

**TOWN OF LONG VIEW
TOWN ALDERMEN MEETING
April 13, 2009**

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met on Monday, April 13, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers of the Government Center in Long View, North Carolina.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: The following members of the Board were present: Mayor Norman Cook, Alderman Ken Bumgarner, Alderman John McDaris, Alderman Randall Mays, Alderman Vernon Moyer, and Alderman Jackie Bowman.

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, Fire Chief Eric Shepherd, Police Chief Cecil Rogers, Police Officer Justin Roberts, and Code Administrator Tony Cline.

OTHERS PRESENT: Doug Chapman, a representative from McGill and Associates was present. Town resident Henry Thomas and other residents were present.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Norman Cook called the meeting to order and Mayor Norman Cook 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 March 9, 2009 minutes. The vote was unanimous by all board members eligible to vote.

Motion was made by Alderman Vernon Moyer, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to approve the March 17, 2009 minutes as amended. The vote was unanimous.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION

Town Administrator David Epley asked the Board if they would consider issuing the proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the Town of Long View.

Reference: Resolutions and Proclamations. Book 1

Motion made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner and seconded by Alderman John McDaris to adopt the proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the Town of Long View. The vote was unanimous.

SPRING 2009 LITTER SWEEP ROADSIDE CLEANUP PROCLAMATION

To emphasize the importance of clean roads and a clean environment, Governor Beverly Perdue issued a proclamation naming April 18 – May 2, 2009 as Spring Litter Sweep in North Carolina.

Reference: Resolutions and Proclamations. Book 1

Motion made by Alderman John McDaris and seconded by Alderman Vernon Moyer to adopt the Governor's Spring Litter Sweep proclamation and promote clean up in the Town of Long View April 18 – May 2, 2009. The vote was unanimous.

REPRESENTATIVE FROM MCGILL AND ASSOCIATES – DOUG CHAPMAN

Town Administrator David Epley introduced Doug Chapman of McGill and Associates to the Board.

Doug Chapman spoke briefly about the Sewer Replacement Improvement Project on 3rd Avenue NW where the several of the lines run through the backyards of the properties. Mr. Chapman explained that the current pipes are clay and root growth has been a problem in and around the manholes.

Mr. Chapman explained the options that the Town could choose to remedy the problem. Option 2 would be to place lines inside the existing pipes, to re-cut the taps, and to replace the manholes. The estimated cost of the replacement would be about \$290,000.

The Board was concerned that the replacement of the existing lines under Option 2 would cause problems in the future due to possible problems with the location of the lines and easements. The Board requested to look at Option 1 that would move the lines from the residents' back yards to the streets.

Mr. Chapman explained Option 1 to the Board which involved all of the sewer lines being moved to the street. He explained this option would be more work extensive because construction would require the repair of street damage. It would also include a number of plumbing expenditures. He explained that Option 1 would cost approximately \$364,000.

Board members Alderman Randall Mays and Alderman Ken Bumgarner explained that they would prefer the Board consider Option 1 over Option 2. Their reasoning being that moving the lines now will make them easier to access and maintain in the future.

The rest of the Board was in agreement that Option 1 would be the better choice.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING AT THE MAY 11, 2009 BOARD MEETING TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED ADOPTION OF THE DEFINITION OF A ROADSIDE STAND TO TOWN OF LONG VIEW'S ZONING ORDINANCE

Town Planner Charles Mullis requested that the Board call for a public hearing for the May 11, 2009 Board Meeting to discuss the proposed adoption of the definition of a roadside stand to Town of Long View's Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. Mullis informed the Board that the Planning Board would meet on Thursday, April 16, 2009 to discuss the definition of a roadside stand and would have a recommendation for the May 11, 2009 Board Meeting.

Motion by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to call for a public hearing on May 11, 2009 Board Meeting to discuss the proposed adoption of the definition of a roadside stand to Town of Long View's Zoning Ordinance. The vote was unanimous.

REQUEST FOR ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE TO DEMOLISH THE OCCUPIED AND SEVERELY BURNED STRUCTURE AT 2567 12TH AVENUE SW (2792-1424-6427)

Code Administrator Tony Cline informed the Board of the request for adoption of the ordinance to demolish the occupied and severely burned structure at 2567 12th Avenue SW (2792-1424-6427).

He explained that the house is owned by four individuals and three of those individuals agreed that the house needs to be demolished. However, the fourth individual still lives in the house without utilities and refuses to leave.

Mr. Cline explained that under this ordinance the resident would be required to vacate the property before April 23, 2009.

Attorney Redmond Dill informed the Board that this step is necessary because of the lack of cooperation of the fourth individual who currently resides in the structure.

Mr. Cline informed the Board that the family has agreed to demolish the house once the ordinance has been adopted and the resident has vacated the structure.

Reference: Ordinance Book # 2.

Motion made by Alderman Jackie Bowman, seconded by Alderman Randall Mays to adopt the ordinance to demolish the occupied and severely burned structure at 2567 12th Avenue SW (2792-1424-6427). The vote was unanimous.

The Board wished to commend Tony Cline for his work with this project.

REQUEST FROM BROWNIE TROOP #106 TO USE THE LONG VIEW RECREATION CENTER

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that Brownie Troop #106 requested to use the Recreation Center on Mondays from 6 -7 p.m. for their meetings. He added that the Recreation Center is rarely rented on Mondays.

Alderman Jackie Bowman said that he believed that the Board should allow the use of the recreation center as it will go toward helping an organization that helps kids.

Alderman Randall Mays suggested that Brownie Troop 106# be allowed to use the Recreation Center with one requirement. The requirement being that once each month a representative from the group will request the Mondays needed for that month. Under this guideline, renters will still have an equal opportunity to use the recreation center on Mondays.

The rest of the Board was in agreement with Alderman Mays's suggestion.

Motion by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman Randall Mays to allow Brownie Troop 106# to use the Long View Recreation Center with the requirement that a representative would notify the Town each month to reserve the requested Mondays. The vote was unanimous.

REQUEST TO USE THE LONG VIEW RECREATION CENTER FOR THE FIRST ANNUAL AUTISM WALK

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that Danny Stevens, president of The Parents of Autistic Children of Catawba County, requested the use of the Long View Recreation Center for the First Annual Autism Walk event.

Mr. Epley explained that the original plans were to have the event on Saturday, October 3, 2009 with a rain date on Saturday, October 10, 2009. Mr. Epley noted that since Saturday, October 10, 2009 had already been reserved that Long View would offer Saturday, October 17, 2009 as the alternative day to use for the rain date.

Motion by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to allow the First Annual Autism Walk to be held on Saturday, October 3, 2009 with the rain date on Saturday, October 17, 2009. The vote was unanimous.

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Report

Finance Director James Cozart explained that in the General Fund with 67 % of the budget year complete, revenues totaled \$2,277,367.27. As of February 28, 2009 the Town had collected 80.36% of its budgeted revenues for the year. Expenditures totaled \$1,994,057.70. General Fund revenues exceeded expenditures by \$283,309.57.

Per the request of Alderman Randall Mays, Finance Director James Cozart explained the average collection on Ad Valorem Taxes is about 94.5% for the total year.

In the Utility Fund, revenues totaled \$1,185,025.62. The Town had collected 57.03 % of the budgeted revenues for the year. Expenditures totaled \$1,166,960.53. Revenues exceeded expenditures by \$18,065.09.

Finance Director James Cozart informed the Board that because of the spending freeze implemented for all departments, the Utility Fund has begun to stabilize.

Budget Transfer

Finance Director James Cozart informed the Board about Ordinance No. 02-09: Budget Transfer No. 1. He explained that the purpose of Budget Transfer No. 1 was to close the Raw Water Pump Station Special Project Fund.

Mr. Cozart explained that no further invoices are to be paid from the fund. This entry will close the project and transfer the remaining funds to the Utility Fund which will help offset the expense of purchasing water from the City of Hickory during the additional time the Pump Station was not operational.

Under Ordinance No. 02-09: Budget Transfer No. 1, the Utility Fund will be increased with proceeds from the Raw Water Pump Station Special Project Fund. The Cash Account (30-101-0000) will be debited by \$40,927.75 and the Miscellaneous Revenue Account (30-335-0000) will be credited by \$40, 927.75.

Under Ordinance No. 02-09: Budget Transfer No. 1, the Raw Water Pump Station Special Project Fund will be decreased and closed. The Raw Water Pump Station Revenue Account (31-329-0000) will be debited by \$40,927.75 and the Cash Account (31-101-0000) will be credited by \$40,927.75.

Motion by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to adopt Ordinance No. 02-09: Budget Transfer No. 1. The vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Projects Report

Update to Submittals to the American Recovery and Reinvestment

Act - Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that McGill and Associates had submitted the Town of Long View's application for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The Town has a copy of the submitted information from the Old Shelby Road Water Improvement Project.

Administrator Epley informed the Board of the estimated time table. The Town should obtain funding approval some time this month and plans advertise for bids this month if there is time. Staying with that schedule, the Town should receive bids in May, award the contract in June, begin construction in July and complete construction by December.

3rd Ave Sewer Project - Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Town along with our engineering firm are exploring several funding options for this project.

Budget Preparation Schedule - Town Administrator David Epley reminded the Board that the Budget Work Session will be on May 18, 2009 at 6:00 PM.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Jackie Bowman wished to thank the Town of Long View staff for doing their part in working toward cutting back on their expenses during this time of economic instability.

There being no further business, motion was made by Alderman Vernon Moyer, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Stephanie C. Watson
Town Clerk

Norman E. Cook
Mayor