

**TOWN OF LONG VIEW
TOWN ALDERMEN MEETING
January 12, 2009**

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met on Monday, January 12, 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, and Alderman Vernon Moyer.

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: 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 Chief Cecil Rogers, and Police 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 Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman Vernon Moyer to approve the December 8, 2008 and December 12, 2008 minutes. The vote was unanimous.

**MARTIN STARNES AND ASSOCIATES TO PRESENT AUDIT REPORT –
PRESENTED BY J.P. JONES**

J.P. Jones from with Martin Starnes and Associates, CPAs, P.A. presented to the Board the 2007 – 2008 Audit Report.

It was noted that the Town of Long View received an unqualified opinion which means the financial statements were approved by the Local Government Commission.

Mr. Jones explained that at the close of the current fiscal year, the Town of Long View's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$2,873,808, an increase of \$184,985 in comparison with the prior year in which the ending fund balance was \$2,688,823. Approximately 71 percent of this total amount or \$2,059,600 is available for spending at the government's discretion (unreserved fund balance). The Local Government Commission requires 8%.

At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance for the General Fund was \$2,059,600, which was 75 percent of total general fund expenditures for the fiscal year.

In the General Fund Summary, Revenues were \$2,916,253, a decrease of \$24,100 in comparison with the prior year. Expenditures were \$2,731,268, a decrease of \$495,062 in comparison with the prior year.

Mr. Jones explained the top three Revenues for the Town of Long View. Ad Valorem Taxes was \$1,169,721, an increase of \$50,933 in comparison with the prior year. Other Taxes and Licenses was \$1,058,894, an increase of \$48,694 in comparison with the prior year. Unrestricted Intergovernmental was \$249,041, a decrease of \$14,376 in comparison with the prior year.

Mr. Jones explained the top three Expenditures for the Town of Long View. Public Safety was \$987,475, an increase of \$10,685 in comparison with the prior year. Transportation was \$758,115, a decrease of \$12,839 in comparison with the prior year. General Government was \$603,839, a decrease of \$324,461 in comparison with the prior year.

In Debt Services, the amount remained about the same as last year at \$311,704.

In the Water and Sewer Fund, the Operating Revenue for 2008 was \$1,889,109, an increase of \$19,462 from last year. In 2007, the Operating Income was \$28,794. In 2008, the Operating Loss was \$86,190 and that in part was because of the Water Pump Station being shut down and the Town of Long View purchasing water from the City of Hickory. The Cash Flow from Operations in 2008 was \$287,177, a decrease of \$105,253 in comparison with the prior year.

The assets of the Town of Long View exceeded its liabilities at the close of the fiscal year by \$13,710,456 (net assets). The government's total net assets increased by \$532,083.

The Town of Long View's total debt decreased by \$17,107 (1%) during the current fiscal year.

Motion made by Alderman Vernon Moyer, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to approve the 2007 – 2008 Audit Report. The vote was unanimous.

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO CLOSE AN UNOPENED PORTION OF 25TH ST SOUTHWEST (LOCATED BETWEEN 6TH AVENUE SOUTHWEST AND 26TH STREET SOUTHWEST)

Town Planner Charles Mullis asked the Board to adopt the resolution of intent to close an unopened portion of 25th Street Southwest.

After a brief discussion, motion was made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman Randall Mays to adopt the Resolution of Intent to close an unopened portion of 25th Street Southwest (located between 6th Avenue Southwest and 26th Street Southwest).

Town Planner Charles Mullis asked the Board to call for a Public Hearing on February 9, 2009 to discuss the closure of an unopened portion of 25th Street Southwest.

Motion by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to call for a Public Hearing on February 9, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the closure of an unopened portion of 25th Street Southwest (located between 6th Avenue Southwest and 26th Street Southwest). The vote was unanimous.

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 totaled \$1,326,449.15. Expenditures totaled \$1,225,682.51. Revenues exceeded expenditures by \$100,766.64.

In the Utility Fund, Revenues totaled \$755,134.41. Expenditures totaled \$775,816.33. Expenditures exceeded Revenues by \$20,681.92.

Budget Amendments

Ordinance No. 02-09: Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 1

Finance Director James Cozart presented to the Board Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 1 which was to amend the Utility Fund budgeted amounts. In Ordinance No. 02-09: Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 1, in Revenues the Fund Balance Appropriated Line Item (30-399-0000) was increased by \$60,000. In Expenditures, the Sewer Plant Line Item (30-813-4500) was increased by \$60,000. The purpose for the amendment is for work to be done at the sewer plant.

Motion by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to adopt Ordinance No. 02-09: Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 1. The vote was unanimous.

Ordinance No. 02-09: Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 2

Finance Director James Cozart presented to the Board Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 2 which was to amend the Utility Fund budgeted amounts. In Ordinance No. 02-09: Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 2, in Revenues the Fund Balance Appropriated Line Item (10-399-0000) was increased by \$2,895.00. In Expenditures, the Fire Department Line Item (10-530-8700) was increased by \$2,895.00.

Fire Chief Eric Shepherd explained to the Board that the \$2,895.00 amount was the Long View portion of the 95/5 FEMA Grant in which FEMA pays 95% (\$55,005) and Long View pays 5%. He explained that the money would be used

for extrication equipment and for possibly three more Automatic External Defibrillation Devices to be placed on Fire Department trucks.

Motion by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman Randall Mays to adopt Ordinance No. 02-09: Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 2. The vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Project's Report

State Department of Transportation Road (DOT) on 13th Avenue – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the DOT planned to work on the improvements to 13th Avenue in early spring.

Raw Water Pump Station – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Town was waiting on the test results on the failed pump which should be in this week. The original shafts for the Raw Water Pump Station which were the incorrect length will also be replaced this week.

Railroad Crossing on 27th Street – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Town has been in contact with the railroad system and has been informed that there are plans to investigate what is preventing water drain off from the 27th Street railroad crossing.

Water Restrictions – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Town of Long View has now been moved from Stage 3 Water Restrictions to Stage 2.

Auditing Firm – Town Administrator David Epley requested that the Board would allow the Town to possibly employ another auditing firm next year. Finance Director James Cozart informed the Board that the contract with Martin Starnes and Associates was year to year.

The Board agreed that the Town should evaluate other auditing firms as needed.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Randall Mays wished continued health to the Mayor.

Alderman Vernon Moyer informed the Board and Staff of the 40th Anniversary of the Western Piedmont Council of Governments and informed everyone that they are invited to attend.

Alderman John McDaris wished to thank Finance Director James Cozart for his hard work on the Audit.

Mayor Norman Cook wished to thank all the Town of Long View staff for their hard work with the audit and other general activities.

There being no further business, motion was made by Alderman Vernon Moyer, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Stephanie C. Watson
Town Clerk

Norman E. Cook
Mayor