

**TOWN OF LONG VIEW  
TOWN ALDERMEN MEETING  
June 22, 2009**

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 22, 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 Chief Cecil Rogers, and Police Officer Justin Roberts.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Members of the Long View community 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 Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Vernon Moyer to approve the June 8, 2009 minutes. The vote was unanimous.

**SECOND PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED 2009-2010 BUDGET**  
Mayor Norman Cook opened the second public hearing to discuss the Proposed 2009 -2010 Budget.

There being no comments, the public hearing was declared closed.

Motion was made by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Jackie Bowman to adopt the 2009 – 2010 Fiscal Year Budget. The vote was unanimous.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE RECOVERY ACT – JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM**

Mayor Norman Cook opened the public hearing to discuss the Recovery Act – Justice Assistance Grant Program.

Alderman Randall Mays requested the terms of the grant.

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the grant is for \$15,041.00 and will be used to purchase three 800 megahertz radio units for Police Department patrol cars. It will be 100% grant funds.

Police Chief Cecil Rogers informed the Board that Catawba County is currently considering the transfer to the 800 megahertz radio unit system and if that happens, the Town of Long View will be required to convert as well. Chief Rogers estimated that the Town would have to eventually purchase approximately thirty-seven units for the Police Department.

Mr. Rogers added that the Fire Department would also be affected by the change and would also need to purchase new radios.

Police Chief Cecil Rogers informed the Board that if Catawba County decides to not change over to the new radio system, the \$15,041.00 gained from the grant would be used to purchase updated computers for the Police Department. Finance Director James Cozart informed the Board that the secondary option of purchasing computers was part of the grant agreement.

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

Motion was made by Alderman Vernon Moyer, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to approve the Justice Assistance Grant Program. The vote was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PIERCE MANUFACTURING BY TRIAD FIRE, INC.**

Town Administrator David Epley briefly informed the Board about the resolution authorizing the Town Administrator to enter into an agreement with Pierce Manufacturing by Triad Fire, Inc. He explained that the resolution was for the purchase of a new engine pumper fire truck for the Fire Department.

Motion was made by Alderman Vernon Moyer, seconded by Alderman Randall Mays to approve the resolution authorizing the Town Administrator to enter into an agreement with Pierce Manufacturing by Triad Fire, Inc. The vote was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING FINANCING TERMS – FIRE TRUCK**

Finance Director James Cozart informed the Board about the Resolution Approving the Financing Terms for the Fire Truck. He explained that for the fire truck it is \$350,000 for 7 years at a rate of 3.55%. The yearly payment would be \$57,347.43.

Motion was made by Alderman Vernon Moyer, seconded by Alderman Jackie Bowman to approve the resolution approving financing terms for the fire truck. The vote was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING FINANCING TERMS – SEWER VACUUM AND LEAF VACUUM TRUCK**

Finance Director James Cozart informed the Board about the Resolution Approving the Finance Terms for the Sewer Vacuum and Leaf Vacuum Truck. He explained that sewer vacuum and leaf vacuum truck would total \$199,000. It would be spread out over 7 years at a rate of 3.55%. The yearly payment would be \$32,606.11.

Motion was made by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to approve the resolution approving financing terms for the sewer vacuum and leaf vacuum truck. The vote was unanimous.

**PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Town Planner Charles Mullis informed the Board that the terms for Planning Board members Lee Little, Luther Rudisill, Anita Teague, and Henry Thomas expire on July 1, 2009. Each of the members were asked if they would like to continue another term as a Planning Board member. Planning Board members Lee Little, Luther Rudisill, and Anita Teague expressed interest in serving another three year term. Mr. Thomas stated that he would not be interested.

Mr. Mullis informed the Board that the Planning Board would like to request that Phyllis Pennington become an alternate for the Planning Board and move Anita Teague to a full board member status.

Alderman Jackie Bowman stated that he felt Phyllis Pennington would be a good addition to the Planning Board as an alternate.

Motion was made by Alderman Jackie Bowman, seconded by Alderman Vernon Moyer to reappoint Lee Little, Luther Rudisill and Anita Teague to the Planning Board; appoint Anita Teague to a full member status on the Planning Board; and appoint Phyllis Pennington to the alternate position on the Planning Board. The vote was unanimous.

## **FINANCE REPORT**

### **Finance Report**

Finance Director James Cozart explained that in the General Fund at June 19, 2009 with 99% of the budget year complete, revenues totaled \$2,812,549.00. Expenditures totaled \$2,588,924.06. General Fund revenues exceeded expenditures by \$223,624.94.

Mr. Cozart explained to the Board that the Town had a good year with Ad Valorem Tax collections. The Town has already exceeded budget estimates and has not received and recorded June receipts yet.

The Town of Long View struggled with interest earnings this year. After the Town's June interest is booked, the Town will finish the year at about half of its budget estimate.

In the Utility Fund, revenues totaled \$1,905,367.78. Expenditures totaled \$1,893,215.81. Revenues exceeded expenditures by \$12,151.97.

Mr. Cozart wished to thank all Department Heads for helping to control spending.

### **Year End Budget Transfer**

Finance Director James Cozart informed the Board about the Year End Budget Transfer.

The Governing Board Department was increased by \$322.00 and the Administration Department was decreased by \$322.00 to correct under budgeting of Fica Tax Line Item in the Governing Board Department.

The Code Enforcement Department was increased by \$9,000.00 and the Administration Department was decreased by \$9,000.00 to adjust the Contracted Services Line Item and to allow for the payment of the May and June Invoices not yet received.

Motion was made by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Jackie Bowman to approve the Year End Budget Transfer. The vote was unanimous.

### **Ordinance No. 02-09: Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 3**

Finance Director James Cozart presented to the Board Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 3 which was to amend the General Fund budgeted amounts. In Ordinance No. 02-09: Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 3, the Fire Department Line Item (10-530-8700) was increased by \$51,137.00. The purpose for the amendment is to receive FEMA grant funds and to increase the Fire Department budget in order to pay invoices associated with this grant.

Motion by Alderman Jackie Bowman, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to adopt Ordinance No. 02-09: Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 3. The vote was unanimous.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

### **Project's Report**

**Grant Application** - Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Town is currently waiting on a response from McGill and Associates in regards to the Grant Application regarding the Town's 19<sup>th</sup> St. Sewer Project. The Town should get a response hopefully within the next three weeks.

**Raw Water Pump Station** – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Blow-off at the Raw Water Pump Station was fixed and the Town is under contract with the potassium feed.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business discussed.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Motion was made by Alderman Vernon Moyer, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to go into a closed session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue. The vote was unanimous.

Motion was made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to adjourn the closed session at 8:00 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Randall Mays wished to thank the Long View Staff for the work done with the budget this year. The rest of the Board agreed.

Motion was made by Alderman John McDaris, seconded by Alderman Randall Mays to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

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**Stephanie C. Watson**  
**Town Clerk**

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**Norman E. Cook**  
**Mayor**