

Monday March 13, 2023 Regularly Scheduled Board of Aldermen Meeting

Meeting minutes

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met in the Council Chambers of Long View Town Hall on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: The following members of the Board were present: Mayor Marla Thompson, Mayor Pro Tempore / Alderman Randall Mays, Alderman Gary Lingerfelt, Alderman Phyllis Pennington, Alderman Allen Bumgarner, Alderman David Elder

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: The following members of staff were present:
Public Works Director Chris Eckard, Fire Chief James Brinkley, Major Justin Reid, Planner Chuck Mullis, Town Attorney Jimmy Summerlin, Police Chief TJ Bates, Town Manager Danny Hipps, Deputy Fire Chief Tyler Keener, Sgt. Eddie Marlow, Lt. Alex Smith, Lt. Cody McCarraher, Deputy Finance Director Denise Collins.

OTHERS PRESENT: Cameron McClure, Kimberly Cozart

Invocation: Alderman Allen Bumgarner

Alderman Allen Bumgarner led the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Approval of Minutes - MARCH 13, 2023 REGUALR MINUTES

The board unanimously approved the minutes from the March 13, 2023 regular meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes made by Alderman Phyllis Pennington, seconded by Alderman Gary Lingerfelt.

AYES:

Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randall Mays

Alderman Gary Lingerfelt

Alderman Phyllis Pennington

Alderman Allen Bumgarner

Alderman David Elder

NOES: None

Items for Discussion

1) No Parking Ordinance- Public Works Director Chris Eckard

Public Works Director Chris Eckard discussed a proposed No Parking Ordinance. Public Works Director Chris Eckard proposed adding 10th Ave SW from 24th St. SW to 26th St SW. Public Works Director Eckard stated that this street is too narrow for emergency vehicles, as they are not able to pass if a vehicle is parked on the side of the road.

Public Works Director Chirs Eckard moved that the Board of Alderman vote to approve the suggested amendment to the No Parking Ordinance as presented to go into effect immediately.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Gary Lingerfelt.

AYES:

Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randall Mays

Alderman Gary Lingerfelt

Alderman Phyllis Pennington

Alderman Allen Bumgarner

Alderman David Elder

NOES: None

2) Request for surplus/Retirement Resolution for Cpt. Mike Ford- Police Chief Bates

Police Chief Bates requested a surplus of duty weapon and badge and retirement resolution for Captain Mike Ford. The board approved the request unanimously.

Motion to approve the request for surplus of duty weapon and badge was made by Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Allen Bumgarner.

AYES:

Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randall Mays

Alderman Gary Lingerfelt

Alderman Phyllis Pennington

Alderman Allen Bumgarner

Alderman David Elder

NOES: None

Motion to approve the request for the Retirement Resolution was made by Alderman Gary Lingerfelt, seconded by Alderman Phyllis Pennington.

AYES:

Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randall Mays

Alderman Gary Lingerfelt

Alderman Phyllis Pennington

Alderman Allen Bumgarner

Alderman David Elder

NOES: None

3) Retirement Party Invitation

The board was invited to Captain Mike Ford's retirement party. Details of the event were provided.

4) Call for public hearing for rezoning- Town Planner Charles Mullis

Town Planner Charles Mullis called for a public hearing regarding a rezoning request for property at 3607 1st Ave. SW. The board agreed and set a date for the hearing.

Motion to set a date for the public hearing made by Alderman Gary Lingerfelt, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore/ Alderman Randall Mays.

AYES:

Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randall Mays

Alderman Gary Lingerfelt

Alderman Phyllis Pennington

Alderman Allen Bumgarner

Alderman David Elder

NOES: None

Town Planner Charles Mullis called for another public hearing regarding a rezoning request for property at 2036 1st Av SW, 2046 1st Av SWW, 2054 1st Av SW, and 31 22nd St SW. The board agreed and set a date for the hearing.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore/ Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Gary Lingerfelt.

AYES:

Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randall Mays

Alderman Gary Lingerfelt

Alderman Phyllis Pennington

Alderman Allen Bumgarner

Alderman David Elder

NOES: None

5) Presentation of Certified Local Government Finance Officer Certification to Finance Director James Cozart- Town Manager Danny Hipps

Town Manager Danny Hipps presented Finance Director James Cozart with the Certified Local Government Finance Officer Certification.

6) Finance Report- Finance Director James Cozart

Finance Director James Cozart provided a financial report for the town. The report was accepted by the board.

7) Budget Amendment 4

The board discussed and approved Budget Amendment 4.

Motion to approve Budget Amendment 4 made by Alderman Gary Lingerfelt, seconded by Alderman Phyllis Pennington.

AYES:

Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randall Mays

Alderman Gary Lingerfelt

Alderman Phyllis Pennington

Alderman Allen Bumgarner

Alderman David Elder

NOES: None

8) Budget Amendment 5

The board discussed and approved Budget Amendment 5.

Motion to approve Budget Amendment 5 made by Alderman David Elder, seconded by Alderman Gary Lingerfelt.

AYES:

Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randall Mays

Alderman Gary Lingerfelt

Alderman Phyllis Pennington

Alderman Allen Bumgarner

Alderman David Elder

NOES: None

9) Manager's Report- Danny Hipps Town Manager

Town Manager Danny Hipps provided a manager's report, which included updates on the Hickory Public Schools Property, Sweet Bay Lane, Sidewalk Update, Burke River Trail, the EJ conversation, and performance evaluations.

10) Hickory Public Schools Property (Across from Town Hall)

Town Manager Danny Hipps discussed the potential for a micro park on the Hickory Public Schools property across from Town Hall. The board showed support for the idea and requested more information to be presented at future meetings.

11) Sweet Bay Lane Update

Town Manager Danny Hipps provided an update on the Sweet Bay Lane project, including the recent sale of a nearby property to a private company. The board expressed interest in the project's progress.

12) Sidewalk Update

Town Manager Danny Hipps provided an update on the sidewalk project, stating that they will have more information on the project's phases and cost estimates in the coming weeks.

13) Burke River Trail Update

Town Manager Danny Hipps provided an update on the Burke River Trail project, recapping a recent meeting with community members and representatives from the county. The board was supportive of the project's progress and open to exploring new ideas for the trail.

14) Performance Evaluations

Town Manager Danny Hipps discussed the implementation of quarterly performance evaluations for department heads and himself. The board supported the idea and agreed to complete evaluations for the Town Manager.

7) Public Comment

No public comments were made during this meeting.

8) Other Business

No other business was discussed during this meeting.

9) Board Comment

The board members wished a happy birthday to one of the attendees.

10) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Gary Lingerfelt, seconded by Alderman Phyllis Pennington at 6:15 p.m..

AYES:

Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randall Mays

Alderman Gary Lingerfelt

Alderman Phyllis Pennington

Alderman Allen Bumgarner

Alderman David Elder

NOES: None