

**TOWN OF LONG VIEW  
TOWN ALDERMEN MEETING  
September 13, 2010**

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met on Monday, September 13, 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, 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, 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:** Larry Yount, Ralph Yount, Andy Hines, and others were present.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Mayor Pro Tem Vernon Moyer called the meeting to order and Alderman Randall Mays 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 Ken Bumgarner to approve the August 9, 2010 minutes and August 9, 2010 Closed Session Minutes. The vote was unanimous, by all Board members present at the respective meeting.

**DOUG CHAPMAN WITH MCGILL AND ASSOCIATES TO DISCUSS 2<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE NW SIDEWALK PROJECT**

Town Engineer Doug Chapman informed the Board of the progress of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NW Sidewalk Project. At the last meeting with the Board to discuss the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NW Sidewalk project, the issue of getting across the culvert was an item for discussion. After further investigation, the height of the curve over the culvert was not as high as was previously believed. He explained how this would change the original plans.

The updated plans are ready to be submitted to the District Engineers Office for them to forward to Raleigh for approval.

Alderman Ken Bumgarner asked how much would need to be filled in on either side of the culvert. Mr. Chapman explained that he could not give an exact number at this time but the wall could be extended as far as 50 feet beyond the end of the box culvert because there is not enough creek bank to fill against.

Mr. Chapman gave further details on the progress of the project.

Alderman Randall Mays asked if the new plans for the project would cut costs since fewer items such as columns and beams would have to be added. Mr. Chapman said that he believed it would cut costs.

Mayor Pro Tem Vernon Moyer suggested the possibility of putting a taller hand rail behind the guardrail on the street side for protection.

Alderman Ken Bumgarner asked if there would be a grass strip between the sidewalk and the road. Mr. Chapman explained that there would be one where the guardrail is. Mr. Chapman explained that the grass strip gives some protection for those walking on the sidewalk.

Alderman Ken Bumgarner asked how long it would take it to be approved. Mr. Chapman estimated about three months.

**CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE STREET CLOSING OF THAT PORTION OF 19<sup>TH</sup> STREET SOUTHWEST BETWEEN 1<sup>ST</sup> AVENUE SOUTHWEST AND THE NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY**

Mayor Pro Tem Vernon Moyer explained that at the August 9, 2010 meeting there was a public hearing to discuss the possible street closing of that portion of 19<sup>th</sup> Street Southwest between 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Southwest and the Norfolk Southern Railroad right-of-way. The discussion was tabled to allow for further research into the drainage issue and other issues.

Public Works Director David Draughn informed the Board about the drainage issues around 19<sup>th</sup> Street Southwest. He explained that the Public Work Department has repaired one area where drainage was causing a problem. He added that the road was a state road.

Mr. Draughn informed the Board where the water utilities, culverts, drain pipes, and sewer pipes are currently located for the two properties adjacent to the road. If the road were to be closed, there would be no problem with relocating the water meters closer to the main road. The two properties would be given separate meters.

Alderman Jackie Bowman asked for confirmation that the street had a 30 ft right-of-way that would be divided down the middle if the road were to be closed, with each property owner receiving 15 feet. It was confirmed to be true. Mr. Bowman said that he would have no problem with closing the road as the extra 15 feet will still allow the property owners access to the back of their properties.

Mr. Yount said that he did not believe that if the road was closed, he would have access to the back of his property. If he decided to go back into the oil business, his tankers would need to go down that road.

Alderman Jackie Bowman asked if the road was considered a paper street that had technically never been developed. It was confirmed.

Alderman Randall Mays asked for the response of the Nelson Oil Company to the suggestion to allow the company to encroach on the right-of-way so that they may fix the erosion problem. Mr. Andy Hines of the Nelson Oil Company explained that it was the Nelson Oil Company's stance that they should not have to take on the financial responsibility to fix the erosion problem if they do not own the property.

Alderman Randall Mays asked Town Planner Charles Mullis what the zoning is for the properties. Mr. Mullis explained that the zoning is C-5 Mixed Use Commercial for the Nelson Oil Company and for Mr. Yount's Attorney's Office.

Alderman Jackie Bowman said that he felt that the 15 feet given to each property owner, if the road were to be closed, should allow enough room for vehicles to get to the back of the property. The road is a paper street that has never been developed.

**A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE CLOSING OF THAT PORTION OF 19<sup>TH</sup> STREET SOUTHWEST BETWEEN 1<sup>ST</sup> AVENUE SOUTHWEST AND THE NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY**

Mayor Pro Tem Vernon Moyer requested a motion to be made for the resolution ordering the closing of that portion of 19<sup>th</sup> Street Southwest.

Motion was made by Alderman Jackie Bowman, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to adopt the “Resolution Ordering the Closing of that Portion of 19<sup>th</sup> Street Southwest Between 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Southwest and the Norfolk Southern Railroad Right-of-Way. The vote was unanimous.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0

**FINANCE REPORT**

Finance Director James Cozart informed the Board that in the General Fund, Revenues at July 31<sup>st</sup> were \$170,322.34 which was down slightly from last year. Due to a staffing shortage, the Catawba County Tax Office was not able to enter the Town’s Burke County Tax Bills into their system until August, which affected the Town’s July Advalorem Revenue collections. Expenses totaled \$239,228.39. Expenses exceeded revenues by \$68,906.05. This is typical during the first quarter of the Fiscal Year due to paying for Workers Compensation Insurance and Liability Insurance. The Town also paid for the Town Hall roof repairs in July.

In the Utility Fund, Revenues at July 31<sup>st</sup> totaled \$151,311.93. Expenditures totaled \$139,418.19. Revenues exceeded Expenditures by \$11,893.74.

The Generator, Brush Truck, and the Software loans were paid in full in July of 2010.

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

**19<sup>th</sup> Street Sewer Project** – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that final approval for funding was obtained in August. In the upcoming months there will be items that will need to go before the Board for approval.

**Frye Creek Pump Station** – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that Finance Director James Cozart has been in contact with BB&T Local Government Finance.

Mr. Epley briefly went over possible amortizations schedules that were based on the estimate for repairs that was not to exceed \$130,000.00. One schedule is a 10 year payoff with an interest rate of approximately 3.070 percent. The other schedule is a 7 year payoff with an interest rate of 2.760 percent. Mr. Epley recommended that the Town go with the 7 year payoff with the interest rate of 2.760 percent. Finance Director James Cozart was in agreement.

Mr. Epley said that the documents should be available for the Board to consider in October. The Town should be able to coordinate the start of the repairs in the fall.

Alderman Randall Mays said that with the recommendation of Mr. Epley and Mr. Cozart and if it would not put stress on the upcoming budget, he believed that the Town should go with the 7 year payoff at 2.760 percent. The rest of the Board was in agreement.

**Masterbuilt Hosiery Property** – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Town has taken over a 5 acre piece of property. There is an old mill that currently resides on the property that will need to be demolished. There is also undergrowth. A sewer right-of-way will need to be cleaned off as well.

Mr. Epley asked for Board approval to proceed in removal of the old mill on the property.

Alderman Randall Mays said that as the property now belongs to the Town, the Town should make arrangements to clean up the property. The rest of the Board was in agreement.

Mayor Pro Tem Vernon Moyer requested information regarding the funding for the demolition. Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that there is a Demolition Line Item for such instances.

**Warren Property** – Town Administrator David Epley and Town Attorney Redmond Dill informed the Board that the process is underway with the property.

**A Resolution By the Town of Long View Board of Alderman Requesting the Department of Transportation to Repave 34<sup>th</sup> ST NW (SR 1643)**

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that he had been in contact with Senator Jacumin. Mr. Jacumin requested that the Town of Long View adopt a resolution requesting that the Department of Transportation repave 34<sup>th</sup> St NW (SR 1643).

With the high truck traffic due to the manufacturing facilities in the area, Mr. Epley asked the Board to consider adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Epley stated that if the resolution was adopted, it would be sent to both the Department of Transportation and to Senator Jacumin.

Motion was made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman Randall Mays to approve the “Resolution by the Town of Long View Board of Aldermen to Request the Repaving of 34<sup>th</sup> St NW (SR 1643)”. The vote was unanimous.

Ayes:   5   Noes:   0  

**Surplus Property** – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Town of Brookford has approached the Town about needing a patrol car. Police Chief Cecil Rogers has looked into the older cars that will soon be declared surplus property and has selected a car that may meet the Town of Brookford’s needs. The vehicle is identified as Unit #28, VIN#: 2FAFP71W11X119847.

Mr. Epley requested that the Board declare the vehicle surplus and donate the car to the Town of Brookford.

After a brief discussion, the Board was in agreement that it would be feasible to give the police car to Brookford after it is declared surplus.

Motion was made by Alderman Jackie Bowman, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to declare the 2001 Crown Victoria vehicle identified as Unit# 28, VIN#: 2FAFP71W11X119847 surplus property. The vote was unanimous.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0

**OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Jackie Bowman wished to thank Town Clerk Stephanie Watson for her work on the Town of Long View's web page. He also approved to the changes made to the Engineering Room at Long View Town Hall.

Alderman Jackie Bowman also wished to commend the Long View Police Department on their continuing efforts dealing with 37<sup>th</sup> Street.

Alderman John McDaris and the rest of the Board members wished to congratulate Town Administrator David Epley on the birth of his daughter.

Mayor Pro Tem Vernon Moyer commented that the Western Piedmont Council of Governments has been approved to build their building. Town Attorney Redmond Dill added that the rest of the towns in the area should adopt the Resolution of Support for the Western Piedmont Council of Governments at their meetings tonight.

There being no further business, motion was made by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

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**Stephanie C. Watson**  
**Town Clerk, CMC**

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