Budget Amendment

Finance Director James Cozart presented to the Board Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 3 which was to amend the Powell Bill budget for construction of sidewalk on 2nd Ave NW. In Ordinance No. 02-08: Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 3, the Fund Balance Appropriated Line Item was increased by \$198,153.00 and the Powell Bill Line Item was increased by \$198,153.00.

Motion made by Alderman Vernon Moyer and seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to adopt Ordinance No. 02-08: Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 3. The vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Project's Report

Presentation of 2008-2009 Budget Preparation Schedule

Town Administrator David Epley presented to the Board of Aldermen the 2008-2009 Budget Preparation Schedule.

Presentation of Budget Retreat Agenda

Town Administrator David Epley presented to the Board of Aldermen the Budget Retreat Agenda. The Budget Retreat will begin at 9:00pm on Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at the Morganton Community House.

Mayor BBQ Benefit Reminder

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Mayor's BBQ Benefit Dinner will be from 11:00 – 3:00pm on March 29, 2008 at the Long View Recreation Center.

Raw Water Pump Station Project Update

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that work on Long View's Raw Water Pump Station Project is has begun.

37th St S.W. (Tailored Chemical)

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the contract for 37th St. S.W. project has been awarded to Hickory Sand Company.

Loss of Firefighters in Salisbury

Town Administrator David Epley asked everyone to keep in their thoughts the two firefighters in Salisbury who lost their lives during a fire call.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion was made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Stephanie C. Watson
Town Clerk

Norman E. Cook
Mayor