

**TOWN OF LONG VIEW  
TOWN ALDERMEN MEETING  
March 8, 2010**

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met on Monday, March 8, 2010 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 Pro Tem Vernon Moyer, Alderman Ken Bumgarner, Alderman John McDaris, Alderman Randall Mays, 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, Town Planner Charles Mullis, Public Works Director David Draughn, Water Plant Superintendent Rani Holland, Fire Chief Eric Shepherd, Police Chief Cecil Rogers, and Code Enforcement Officer Tony Cline.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Town residents Norma Trump, Shirley Lowman, Mr. Huffman, and other were present.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Mayor Pro Tem Vernon Moyer called the meeting to order and Alderman Ken Bumgarner gave the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mayor Pro Tem Vernon Moyer asked for approval of the minutes. Motion was made by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Jackie Bowman to approve the February 8, 2010 minutes. The vote was unanimous.

**ORDINANCE TO DEMOLISH THE VACANT DILAPIDATED STRUCTURE AT 1563 33<sup>RD</sup> ST SW – TONY CLINE**

Code Enforcement Officer Tony Cline came before the Board and requested direction on the structure at 1563 33<sup>rd</sup> Street S.W. (also known as the Baxter building). Mr. Cline explained that the owner had recently demolished a house on the property and time allowances have been afforded to allow him time to concentrate on the Baxter Building. The deadline to repair or demolish the structure was February 5, 2010 and to date no progress has been observed although a demolition permit has been obtained.

Mr. Cline informed the Board the options for this situation were adoption of an ordinance to demolish the substandard structure, delay action and address again at a future meeting, or do not adopt the ordinance.

Mr. Huffman explained the circumstances of why the work on the building has not been complete. He explained that he has been working to get it finished.

Mr. Cline explained to the Board that if Mr. Huffman is allowed to continue working on the building, his goal is to only remove the front portion. If the Town of Long View takes over the project, as per the ordinance, the whole building will need to be demolished.

Mr. Cline informed the Board that the back portion of the building appears to be structurally sound.

After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to give Mr. Huffman time to get the property in compliance.

Attorney Redmond Dill suggested the council pass the ordinance at this meeting with the amendment to section one stating that the property has to be in compliance by May 15, 2010. If the property is not properly up to code by then, the Town will take over the project and demolish the building on the property.

Motion made by Alderman Jackie Bowman, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to adopt the ordinance with the amendment to Section 1 stating May 15, 2010 as the date to vacate the premises instead of April 1, 2010. The vote was unanimous.

**CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED RE-ZONING OF PROPERTY AT 800 28<sup>TH</sup> ST S.W. – TOWN PLANNER CHARLES MULLIS**

Town Planner Charles Mullis informed the Board that the Planning Board had received an application to rezone the property located at 800 28<sup>th</sup> St S.W.

Mr. Mullis explained that the Planning Board will meet on Thursday, March 18, 2010 to discuss the potential re-zoning. The Planning Board will have a recommendation to the Aldermen by the April 12, 2010 Board Meeting.

Mr. Mullis explained to the Board that the owner wishes to rezone the property to economic development and plans to redo the building into a warehouse for his own personal storage.

Mr. Mullis requested that the Board of Alderman call for a public hearing on April 12, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. to receive public input for the proposed rezoning.

Motion made by Alderman Jackie Bowman, seconded by Ken Bumgarner to call for a public hearing on April 12, 2010 to receive public input for the proposed re-zoning of property at 800 28<sup>th</sup> St. S.W. The vote was unanimous.

**2010 SPRING LITTER SWEEP PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Pro Tem Vernon Moyer read the 2010 Spring Litter Sweep Proclamation.

To emphasize the importance of clean roads and a clean environment, Governor Beverly Eaves Perdue issued a proclamation naming April 17 – May 1, 2010 as “Litter Sweep” time in North Carolina.

Reference: Resolutions and Proclamations. Book 1

Motion made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner and seconded by Alderman John McDaris to adopt the Governor’s Spring Litter Sweep proclamation and promote clean up in the Town of Long View April 17 – May 1, 2010. The vote was unanimous.

**FINANCE REPORT**

**Finance Report**

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that in the General Fund with 58% of the Fiscal Year complete, Revenues are \$1,926,471.62. Expenditures are \$1,647,975.21. Revenues exceeded Expenditures by \$278,496.41.

Mr. Epley explained to the Board that Revenues in the General Fund are less than last year's "Year to Date Actual."

In the Utility Fund, Revenues are \$1,057,603.06. Expenditures are \$880,396.56. Revenues exceeded Expenditures by \$177,206.50.

Mr. Epley explained to the Board that in the Utility Fund, Revenues over Expenditures are greater than they were last year.

Mr. Epley explained that in the middle of May 2010 the Town of Long View will have a debt payment to Henry Fork Regional Sewer line. The debt payment amount is \$296,000.00. The Town will recover a portion of the payment back from Burke County, Hildebran, and the City of Hickory that will equal approximately \$245,000.00.

Town Administrator David Epley explained that the Town's revenues are not as they have been in the past. He added that other Municipalities are having the same issue.

#### **Budget Amendment**

#### **Ordinance No. 02-10: Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 4**

Town Administrator David Epley presented to the Board Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 4 which was to amend the General Fund budgeted amounts.

In Ordinance No. 02-10: Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 4, in Revenues the Fund Balance Line Item (10-399-0000) was increased by \$50,488.00.

In Expenditures, the Recreation Department Line Item (10-621-7400) was increased by \$50,488.00.

The purpose for the amendment was for the purchase of land adjacent to the Recreation Center property in conjunction with the Maple Springs expansion project.

Motion by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to adopt Ordinance No. 02-10: Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 4. The vote was unanimous.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

#### **Project's Report**

**Budget Retreat** - Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Town of Long View will be holding its 2010-2011 Budget Retreat at the Winkler Activity Center in Hickory, NC on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Epley supplied the Board with a tentative agenda for that meeting.

**Maple Springs Laundry Project** – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that a letter was received from the Rural Center notifying the Town of Long View that it has been awarded the amount of \$480,000.00 in grant funds for the project entitled "Maple Springs Laundry Building Reuse".

Town Administrator David Epley explained to the Board that the Town is in the process of requesting qualifications of engineering firms. Once the engineering firm is chosen, the Town will receive bids for the relocation of the sewer line on the property.

Town Administrator David Epley explained that all of Maple Springs Laundry's Soil and Erosion Plans have been approved and Maple Springs Laundry is in the process of getting grading bids.

**BB&T Local Government Finance Letter** – As a follow-up to the February 8, 2010 meeting, Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Town of Long View has sent a letter to BB&T Local Government Finance explaining the outcome of the loan closing.

Alderman Randall Mays thanked Mr. Epley and the Town for sending the letter.

**Ethics Course** – Town Administrator David Epley reminded the Board about the ethics course on Thursday, March 25, 2010 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. He explained that the course will be in webinar form and will be held at Long View Town Hall.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Recreation Rental**

Town Resident Norma Trump requested that the Board change one of its rental policies for the Recreation Center. She explained that she is part of a National Ballroom Dance Club that would like to be able to rent the recreation center.

Alderman Ken Bumgarner asked Norma Trump if the club would charge for entrance into the recreation center for meetings and she said that they would.

The Board explained that the Town of Long View is a non-profit organization and money is not allowed to be charged at the door.

Norma Trump told the Board that the National Ballroom Dance Club is a not for profit organization.

Alderman Ken Bumgarner informed Norma Trump that before this policy was in place, there had been instances of misuse in regards to charging entrance.

Alderman Jackie Bowman suggested that the Board discuss the policy at the Budget Retreat.

Alderman Randall Mays explained that the property is for citizen usage and not for admission charges. If admission to the event is charged at the recreation center, the Town considers it for profit. If the Town allows this club to charge fees, it would have to allow every renter to charge fees.

After further discussion, the Board explained to Norma Trump that her group would be welcome to rent the recreation center as long as no money is charged for entrance.

### **Introduction of Town Resident**

Alderman Vernon Moyer introduced Donald Pannell from 26<sup>th</sup> Street N.W. who expressed interest in the Town.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Jackie Bowman commented that he likes the new fire truck. He also noted that he is looking forward to the discussion at the upcoming Budget Retreat.

Alderman Randall Mays commented that he is looking forward to the in depth discussion of the Town's future at the Budget Retreat.

Alderman Ken Bumgarner wished to thank staff for their continuing good work.

Alderman John McDaris wished to thank the staff for their hard work.

There being no further business, motion was made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

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

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**Vernon Moyer**  
**Mayor Pro Tem**