

Long View- Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting

April 10, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met in the Council Chambers of Long View Town Hall on Monday, April 10, 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: Town Manager Danny Hipps, Town Planner Charles Mullis, Capt. Dennis Hardin, Major Justin Reid, Police chief TJ Bates, Public Works Director Chris Eckard, Deputy Chief Tyler Keener, Fire Chief James Brinkley, Finance Director James Cozart, Town Clerk Heather Minor.

Others Present: Brenda Harris, Becky Less

1) Call Meeting to Order- Mayor Marla Thompson

Mayor Marla Thompson called the meeting to order and conducted a roll call.

2) Roll Call

All members were present for the meeting: Alderman Allen Bumgarner, Alderman David Elder, Alderman Randall Mays, Alderman Phyllis Pennington, and Alderman Gary Lingerfelt.

3) Invocation

The invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randall Mays

4) Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

5) Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes to approve at today's meeting.

Items for Discussion

6) Child Abuse Prevention Month Resolution for Child Advocacy Protection Center- Mayor Thompson

Mayor Thompson read the proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month and welcomed Ms. Becky Less from the Children's Advocacy and Protection Center to accept it. The proclamation highlighted the importance of providing support to families and working together to prevent child abuse.

A motion was made by Alderman Gary Lingerfelt to adopt the proclamation and was seconded by Alderman Phyllis Pennington. The motion passed unanimously.

7) Special Meeting Date change Budget Work Session- Heather Minor, Town Clerk

The Board of Aldermen decided to reschedule the budget work session from Tuesday, May 2nd to Monday, May 1st at 4:00 PM in order not to interfere with National Night Out.

8) Cancellation of Public Hearing for Rezoning-Town Planner Charles Mullis

Town Planner Charles Mullis informed the board that the property owner who requested a public hearing to rezone the property at 3607 First Avenue Southwest has withdrawn their application. No action was required by the board.

9) Cancellation of Public Hearing for Rezoning-Town Planner Charles Mullis 2nd property

Mullis also informed the board that the property at 2046 First Avenue Southwest will not need to be rezoned. This property can be used as an existing

nonconforming use, and the planning board withdrew their previous rezoning application. No action was required by the board.

10) Finance Report- Finance Director James Cozart - Order for Tax Collector

Finance Director James Cozart presented the Finance Report for March 2023. Revenues in the general fund were at 93.51% of the budgeted amount, while expenditures were at 58.4%. In the utility fund, revenues were at 78.44%, and expenditures were at 72.64%. Cozart also presented the order for the tax collector, which the board approved.

A motion was made to accept the order for the tax collector and was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

11) Managers Report- Town Manager Danny Hipps

1) Blackburn Landfill Closing

There was no discussion, this was for informational purposes only. Public Works Director Eckard doesn't think that the closing will directly affect the Town's use of the landfill.

2) 2024 ARC Area Development Grant Pre-Applications

Town Manager Danny Hipps discussed the possibility of applying for the 2024 ARC Area Development Grant. However, the board decided not to pursue the grant application at this time, as they did not have any specific projects in mind. Town Manager Danny Hipps requested input and direction from the board regarding the grant application, which would be a 50% match. The board discussed the grant application, noting that there are no specific projects currently in the works, they decided not to pursue the application at this time.

3) NC Forestry Department Grant

The town has applied for the North Carolina Forestry Department Grant, which is a 100% funded grant. The grant application includes funding for trees at Long View Recreation Center, Town Hall, and the vacant lot across from Town Hall if approved.

4) Long View Trail Assessment

An update on the feasibility study for the Long View Trail Assessment was provided, with progress on mapping and surveying expected in mid-April through May. Progress on the feasibility study is on track with mapping and surveying expected in mid-April through May.

12) Public Comment

none

13) Other Business

No other business was discussed.

14) Board Comment

Board members expressed gratitude for Mr. Elder's attendance and recovery after health issues.

15) Adjournment

Motion made by Alderman Gary Lingerfelt, seconded by Alderman Phyllis Pennington. The vote was unanimous, and the meeting was adjourned 5:52 pm.