

**TOWN OF LONG VIEW  
TOWN ALDERMEN MEETING  
August 10, 2009**

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met on Monday, August 10, 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, Public Works Director David Draughn, Water Plant Superintendent Rani Holland, Fire Chief Eric Shepherd, Police Major Jim Worrell, and Police Officer Justin Roberts.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Henry Thomas and other members of the Long View community 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 Vernon Moyer to approve the June 22, 2009 minutes. The vote was unanimous.

**REQUEST FROM LION'S CLUB TO COLLECT MONEY FOR ANNUAL WHITE CANE DRIVE**

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Long View Lion's Club had requested to collect money for their annual White Cane Drive to raise funds to help the blind and handicapped citizens of the community and state.

The time will be from 9:30 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. The locations will be as follows:

- Saturday, September 12, 2009 at the intersection of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave SW & 33<sup>rd</sup> St. SW
- Saturday, October 10, 2009 at the intersection of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW & 33<sup>rd</sup> St NW
- Rain Dates: September 19, 2009 and October 17, 2009 for the above listed dates
  
- Saturday, April 10, 2010 at the intersection of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave SW & 33<sup>rd</sup> St SW
- Saturday, May 8, 2010 at the intersection of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW & 27<sup>th</sup> St NW
- Rain Dates: April 17, 2010 and May 15, 2010 for the above listed dates

Motion made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to approve the request to use the above mentioned locations on the dates mentioned to collect money for the Annual White Cane Drive. The vote was unanimous.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**  
**Project's Report**

**Paving Contract** - Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the paving contract was signed and the project should be underway in the next few weeks.

**Sewer Project Funding** – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Town of Long View was currently applying for and waiting for approval of applications dealing with funding for the sewer project.

**Raw Water Pump Station** – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the potassium permanganate feed had been installed and is operational at the Raw Water Pump station.

**Water Plant** – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that minor improvements have been made to the buildings surrounding Water Plant.

**Nonresidential Building Maintenance Standard** – Town Administrator David Epley requested that the Board review the Nonresidential Building Maintenance Standards that were developed by Code Enforcement Officer Tony Cline so that they may be discussed at the next Board of Alderman Meeting.

Mr. Epley informed the Board that the Nonresidential Building Maintenance Standards would be applicable to businesses in the Town of Long View.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Resolution of Guinea Problem in Long View**

Members of the Long View community expressed their concerns with the handling of the guinea problem in Long View. They felt that more effort should have been put into the capture of the guineas and the guineas should not have been shot.

Town Administrator David Epley proceeded to read the Town Ordinance that explains the Town's rulings on the handling of the guineas.

The Ordinance reads as follows:

**91.01 Bird Sanctuary (B)** It shall be unlawful to trap, hunt, shoot, or attempt to shoot or molest any bird or wild fowl or to rob bird nests or wild fowl nests; provided, if starlings, pigeons, or similar birds are found congregating in a particular area and constitute a nuisance or menace to health or property in the opinion of town authorities, those birds may be destroyed by or under the supervision of the Police Chief.

**91.02 Keeping of Fowl and Livestock Regulated; Dangerous or Offensive Animals (A) Fowl.** No person shall maintain, harbor, or keep within the town limits any fowl, meaning any chicken, game rooster, goose, duck, guinea, or any other fowl. Exceptions may be made at the discretion and with the permission of the Code Enforcement Officer.

Mr. Epley explained that the Town had repeatedly tried to find the owner of the guineas and no one took responsibility for them. He explained that the Town had received many requests from a property owner in Long View to remove the guineas from her property.

Mr. Epley explained that the guineas were considered a nuisance under the Town of Long View ordinance and he felt that the Town took the proper action.

### **Squirrel Problem at Long View Resident's House**

A town resident informed the Board that the squirrels around her yard have become a nuisance. Town Administrator David Epley informed the resident that for any animal that has a season, if they become a nuisance, the resident may contact the Wildlife Office to review the situation.

#### **Rat Problem at Long View Resident's House**

A town resident informed the Board that there was a rat problem behind her house.

Alderman Ken Bumgarner said that Town could not place out any poisonous substance for the rats because of the chance that children or other types of animals may ingest it.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

Motion was made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to go into a closed session at 7:43 p.m. to discuss a possible property acquisition. The vote was unanimous.

Motion was made by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Vernon Moyer to adjourn the closed session at 8:02 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Randall Mays requested if there had been any progress with contacting the Department of Transportation about the drainage on 19<sup>th</sup> St and 13<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that a letter has been sent to the Department of Transportation but the Town has not received a response from Jackie McSwain.

Attorney Redmond Dill informed the Board that the issue with the dilapidated residential property has been resolved.

Alderman Jackie Bowman informed the rest of the Board that Town Administrator David Epley, Alderman John McDaris, Alderman Ken Bumgarner, and himself would be attending the City of Hickory meeting on August 11, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. so that they may try to speak to Congressman Patrick McHenry about getting the Town its own zip code.

Motion was made by Alderman Jackie Bowman, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

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**Stephanie C. Watson**  
Town Clerk

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**Norman E. Cook**  
Mayor