

**TOWN OF LONG VIEW
TOWN ALDERMEN MEETING
February 14, 2011**

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met on Monday, February 14, 2011 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 John McDaris, Alderman Ken Bumgarner, Alderman Randall Mays, and Alderman Jackie Bowman.

STAFF PRESENT: The following members of staff were present: Town Administrator David Epley, Town Clerk Stephanie Watson, Finance Director James Cozart, Town Planner Charles Mullis, Public Works Director David Draughn, Fire Chief Eric Shepherd, Police Major Jim Worrell and Police Officer Justin Roberts.

OTHERS PRESENT: Town residents Shirley Lowman and Aaron Poland 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 Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to approve the December 13, 2010 minutes and Closed Session minutes. The vote was unanimous, by all Board members present at the respective meeting.

Motion was made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to approve the January 13, 2011 Special Meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous, by all Board members present at the respective meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 72, TRAFFIC SCHEDULES OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF LONG VIEW, NC

Mayor Pro Tem Vernon Moyer declared the public hearing to discuss the proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 72, Traffic Schedules of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Long View, NC.

Town Administrator David Epley explained that the Town has updated the traffic schedules as it pertains to speed limits. The Town has also updated the Truck Routes and found that a few of the “No Thru Truck” Routes were not listed on the Chapter 72, Traffic Schedules. With the adoption of the ordinance to amend Chapter 72, the Code of Ordinances will now properly list all the “No Thru Trucks” routes.

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

ADOPT ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 72, TRAFFIC SCHEDULES OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF LONG VIEW, NC

Motion was made by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to adopt the ordinance to amend Chapter 72, Traffic Schedules of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Long View, NC. The vote was unanimous.

AWARD BIDS FOR 2ND AVENUE SIDEWALK EXTENSION PROJECT

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the Town received two bids for the Second Avenue Sidewalk Extension Project. The two bids satisfy the bidding requirements.

The bids were opened on Thursday, February 3, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Long View Town Hall in Long View, NC.

The bids received were as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Base Bid (Lump Sum Price)</u>
Little Mountain Builders 5843 NC Highway 16 South Maiden, NC 28650	\$65,900.00
Mountain Crest, LLC 1264 Taylorsville Road Lenoir, NC 28645	\$98,222.00

Mr. Epley explained that the Town has worked with Little Mountain Builders before and have found their work to be satisfactory.

It was the recommendation of McGill Associates and of Town Administrator David Epley to award the bid to Little Mountain Builders for the amount of \$65,900.00.

Motion was made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman Randall Mays to award the bid to Little Mountain Builders for the amount of \$65,900.00. The vote was unanimous.

DATE FOR BUDGET RETREAT

Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that the usual time for the Budget Retreat to be scheduled is mid March. He explained that there would be a Board Meeting on March 14, 2011. He requested the Board choose possible dates in March for the retreat.

The Board agreed that Thursday, March 10, 2011 would be a good primary date for the retreat. If March 10, 2011 was not available, then Thursday, March 17, 2011 would be the alternate date for the retreat.

The Board agreed to have the retreat at the Winkler Activity Center located at the Crawdads Stadium if it was available.

Mr. Epley said that he would notify the Board when the date and place for the retreat has been confirmed.

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Report

Finance Director James Cozart informed the Board that in November and December, Revenues in the General Fund continue to grow and stabilize over last year's numbers. The Town's Ad Velorum Tax Collections were up significantly from last year as well as the Local Government Sales and Use Tax numbers. The Revenues in General Fund as of December 31st totaled \$1,679,336.04. Expenses in the General Fund continue to be less than last fiscal year due to the Town's Department Heads being responsible with spending to help the General Fund stabilize. Expenses in the General Fund totaled \$1,328,152.65. Revenues exceeded Expenditures by \$351,183.39.

Town Administrator David Epley wished to add that the General Fund amounts were much better than last fiscal year at this time.

In the Utility Fund in November and December, the Town's revenue percentages were constant with last year. In the Utility Fund, Revenues totaled \$905,556.68. The Expenditures totaled \$778,932.71. Department Heads should be commended for the expenses being down. Revenues exceeded Expenditures by \$126,623.97.

Budget Amendment: Ordinance No. 02-10-11: Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 2

Finance Director James Cozart presented to the Board Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 2 which was to amend the General Fund Budgeted amounts. In Ordinance No. 02-10-11: Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 2, in Revenues the Fund Balance Line Item (10-399-0000) was increased by \$60,663.34. In Expenditures, the Street Department Line Item (10-560-7400) was increased by \$60,663.34.

The purpose of the amendment was for the purchase of 9.16 acres of land at 1230 13th St SW in Hickory, NC to be used by the Street Department for dumping of leaves and limbs.

Motion was made by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Ken Bumgarner to adopt Ordinance No. 02-10-11: Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 2. The vote was unanimous.

Budget Amendment: Ordinance No. 02-10-11: 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. 02-10-11: Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 3, in Revenues the Fund Balance Line Item (10-399-0000) was increased by \$1,611.00. In Expenditures, the Fire Department Line Item (10-530-8800) was increased by \$1,611.00.

The purpose of the amendment was for the grant received by the Fire Department for the purchase of fire investigation tools. This is not a matching grant, so no additional funds by the Town will need to be appropriated.

Motion was made by Alderman Ken Bumgarner, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to adopt Ordinance No. 02-10-11: Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 3. The vote was unanimous.

Alderman Randall Mays wished to congratulate Fire Chief Eric Shepherd and the Fire Department on the grant.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
Projects Report

Frye Creek Pump Station Renovation – Public Works Director David Draughn informed the Board of the progress of the pump station renovation. He explained that the bypass vaults have been installed with the valve. The drain line to the main pit has been completed. He explained that the plan was to only do a one day shut down on the plant. The valves would be put in during the 12 to 14 hour period. The pump around by-pass will hopefully be only needed for one day.

Mr. Draughn added that the sump pump replacement has also occurred.

19th Street Sewer Project – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that plans were submitted to the state before January 31, 2011. The Town has submitted encroachment agreements for that project. The Town has been approved for the project.

Mr. Epley added that there is a possibility that the Town could obtain bids for the project in March or April of 2011.

Sewer service should be available in time for the new Western Piedmont Council of Governments building.

Maple Springs Project – Town Administrator David Epley informed the Board that around April 2011 the Town will finish up the remainder of the Maple Springs Project grant. This includes street improvements and the relocation of the walking track.

Mr. Epley stated that the company is making good progress at the construction site.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS A LEGAL MATTER

Motion was made by Alderman Jackie Bowman, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to adjourn to closed session at 7:47 p.m. to discuss a legal matter. The vote was unanimous.

Motion was made by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Jackie Bowman to adjourn the closed session and return to the regular meeting at 8:10 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Jackie Bowman wished to say that he was glad to see the Board back together. He was glad that Alderman Ken Bumgarner is in better health.

Mr. Bowman wished to give his sympathies to Alderman John McDaris and his family. The rest of the Board was in agreement.

Alderman Randall Mays wished to thank the staff for their hard work.

Alderman Ken Bumgarner wished to thank staff for their thoughts and prayers during the time of his illness. He expressed his happiness at being back.

Alderman John McDaris wished to thank staff for their thoughts and prayers.

Mayor Pro Tem Vernon Moyer informed the Board that the Western Piedmont Council of Governments would be holding a bid opening on February 28, 2011.

There being no further business, motion was made by Alderman Jackie Bowman, seconded by Alderman John McDaris to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Stephanie C. Watson
Town Clerk, CMC

Vernon Moyer
Mayor Pro Tem