

**TOWN OF LONG VIEW
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 22, 2020**

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met in the Council Chambers of Long View Town Hall on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Due to social distancing guidelines regarding COVID-19, the meeting was held over Zoom software and attendees were both physically present and electronically present.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT (Physically): The following members of the Board were present: Mayor Marla Thompson, Mayor Pro Tempore/ Alderman Randall Mays, Alderman Gary Lingerfelt, Alderman Dallas Tester, and Alderman Thurman VanHorn.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT (Electronically): The following member of the Board participated electronically: Alderman David Elder.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT (Physically): The following members of staff were present throughout the entire meeting: Town Administrator David Draughn and Town Clerk Stephanie Watson.

In order to maintain social distancing due to COVID-19, other staff members physically joined the meeting only when called to speak. They were as follows: Finance Director James Cozart, Town Planner Charles Mullis, Police Chief TJ Bates, Public Works Chris Eckard, Fire Chief James Brinkley, Deputy Fire Chief Tyler Keener, Sergeant/Community Policing Eddie Marlowe, and Officer Hope Creed.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT (Electronically): Town Attorney Jimmy Summerlin, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT (Electronically): No others were present.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Marla Thompson called the meeting to order and Alderman David Elder gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Alderman Thurman VanHorn, seconded by Alderman Dallas Tester to approve the June 8, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. The vote to approve was unanimous.

AYES:	Mayor Pro Tempore / Alderman Randall Mays Alderman David Elder Alderman Gary Lingerfelt Alderman Dallas Tester Alderman Thurman VanHorn
NOES:	None

2020-2021 BUDGET ADOPTION

Town Administrator David Draughn stated that the following amounts are here by appropriated and recommended for the operation of the Town government and activities for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

General Fund	\$3,562,126.00
Utility Fund	\$2,050,600.00
Federal and State Shared Proceeds	\$ 7,000.00
Powell Bill Fund	\$ 144,203.00
Senior Day Out	\$ 8,000.00

Total Fiscal Operating Budget	\$5,771,929.00
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Mayor Thompson asked the Board if they had any questions.

There being no questions from the Board of Aldermen, motion was made by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Thurman VanHorn to adopt the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget. The vote to approve was unanimous.

AYES:	Mayor Pro Tempore / Alderman Randall Mays Alderman David Elder Alderman Gary Lingerfelt Alderman Dallas Tester Alderman Thurman VanHorn
NOES:	None

ORDINANCE NO. 02-20-21**TOWN OF LONG VIEW
BUDGET ORDINANCE
FY 2020-2021**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Long View, NC, that the following ordinance be adopted for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021:

TOWN OF LONG VIEW BUDGET ORDINANCE

Section I. Appropriations. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the Town government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 according to the following schedules:

SCHEDULE A (GENERAL FUND)

Governing Board	\$ 27,763.00
Administration	\$ 467,302.00
Town Complex	\$ 95,000.00
Planning & Development	\$ 109,186.00
Police Department	\$ 1,120,115.00
Fire Department	\$ 614,867.00
Street Department	\$ 760,338.00
Recreation Department	\$ 83,254.00
Risk Management	\$ 10,000.00
Medical Center	\$ 18,000.00
Garage-General Fund	\$ 135,000.00
General Fund Debt Service	\$ 121,301.00
Total General Fund	<u>\$ 3,562,126.00</u>

SCHEDULE B (UTILITY FUND)

Utility Department	\$ 820,559.00
Sewer Plant	\$ 502,000.00
Water Distribution	\$ 440,155.00
Garage-Utility Fund	\$ 124,000.00
Utility Fund Debt Service	\$ 163,886.00
Total Utility Fund	<u>\$ 2,050,600.00</u>

SCHEDULE C (STATE AND FEDERAL SHARED PROCEEDS)

Federal Disbursements	\$ 2,000.00
State Disbursements	\$ 5,000.00
Total Federal and State Shared Proceeds	<u>\$ 7,000.00</u>

SCHEDULE D (POWELL BILL FUND)

Powell Bill	\$ 144,203.00
Total Powell Bill Fund	<u>\$ 144,203.00</u>

SCHEDULE E (SENIOR DAY OUT FUND)

Senior Day Out	\$ 8,000.00
Total Senior Day Out	<u>\$ 8,000.00</u>
Total Fiscal Operating Budget	<u>\$ 5,771,929.00</u>

TOWN OF LONG VIEW BUDGET ORDINANCE

Section II. Estimated Revenues. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 to meet the foregoing appropriations, according to the current information.

SCHEDULE A (GENERAL FUND)

Local Taxes and Revenue	\$ 2,045,200.00
County and State Revenue	\$ 1,516,926.00
Total General Fund	<u>\$ 3,562,126.00</u>

SCHEDULE B (UTILITY FUND)

Local Revenue	\$ 14,500.00
Water and Sewer Charges	\$ 1,950,100.00
Water and Sewer Taps	\$ 5,000.00
Late Charges and Reconnect Fees	\$ 73,500.00
Revenue from County and State	\$ 7,500.00
Total Utility Fund	<u>\$ 2,050,600.00</u>

SCHEDULE C (STATE AND FEDERAL SHARED PROCEEDS)

Federal Proceeds	\$ 2,000.00
State Proceeds	\$ 5,000.00
Total State and Federal Shared Proceeds	<u>\$ 7,000.00</u>

SCHEDULE D (POWELL BILL FUND)

Local Revenue	\$ 6,000.00
Powell Bill Revenue	\$ 138,203.00
Total Powell Bill Fund	<u>\$ 144,203.00</u>

SCHEDULE E (SENIOR DAY OUT)

Senior Day Out Revenue	\$ 8,000.00
Total Senior Day Out Fund	<u>\$ 8,000.00</u>
Total Fiscal Operating Budget	<u>\$ 5,771,929.00</u>

SECTION III. Taxes. The following rates of tax on each hundred dollars \$100.00 valuation of taxable property, as listed for taxes of January 1, 2020 for the purpose of calculation. These calculations were based on the tax rate \$0.57 cents per \$100.00 of valuation of taxable property.

SECTION IV. Utilities. See attached fee schedule.

SECTION V. Capital Outlays. Capital Outlays are set forth herein and are described on the schedule below.

**CAPITAL OUTLAY PROGRAM
FY 2020-2021
FUND 10**

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>OUTLAY</u>
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NO CAPITAL OUTLAY ITEMS
IN BUDGET.

\$ -

Total Capital Outlay Program	<u>\$ -</u>
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UTILITY DEPARTMENT**FEE SCHEDULE****Water Taps***

3/4" Inside Town Limits	\$1,000.00
3/4" Outside Town Limits	\$1,500.00

1"-2" Taps	Cost of Materials
Over 2" Tap	Materials + Contractor Cost

Sewer Taps*

4" Inside Town Limits	\$1,000.00
4" Outside Town Limits	\$1,500.00

Over 4"	Materials + Contractor Cost
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*Tap financing is available for home owners.
(3/4" tap only)

Inside Town Limits	\$200/down
option 1	\$75/month for 12 months
option 2	\$55/month for 18 months
Outside Town Limits	\$400.00/down
option 1	\$105.00/month for 12 months
option 2	\$75/month for 18 months

Utility Deposits	\$125.00
Late Fees	\$15.00
Reconnect Fees	\$35.00
Returned Check Fees	\$25.00
Cut/Broken Lock Fees	\$25.00

Water Rates

Inside Corporate Limits	
0-3000 gallons	\$21.27
Over 3,000 gallons	\$2.45/1000 gallons

Outside Corporate Limits	
0-3000 gallons	\$42.53
Over 3,000 gallons	\$4.90/1000 gallons

Sewer Rates

Inside Corporate Limits
0-3000 gallons
Over 3000 gallons

\$22.27
\$2.39/1000 gallons

Outside Corporate Limits
0-3000 gallons
Over 3000 gallons

\$44.54
\$4.77/1000 gallons

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Garbage Collection

\$12.08/monthly

Box Truck rental

\$75.00/load

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Copy of accident report

\$3.00

Parking Tickets

\$15.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

False Alarms(30-day period)

\$200 per offense after first 2

Haz-Mat Incident

Man-hours, cost of supplies

Stand-by Services

per engine
per ladder truck
per support truck
supplies & materials
personnel

\$200.00
\$250.00
\$100.00
Cost + 15%
\$20 per hour per man

PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

Zoning Permits	single family residential	\$20.00
	multi-family residential	\$50.00
	commercial	\$50.00
Certificate of Occupancy		\$20.00
Sign Permits	36 sq ft or less	\$20.00
	37 sq ft or more	\$30.00
Re-Zoning Applications		\$200.00
Variance Applications		\$200.00
Special User Permits		\$200.00
Annexation Petitions		\$200.00
Special Benefit Permits		\$20.00
Appeal Petitions		\$200.00
Floodplain Development		\$200.00
Home Occupation		\$20.00

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Demolition	Cost plus \$62.00
Code Enforcement Violations	\$50/day
Grass Cutting/Clearing	Cost plus \$62.00

ADMINISTRATION

Property Tax Rate	.57 per \$100 Valuation
Copies	.10/page
Faxes	.25/page
Leaf Bags	\$2.68

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Recreation Center Rental	Not for Profit & Civic Clubs	\$200.00
	Government Organization	\$0.00
	Inside Town Limits	\$200.00
	Outside Town Limits	\$500.00
	Full Time Employees	\$100.00
Recreation Center Security Deposit	Not for Profit & Civic Clubs	\$300.00
	Government Organization	\$0.00
	Inside Town Limits	\$300.00
	Outside Town Limits	\$500.00
	Full Time Employees	\$0.00
Recreation Center Field Rental	Half-Day Grounds (Upper)	\$10.00
	Full Day Grounds (Upper)	\$20.00
	Half-Day Grounds (Lower)	\$10.00
	Full Day Grounds (Lower)	\$20.00

TOWN OF LONG VIEW
2020-2021 WATER AND SEWER RATES
EFFECTIVE FOR BILLS DATED JULY 1, 2020-JUNE 30, 2021

INSIDE LONG VIEW TOWN LIMITS

WATER RATE	0 - 3,000 Gallons	\$21.27
	Over 3,000 Gallons	\$2.45 per 1,000 Gallons

SEWER RATE	0 - 3,000 Gallons	\$22.27
	Over 3,000 Gallons	\$2.39 per 1,000 Gallons

GARBAGE & RECYCLING	\$12.08
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OUTSIDE LONG VIEW TOWN LIMITS

WATER RATE	0 - 3,000 Gallons	\$42.53
	Over 3,000 Gallons	\$4.90 per 1,000 Gallons

SEWER RATE	0 - 3,000 Gallons	\$44.54
	Over 3,000 Gallons	\$4.77 per 1,000 Gallons

***** SEWER IS BILLED BASED ON WATER CONSUMPTION*****

THE BILLS ARE MAILED ON THE 1ST OF EACH MONTH AND ARE DUE BY THE 15TH. IF NOT PAID BY THE 15TH, A \$15.00 LATE FEE WILL BE ADDED ON THE 16TH. IF STILL NOT PAID BY THE 25TH, SERVICE WILL BE DISCONNECTED ON THE 26TH AND A \$35.00 FEE WILL BE ADDED.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, A DROP BOX IS AVAILABLE AT THE DRIVE-UP WINDOW.

WE ALSO OFFER BANK DRAFT SERVICES. WE CHARGE A \$25.00 RETURNED CHECK FEE FOR ANY RETURNED ITEMS.

NOW ACCEPTING DEBIT/CREDIT CARDS IN OFFICE WITH APPROPRIATE IDENTIFICATION.



TOWN OF LONG VIEW

2404 1st AVENUE SOUTHWEST
LONG VIEW, NC 28602

TELEPHONE: (828) 322-3921 FAX: (828) 578-6637

ADOPTED, this the 22nd day of June, 2020.

Motion made by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Thurman VanHorn.

VOTE COUNT: AYES: 5 NOES: 0

BOARD OF ALDERMEN VOTE

MAYOR: Maria G. Thompson
Maria G. Thompson

AYE: NO: NOT PRESENT:
(Mayor only votes to break a tie)
PHYSICALLY PRESENT:
ELECTRONICALLY PRESENT:

WARD 1: Randall Mays
Randall Mays, Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman

AYE: NO: NOT PRESENT:
PHYSICALLY PRESENT:
ELECTRONICALLY PRESENT:

WARD 2: Garry Linge
Garry Linge, Alderman

AYE: NO: NOT PRESENT:
PHYSICALLY PRESENT:
ELECTRONICALLY PRESENT:

WARD 3: Thurman VanHorn, Jr.
Thurman VanHorn, Jr., Alderman

AYE: NO: NOT PRESENT:
PHYSICALLY PRESENT:
ELECTRONICALLY PRESENT:

WARD 4: David Elder
David Elder, Alderman

AYE: NO: NOT PRESENT:
PHYSICALLY PRESENT:
ELECTRONICALLY PRESENT:

WARD 5: Dallas Tester
Dallas Tester, Alderman

AYE: NO: NOT PRESENT:
PHYSICALLY PRESENT:
ELECTRONICALLY PRESENT:

LONG VIEW STAFF

David R. Draughn
David R. Draughn, Town Administrator

James R. Cozart
James R. Cozart, Finance Director

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

FINANCE REPORT – FINANCE DIRECTOR JAMES COZART

General Fund

Finance Director James Cozart informed the Board that in the General Fund as of June 18th with 99% of the fiscal year complete, the revenues totaled \$4,425,846.68.

Expenditures totaled \$3,903,774.86.

Revenues exceeded expenditures by \$522,071.82.

The projected Fund Balance on June 18th was \$3,212,166.82.

Utility Fund

In the Utility Fund at June 18th, revenues totaled \$2,045,698.45.

Expenditures totaled \$1,723,727.52.

Revenues exceeded expenditures by \$321,970.93.

Alderman Randall Mays stated that the biggest portion of that looks to be due to the cut on expenditures due to the spending freeze put in place during the last quarter of the fiscal year. A lot of the departments have sacrificed a lot as you can tell by the expenditure cut. He wished to thank all the departments for chipping in and helping the Town to maintain its level of operation.

Mr. Draughn stated that he wished to thank the Board too. This is the fourth year that the Town has finished strong. That has a lot to do with the support and work the Board has done as well.

Budget Transfer #1

Finance Director James Cozart presented to the Board Year End Transfer #1. Budget Transfer #1 is in the total of \$36,450.00.

(See below for a detailed explanation of the transfer.)

Motion was made by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Gary Lingerfelt to approve Budget Transfer #1. The vote to approve was unanimous.

AYES:	Mayor Pro Tempore / Alderman Randall Mays
	Alderman David Elder
	Alderman Gary Lingerfelt
	Alderman Dallas Tester
	Alderman Thurman VanHorn
NOES:	None

POSTED TO G/L _____

DATE _____

PREPARED BY: JCOZART
MAYOR APPROVAL: Charles A. Thompson
Steve C. Watson, Town Clerk

DEPARTMENT	PROJ. #		AMOUNT OF TRANSACTION	
			INCREASE	DECREASE
GENERAL FUND				
GOVERNING BOARD			\$ 1,450.00	
PLANNING DEPT				\$ 1,450.00
FIRE DEPT			\$ 7,500.00	
MEDICAL CENTER DEPT				\$ 7,500.00
RECREATION DEPT			\$ 3,500.00	
MEDICAL CENTER DEPT				\$ 3,500.00
UTILITY FUND				
SEWER DEPT			\$ 24,000.00	
WATER DISTRIBUTION DEPT				\$ 24,000.00
TOTAL			\$ 36,450.00	\$ 36,450.00

BUDGET TRANSFER EXPLANATIONS

Governing Board- Election costs exceeded budgeted amount.

Fire Department- Transfer due to payroll costs. During the year, a former employee was on medical leave for several months. Chief Brinkley had to use Volunteers to cover each shift that was vacant due to the employee on leave. The employee on leave also took sick leave for which he was compensated. Also, vacation and comp time payouts occurred as the department had some employee turnover during the year.

Recreation Department- Transfer mainly due to overtime costs.

Sewer Department- The town still had one more sewer bill that will be billed on June 22nd. The Sewer Department saw an increase this year due to the heavier than normal amounts of rainfall that we have received causing infiltration into our wastewater system.

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – TOWN PLANNER CHARLES MULLIS

Town Planner Charles Mullis stated that the Planning Department would like to request that the Board of Aldermen adopt Ordinance No. 05-20. This ordinance would amend Article 5, Section 5.6, Table 5-1 of the Long View Zoning Ordinance to allow for the permitted use of an indoor flea market in the ED zoning district. This matter was discussed extensively during the June 8, 2020 Board of Aldermen Meeting. Mr. Mullis asked if there were any questions.

Alderman Randall Mays stated that even if the Board were to approve the amendment, it would be under Mr. Mullis's judgement as Zoning Administrator whether it is approved usage or not. Mr. Mullis stated that he was correct.

When asked by Alderman Dallas Tester if there were any other concerns brought up about this matter after the June 8th Meeting, Mr. Mullis stated that there were not. Mr. Mullis sent letters to several citizens on that street and there were only two that responded. Those written comments were read during the June 8th Meeting. The comments from the pastor of 1st Baptist Church expressed some concerns but he was thinking that the business wanted to move into the building directly across the street from the church. The building in question is further down the street. The church had had some issues in the past with transfer trucks using the church's parking facility to back into the old Long View Yarn facility.

Alderman Mays asked how many ED zoned areas the Town had.

Mr. Mullis explained that the ED zoning district was the third largest commercial zoning district in Town, behind the C-4 (General Business) and C-5 (Mixed Use) districts. Almost all the properties on Hwy 70 are zoned C-4 and C-5. Same of 1st Ave SW. The ED zoning district is a little random. The things it allows for are kind of different. He has not seen another jurisdiction that has an ED zoning district. It is kind of specific to Long View. There are quite a few properties that are zoned ED in Town.

Motion was made by Alderman Thurman VanHorn, seconded by Alderman Dallas Tester to adopt Ordinance 05-20 which would amend Article 5, Section 5.6, Table 5-1 of the Zoning Ordinance. The vote to approve was unanimous.

AYES:	Mayor Pro Tempore / Alderman Randall Mays Alderman David Elder Alderman Gary Lingerfelt Alderman Dallas Tester Alderman Thurman VanHorn
NOES:	None

TOWN OF LONG VIEW

Ordinance No. 05-20

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TOWN OF LONG VIEW ZONING ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Town of Long View has received a request to amend Article 5, Section 5.6, Table 5-1 of the Long View Zoning Ordinance with regards to the allowance of indoor flea markets in the ED Zoning District; and

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing on the Zoning Ordinance amendment has been provided through advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the question of the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance has been held by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Long View; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of the Town of Long View has recommended that the Board of Aldermen approve the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Long View that:

Section 1. Table 5-1 of the Town of Long View Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to allow for the permitted use of indoor flea markets in the ED Zoning District with Zoning Administrators Approval as Provided in Article 7 which reads as follows:

TABLE 5-1

SCHEDULE OF PERMITTED AND PERMISSIBLE USES BY DISTRICT

X = Permitted Principal Uses	(1) Five or more non-residents
Y = Permitted Accessory Uses	(2) Maximum number of residents is 12
A = Special Use Approved by Board of Aldermen	(3) Subdivision regulations approval procedures must be followed.
B = Special Use Approved by Board of Adjustment	(4) Only for uses permitted in the district.
Z = Zoning Administrators Approval as Provided in Article 7.	(5) When catering to industrial clients
Blank = Prohibited Use	(6) Excluding the open storage of wrecked cars
	(7) Accessory Use to a hospital district
	(8) As a replacement for existing Class AA, Class or B Manufactured Homes on individual lots or as a replacement for a non-conforming dwelling in Commercial, Industrial or Economic Development districts.
	(9) In existing mobile home parks (See Definitions) as a replacement for existing Class A or B Manufactured Homes

MISCELLANEOUS										
Use	R-2	R-3	R-4	R-5	OL-1	C-3	C-4	C-5	ED	I
Armories							X	X	X	X
Bakeries (wholesale)						X	X	X		
Construction Trailers	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z
Customary Accessory Uses - See Accessory Uses (Customary)										
Electrical Equipment Sales							X	X	X	X
Equipment, Rental							X	X	X	X
Firing Range, Outdoor										
Flea Markets, Indoor							Z	Z	Z	
Flea Markets, Outdoor										
Heating and Refrigeration Shops								X	X	X
Industrial Supplies and Equipment								X	X	X
Kennel										
Livestock Sale Barns										
Lumberyard										
Membership Organizations				X	X	X	X			
Music Studios							X	X		
Oil and Gasoline Bulk Storage								X		X

Dated the 8th day of June 2020.

Attest:

Maria Thompson, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Stephanie Watson, Town Clerk

Jimmy R. Summerlin Jr., Town Attorney

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DAVID DRAUGHN

Request by Lion's Club

Town Administrator David Draughn informed the Board that the Town had received a request from the Lions Club to conduct a roadblock/broom sale fund raiser at the intersection of 33rd and 1st Ave right there at Galaxy Food Center on July 11th (with a rain date of July 18th) from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Alderman Randall Mays asked if Police Chief TJ Bates was good with allowing this event.

Chief Bates stated that he was.

Alderman Thurman VanHorn expressed his concern that they take the appropriate steps during the event due to the current pandemic. He noted that they are going to wear vests and that is good. He felt that if they were going to be close to other people while going from car to car, they should be wearing masks. He asked that the Town mention it to them.

Chief Bates stated that he would mention it to them.

Motion was made by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Thurman VanHorn to grant the Lions Club request to hold their event on July 11th with a rain date of July 18th at the intersection in front of Galaxy Food Center. The vote to approve was unanimous.

AYES:	Mayor Pro Tempore / Alderman Randall Mays Alderman David Elder Alderman Gary Lingerfelt Alderman Dallas Tester Alderman Thurman VanHorn
NOES:	None



June 4, 2020

Long View Lions Club
6100 Northlakes Drive
Hickory, NC 28601

Charles Mullis

The Long View Lions would like to request permission from the the Town of Long View to conduct a roadblock/broom sale fund raiser at the intersection near Galaxy Food Center. The purpose of the event is to raise funds which we use to fund our community service projects and donation budget. The date we would like to request is July 11th (rain date of July 18th) beginning at 9:00am and running till 11:30am. Lion club members will wear caution vest, put out orange cones and have signs to identify our club. Due to COVID-19 this year we have had to cancel several fundraising events along with losing revenue normlly made in the Crawdad's concessions which is depleting our funds needed to help so many in these trying times.

Wayne Houser, President
Long View Lions Club
704 418 9357 wayne.houser46@gmail.com

Peace Pole Event

Town Administrator David Draughn wished to thank Officer Eddie Marlowe and Chief Bates for the Peace Pole Event on Friday. It was an incredible event and a great day for Long View. There were a lot of people present. It really turned out well. They did a lot of work and he was really proud of this.

Chief Bates stated that he would like to thank the Board for their support. He felt that Officer Eddie Marlowe did a tremendous job. He knew that when he originally brought up restructuring the department, he had things in mind and now the Board is seeing what he had in mind.

Everybody pitched in for the event. The event could not have taken place without the help of Public Works. They put the pole in place, cleaned the sidewalks and made everything look presentable. They even set up a tent during a rainy day to work on getting the Peace Pole in place. Fire Chief Brinkley's department also helped by setting up the flag for the event. It was a total Town effort. Final count for the event was approximately 120 people. Social distancing guidelines were in place and everyone followed it. It was a positive event that received positive feedback. A small clip about the event was on WHKY's Youtube site.

The Board thanked Police Chief TJ Bates and Officer Marlowe for setting up the event.

Introduction of New Police Officer

Police Chief TJ Bates introduced the newest member to the Police Department: Officer Hope Creed. Officer Creed is 22 years young and a graduate of St. Stephens High School with an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from CVCC with a concentration of Latent Evidence and there after gaining her Associate Degree, she gained her basic law enforcement training at CVCC. She started working for the Town on May 4, 2020.

He is really looking forward to her being here. She is currently assigned to Lt. Hardin's shift and will have four or five more weeks of training before most likely being placed on a mid-shift position.

The Board welcomed Ms. Creed to the Town.

ADJOURNMENT

Comments by Alderman Thurman VanHorn

Alderman VanHorn wished for all of the Town's employees to stay safe. More so now. Especially our Police and Fire Departments. He felt that Officer Marlowe was a great choice for the Town's resource/community officer. He is great with the Town and great with people. In the time we are in now, this is needed. It is good to show our community as one as a whole and that we are not separate in our thoughts. We can still come together as one people which is a good thing to see. He asked that everyone stay safe and stated that he is thinking and praying for everyone.

Comments by Alderman David Elder

Alderman Elder thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers. He is continuing with his health situation and hopes that things improve as we go through the summer months. He

wished to tip his hat to the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments. He appreciated all their efforts and like Chief Bates said, it is a team thing. Everyone contributed to a successful event. He thanked the Police Department for letting him be a part of the event.

Comments by Alderman Randall Mays

Alderman Mays stated that he is not one to keep anybody out but he thinks that this Board in the last couple of years has made two good things. Where the Town stands at right now shows how this Board thought about people and the changes that could be brought about. One was the year when the Board hired Chief Brinkley to come into the Fire Department as the full time Chief. He has turned the Fire Department around and made great changes that have lifted up the Fire Department. The other was last fall when the Board selected TJ Bates as the Town's Police Chief. You can see the changes that have come about in Long View versus what the Town had before. There have been a lot of changes in the short time that Chief Bates has been with the Town. He wanted to thank those two gentlemen and the Board for the consideration that was made in bringing these two people on board and how these changes effect the Town as a whole.

Comments by Alderman Dallas Tester

Alderman Tester thanked his Lord and savior Jesus Christ for the ability to represent the Town. He apologized for not being able to attend the Peace Pole Ceremony as he was out of Town but he appreciated what was done. He thought it was the perfect choice when they chose Officer Marlowe for the position.

Mr. Tester added that he wanted to make sure that the Fire Department and the Police Department know that they have his full support. Especially now more than ever. The Board stands behind them in a time when a lot of city councils are trying to deconstruct and devalue and defund, the Board is trying to build up. We really appreciate you guys and everything that you do.

Comments by Alderman Gary Lingerfelt

Alderman Lingerfelt appreciated all the improvements made by the people brought in. He welcomed Hope Creed to the Police Department. He felt that the Town is getting better every day. He hopes it continues.

He wished for everyone to stay safe.

Comments by Mayor Marla Thompson

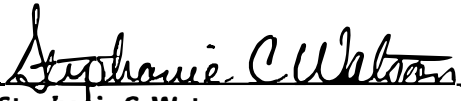
Mayor Thompson wished to thank all the departments for their work. The office, Public Works, the Police Department, Fire Department, and Finance Department. They are great. She thanked them for helping the Board.

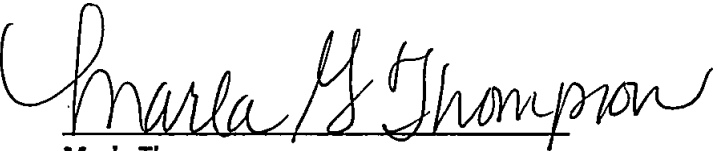
She wished for everyone to stay safe.

Motion was made by Alderman Thurman VanHorn, seconded by Alderman Randall Mays to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.

AYES: Mayor Pro Tempore / Alderman Randall Mays
Alderman David Elder
Alderman Gary Lingerfelt
Alderman Dallas Tester
Alderman Thurman VanHorn

NOES: None


Stephanie C. Watson
Town Clerk, CMC, NCCMC


Marla Thompson
Mayor