



**TOWN OF LONG VIEW
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 11, 2022 AT 6:30 PM**

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met in the Council Chambers of Long View Town Hall on Monday, April 11, 2022 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.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT (Electronically): Alderman David Elder

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT (Physically): The following members of staff were present:
Town Administrator David Draughn, Town Clerk Heather Minor, Finance Director James Cozart, Town Attorney Jimmy Summerlin, Town Planner Charles Mullis, Public Works Director Chris Eckard, Fire Chief James Brinkley, Police Chief TJ Bates, Rec Dept. Superintendent Alan Bumgarner.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT (Electronically): None.

OTHERS PRESENT (Electronically): None

OTHERS PRESENT (Physically): Kimberly Cozart, Wayne Houser, David Bolick

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Marla Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Invocation: Alderman David Elder

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Gary Lingerfelt to approve the March 14, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes, March 14, 2022 Closed session minutes and March 21, 2022 Special Budget Retreat meeting minutes. The vote to approve was unanimous.

AYES: Mayor Pro Tempore / Alderman Randall Mays
Alderman David Elder
Alderman Gary Lingerfelt

NOES: None



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Memorandum

To: Mayor and Board of Alderman

From: David Draughn, Town Administrator

Subject: Long View Lions Club

Date: March 14, 2022

Mr. Wayne Houser, VP for the Long View Lions Club, has requested a few minutes to address the Board regarding an update of Lion's Club activities as well as discussing the Town possibly sponsoring a health and wellness screening event this summer.

No Action Suggested:

AGENDA ITEMS

Long View Lion's Club Update- Mr. Wayne Houser

Mr. Houser thanked the board for allowing them to come and speak tonight. Mr. Houser stated he wanted to provide an update on the Long View Lion's Club. Over the last two years, COVID has presented its challenges, however, Mr. Houser stated that Mr. David Bolick's (also in attendance) church allowed the Long View Lion's Club to meet in his church's parking lot, so the majority of their meetings were held outdoors, followed by the Town of Long View allowing them to go into the sheltered portion of the park at the Rec Center and now they're able to be back in the building at the Rec Center. Mr. Houser thanked the board again for allowing the Lion's Club the opportunity to meet in the town.

Mr. Houser stated that a few months ago The Lion's Club was cleaning out their storage building and found their original charter from 1950. Mr. Houser stated his son restored the Charter and would like to ask the Board of Alderman if they would be willing to hang the charter somewhere in town hall. Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randall Mays stated he thinks it would be a great opportunity for the town to show what the Long View Lion's Club has done and chartered in our town. This would be a great thing to display in our building. Town Administrator Draughn stated that we would display the charter in our lobby.

Mr. Houser informed the board of a project they have been working on during the COVID-19 pandemic. This project began at Southwest Elementary School. The Lion's Club began screening children for vision impairments. Mr. Houser stated they were able to supply 20 children in Hickory, including those at Southwest Elementary School in Long View, with glasses. Mr. Houser stated the optometrist, Dr. Winsett in Granite Falls, had to have major open-heart surgery during the pandemic, so the Lion's Club had to find a new optometrist who would work with them to screen the children. Mr. Houser stated this proved to be more difficult than they had anticipated. Mr. Houser stated that Lion's Club Incorporated started a Site Program for children several years ago. They used a small van with mobile equipment to go to schools and do vision screenings. Mr. Houser stated that the screening van is taken to daycares, schools and can even be used on the elderly. The screening process gives a suggested prescription, but mostly checks for server eye diseases. If the person being screened does not have good site, the screening will come back as a referral. The Lion's Club does follow up with these referrals to make sure that the children are able to be taken or have been taken to see an optometrist who can thoroughly check their eyes. Mr. Houser stated that they went to the Boys and Girls club in Catawba. They screened 30 children. Out of the 30 children that were screened, 9 children had referrals for vision impairments. Mr. Houser stated that the Lion's Club was able to provide all 9 of those children with glasses. Mr. Houser stated for the last year, The Long View Lion's club has been on a mission to raise money to expand the program. The mobile unit they originally looked at purchasing was \$160,000 which the Lion's Club could not afford. Working with Lion's Club Incorporated, Mr. Houser learned that Long View Lion's Club could purchase a small van with the examining equipment. Mr. Houser stated that with the help of good hearts and donations, they were able to purchase the van and the equipment, which is currently on order. They're in the process of training their Lion's Club members to be able to do the screenings. Mr. Houser provided the board with information regarding the screenings and the program for the visually impaired.

Mr. Houser stated he had recently attended an event in Denver, NC, called Love Denver. He stated he knew we had our National Night Out event coming up and wanted to let us know that in the future, he would be happy to provide the Vision Van for our event. At Love Denver, they have tents set up through local churches and Atrium Health that provide clothes, school supplies, sports physicals, health screening and vision screenings for those who cannot afford it and are in need. Mr. Houser stated that Atrium Health has a Christian extension group that helps with this program. The Lion's Club would help as much as they could, as well.

Police Chief TJ Bates stated that the Town of Long View has a Faith Leader Coalition group that he is a part of. Chief Bates took Mr. Houser's contact information and told him that he would put him in contact with one of the pastors in the group, as well.

Mayor Thompson

I would like to ask if I may be able to address the town council at your next meeting. We would like to update the council on the activities we have been involved with over the last two years and an exciting community project we have underway to benefit kids in our area. We would also like to discuss the possibility of working with the council on possibly planning a community health and wellness screening event prior to the new school year of 2022/2023. Members of our club recently worked with the "Love Denver" event sponsored by Atrium Health which was an event supported by the church community that impacted a lot of families in need.

Thanks, Wayne Houser VP

Long View Lions Club

Adoption of Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

Due to the representative (Melissa Kerekese) of the Children's Advocacy and Protection Center being sick, she was unable to attend the meeting. Mayor Marla Thompson read the proclamation.

A motion to adopt the proclamation was made by Alderman David Elder and seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randall Mays. The motion to adopt the proclamation was unanimous.

AYES: Mayor Pro Tempore / Alderman Randall Mays
Alderman David Elder
Alderman Gary Lingerfelt

NOES: None



PROCLAMATION

- Whereas,** children are vital to our city's future success, prosperity and quality of life as well as being our most vulnerable assets;
- Whereas,** all children deserve to have the safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities they need to foster their healthy growth and development;
- Whereas,** child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community;
- Whereas,** communities that provide parents with the social support, knowledge of parenting and child development and concrete resources they need to cope with stress and nurture their children ensure all children grow to their full potential;
- Whereas,** effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

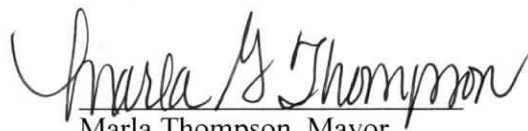
NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARLA THOMPSON, MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF LONG VIEW, NORTH CAROLINA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF APRIL 2022 AS

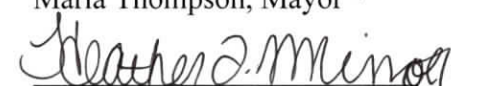
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

In the Town of Long View and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders and businesses to increase their participation in efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the community in which we live.

Dated this 11th Day of April, 2022.




Marla Thompson, Mayor


Heather Minor, Town Clerk

Public Hearing for Ordinance Amendment 50.35-50.36- Public Works Director Chris Eckard

Public Works Director Chris Eckard stated we have drafted an amendment to Town Ordinance 50.35 and 50.36, pick up. In this amendment we requesting to begin doing only 1 brush truck scoop per house per week for our bulk junk items and brush. The purpose of the amendment is to reduce increasing costs due to inflation and numerous trips to Blackburn Landfill. As a result of adopting the proposed amendment, we hope to decrease cost and maintain efficiency of our employees in the Public Works department. We would like to adopt the proposed amendment at our May 9th meeting with the implementation beginning July 1, 2022. July 1st implementation date allows for a smoother transition for our town residents, as we will begin notifying them via multiple avenues.

Town Administrator Draughn stated that one change has been made and should be available on the digital agenda packets. On Ordinance Amendment 50.36, the maximum diameter requirement of the brush was left out of the ordinance. The maximum diameter should be no greater than 6 inches.

Mayor Marla Townsend asked if we would be sending out a notice after this is voted upon. Public Works Director Chris Eckard stated he would like to send a separate letter, a notice on the water bills and post a notice on our digital sign. Public Works Director Eckard stated he is in the process of changing our door hangers so that his guys at Public Works can begin leaving those with citizens that are leaving an excess of brush/junk to be picked up. Town Administrator Draughn stated we would do several different notices to try to make the transition as seamless as possible.

Mayor Marla Thompson called for a motion to open the public hearing. Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randall Mays made a motion to open the public hearing and was seconded by Alderman Gary Lingerfelt. The motion to open the public hearing was unanimous.

AYES: Mayor Pro Tempore / Alderman Randall Mays
Alderman David Elder
Alderman Gary Lingerfelt

NOES: None

Mayor Thompson asked if there were any questions during the public hearing. Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randall Mays stated he just hoped that people realize that the excess cost were running into now can cause taxes to increase if we don't find a cost-effective solution. Town Administrator Draughn stated that one scoop from the brush truck is still a large amount to be able to put out.

Mayor Thompson called for a motion to close the hearing. Alderman Gary Lingerfelt made a motion and was seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randal Mays. The vote to close the hearing was unanimous.

AYES: Mayor Pro Tempore / Alderman Randall Mays
Alderman David Elder
Alderman Gary Lingerfelt

NOES: None



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Memorandum

To: Mayor and Board of Aldermen

From: Chris Eckard, Public Works Director

Subject: Motion for Ordinance Amendment

Date: April 11, 2022

We have drafted an amendment to Town Ordinance 50.35 and 50.36, pick up. In this amendment we requesting to begin doing only 1 brush truck scoop per house per week for our bulk junk items and brush. The purpose of the amendment is to reduce increasing costs due to inflation and numerous trips to Blackburn Landfill. As a result of adopting the proposed amendment, we hope to decrease cost and maintain efficiency of our employees in the Public Works department. We would like to adopt the proposed amendment at our May 9th meeting with the implementation beginning July 1, 2022. July 1st implementation date allows for a smoother transition for our town residents, as we will begin notifying them via multiple avenues.

Action Suggested:

I move that the Town Board of Aldermen adopt the proposed amendment as presented with implementation beginning July 1, 2022.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 50.35, RESPONSIBILITY OF TOWN AND 50.36,
TREE AND SHRUB TRIMMINGS AND THE LIKE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE
TOWN OF LONG VIEW, NORTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, Ordinance 50.35 and 50.36 shall be updated to include the following:

**§50.35 RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TOWN AND §50.36 TREE AND SHRUB TRIMMINGS
AND THE LIKE**

WHEREAS, the Town of Long View has asked for a limit of one brush truck scoop per household per week with respect to the responsibility of the town picking up junk items, tree and shrub trimmings and the like.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Long View that Chapter 50, PICKUP, Section 50.35 captioned RESPONSIBILITY OF TOWN, is rewritten as follows (NOTE: new text is highlighted):

§ 50.35 RESPONSIBILITY OF TOWN.

The town shall be responsible for picking up garbage and all junk items at non-commercial properties if it is placed along the curb of an accessible street, provided the garbage is placed in proper containers or in bulk that can be easily handled by town employees or contractors, **not in excess of one brush truck scoop per household per week.** All commercial properties, mobile home parks and apartment buildings with more than 6 units shall be required to place their garbage and junk items in dumpsters at all times and work out arrangements for pickup with a private contractor.

(1994 Code, §50.30) (Ord. passed- -; Am. Ord. passed - -; Am. Ord. passed 10-8-2007)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Long View that Chapter 50, PICKUP, Section 50.36 captioned TREE AND SHRUB TRIMMINGS AND THE LIKE, is rewritten as follows (NOTE: new text is highlighted):

§ 50.36 TREE AND SHRUB TRIMMINGS AND THE LIKE.

- (A) Tree, shrubbery, or other trimmings shall be picked up as garbage if they're placed in the proper containers. All other trimmings shall be picked up only by special request of the owner, and provided they are placed next to but not in the street, so as they are reasonably accessible, **not exceeding the following: 6 feet in length, 6 inches in diameter and no more than one brush truck scoop per household per week.**
- (B) No trimmings, grubbing, or scrapings of trees, underbrush, garbage, rubbish, or shrubbery made by professional contractors or tree trimmers in the trimming of trees or the clearing of land or site preparation shall be picked up or removed by the town; it shall be the sole responsibility of the professional tree trimmer or contractor to remove the garbage.

(1994 Code, §50.31) (Ord. Passed --) Penalty, see §50.99

This ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

Adopted on the motion of Board of Aldermen member _____, seconded by
Board of Aldermen Member _____, and approved on a vote of _____ in favor and
_____ against.

This the 9th day of May, 2022.

TOWN OF LONG VIEW

By: _____

Marla Thompson

Mayor

ATTEST

Heather T. Minor

Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jimmy R. Summerlin, Jr.

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing official amendment, designated AN ORDINANCE
TO AMEND CHAPTER 50.35, RESPONSIBILITY OF TOWN AND 50.36, TREE AND SHRUB
TIMMINGS AND THE LIKE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF LONG VIEW,
NORTH CAROLINA was placed in the Long View Town Code Book on the _____ day of
_____, 2022 at _____ o'clock _____ m.

Heather T. Minor

Town Clerk

Vote to adopt amended Ordinance 130.35- Town Clerk Heather Minor

Town Clerk Minor stated she has enclosed is a copy of the Ordinance 130.35, currently titled Firearms. A public Hearing was held at the March 14, 2022. No public comment was made. We would like to present the amendment to be adopted by the Board of Aldermen. If adopted, the amendment would go into effect immediately. Employees of the Town of Long View who possess a valid North Carolina Concealed Carry Permit will still be permitted to carry a firearm at the discretion of the Town Administrator. A copy of each concealed carry permit will be kept on file with the clerk.

Mayor Marla Thompson asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Alderman David Elder made a motion to adopt the amendment to Ordinance 130.35. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randall Mays. The vote to adopt the amendment was unanimous.

AYES: Mayor Pro Tempore / Alderman Randall Mays
Alderman David Elder
Alderman Gary Lingerfelt

NOES: None



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Memorandum

To: Mayor and Board of Aldermen

From: Heather Minor- Town Clerk

Subject: Adoption of Ordinance Amendment

Date: February 14, 2022

Enclosed is a copy of the Ordinance 130.35, currently titled Firearms. A public Hearing was held at the March 14, 2022. No public comment was made. We would like to present the amendment to be adopted by the Board of Aldermen. If adopted, the amendment would go into effect immediately. Employees of the Town of Long View who possess a valid North Carolina Concealed Carry Permit will still be permitted to carry a firearm at the discretion of the Town Administrator. A copy of each concealed carry permit will be kept on file with the clerk.

Action Suggested:

I move that the Board of Aldermen vote to adopt the Amendment for Ordinance 130.35 as presented.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 130.35, DISCHARGE, OF THE CODE OF
ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF LONG VIEW, NORTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, the Town of Long View has asked for the prohibition of weapons in town buildings and their respective parking lots within the town limits; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 14-269(a) permits the restrictions provided herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Long View that Chapter 130, FIREARMS, Section 130.35 captioned *DISCHARGE*, is rewritten as follows (NOTE: new text is highlighted):

§ 130.35 DISCHARGE OF WEAPONS IN TOWN LIMITS; PROHIBITION OF WEAPONS ON TOWN PROPERTY; PENALTY; EXCEPTIONS.

(A) (1) Discharge of weapon(s) prohibited. It is hereby specifically prohibited and it shall be unlawful for any person to shoot or discharge within the corporate limits of the town any deadly weapon or firearm, including any handgun, pistol, rifle, shotgun, air rifle, spring gun or pistol, compressed air rifle or pistol, BB gun, pellet gun, bow and arrow, cross bow and arrow or bolt, black powder rifle, musket, or pistol, or other similar devices which impels with force a shot, pellets, high speed projectile, or missile of any kind.

(2) Exceptions. The prohibition set forth in section 130.35(A)(1) shall not be applicable:

- (a) to police officers or other law enforcement officers while discharging their official duties; or
- (b) the discharge of any weapon during an incident of justified self-defense or defense of another.

(B) (1) Possession or display of weapon(s) in town buildings and their respective parking lots. It shall be unlawful for any person, with or without a permit, to openly carry, conceal carry, or otherwise carry, possess, or display a deadly weapon or firearm, including any handgun, pistol, rifle, shotgun, air rifle, spring gun or pistol, compressed air rifle or pistol, BB gun, pellet gun, black powder rifle, musket, or pistol, bow and arrow, cross bow and arrow or bolt, or any other weapon which fires a missile, arrow, or other high speed projectile, knives with blades longer than 3 inches and any other deadly weapon as defined under North Carolina General Statute § 14-269(a) in any town owned buildings, their respective parking lots, including town hall, public works facility, fire stations, town police facilities, or other municipally owned buildings.

(2) Exceptions. The prohibition set forth in section 130.35(B)(1) shall not be applicable in the following situations and circumstances:

- (a) If the possession or display of the firearm, or other weapon, was conducted by a person authorized by law to carry and display such articles or objects as part of their official duties. Such persons include: local law enforcement personnel, military personnel, security guards, state and federal law enforcement, or any other person identified under G.S. 14-269(b);

- (b) If such possession or display of a firearm or weapon is part of the performance of the duties of a town employee or contractor;
- (c) Any town employee who possesses a valid concealed carry permit issued in accordance with G.S. 14-415.10, *et seq.*, and is approved by the town administrator to possess such weapon(s);
- (d) Any individual who possessed a weapon in violation of this ordinance during an incident of justified self-defense or defense of another shall not be charged under this ordinance for actions resulting from that incident.

(C) Penalty. The discharge, possession or display of any firearm or other deadly weapon in violation of this section 130.35 shall constitute a Class 3 misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of \$50.00, as provided by G.S. 14-4, as may be imposed in the discretion of the court.

This ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

Adopted on the motion of Board of Aldermen member David Elder, seconded by Board of Aldermen Member Randall Mays, and approved on a vote of 3 in favor and 0 against.

This the 11th day of April, 2022.



TOWN OF LONG VIEW

By: Marla G Thompson

Marla Thompson

Mayor

ATTEST

Heather T. Minor

Heather T. Minor

Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jimmy R. Summerlin, Jr.

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing official amendment, designated AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROVISION OF CHAPTER 130, FIREARMS, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF LONG VIEW, NORTH CAROLINA TO PROHIBIT WEAPONS ON TOWN PROPERTY was placed in the Long View Town Code Book on the 11 day of April, 2022 at 7:00 o'clock p m.

Heather T. Minor

Heather T. Minor

Town Clerk

Contract to administer the Burke Co. Trail Grant- Finance Director James Cozart

Finance Director James Cozart presented a contract between the Town of Long View and the Western Piedmont Council of Government (WPCOG) to administer a grant that the Town of Long View received in the amount of \$10,000 to be used for trail planning as part of the Burke County Trail that will extend through each municipality in Burke County. Each municipality in Burke County received this grant as part of this process. Town of Long View would be billed in quarterly increments by the WPCOG beginning July 1, 2022.

Mayor Marla Thompson asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randall Mays made a motion to approve the Trail Grant contract. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gary Lingerfelt. The vote was unanimous.

AYES: Mayor Pro Tempore / Alderman Randall Mays
Alderman David Elder
Alderman Gary Lingerfelt

NOES: None

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
WESTERN PIEDMONT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND
THE TOWN OF LONG VIEW
FOR THE PROVISION OF
TECHNICAL PLANNING ASSISTANCE
TRAIL PLANNING
JULY 1, 2022- JUNE 30, 2023

This AGREEMENT, entered into on this the first day of July, 2022, by and between the Western Piedmont Council of Governments (hereinafter referred to as the "Planning Agency") and the Town of Long View, North Carolina (hereinafter referred to as the "Local Government"); WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, the Planning Agency is empowered to provide technical assistance by the North Carolina General Statutes and by resolution passed by the Planning Agency on April 17, 1972. Technical assistance shall consist of the provision of services as described in Attachment A, which is herein made a part of this Contract;

WHEREAS, the Local Government has requested the Planning Agency to provide such technical assistance to the Local Government and;

WHEREAS, the Planning Agency desires to cooperate with the Local Government in every way possible to the end that the proposed activities are carried out in an efficient and professional manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto do mutually agree as follows:

1. **Personnel.** That during the period of this Contract, the Planning Agency will furnish the necessary trained personnel to the Local Government.
2. **Travel/Printing.** The Local Government will pay for expenses related to conferences, conventions, seminars, local travel, etc. of the personnel when the Local Government requests or approves travel related to the Local Government's planning program, or if it is beneficial to both parties, the costs will be shared on an agreed-upon ratio.

The Local Government will also pay for expenses related to printing of report(s), mailings to advisory boards, and other costs not related to normal travel and staffing costs associated with personnel furnished by the Planning Agency.

3. **Compensation.** That for the purpose of providing the funds for carrying out this Contract, the Local Government will pay the Planning Agency a fee not to exceed \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) during the period beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023. These fees will be billed in quarterly payments.

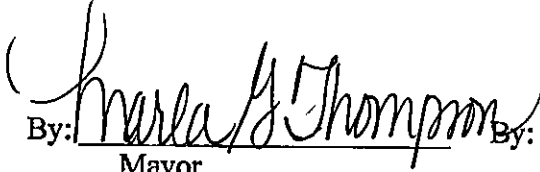
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4. **Termination/Modifications.** The Local Government may terminate the Contract by giving the Planning Agency a thirty-day written notice. Furthermore, if there is a need to amend the proposal outlined in Attachment A, either party may do so with the written consent of the other.
5. **Time of Performance.** The Planning Agency shall ensure that all services required herein shall be completed and all required reports, maps, and documents submitted during the period beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.
6. **Interest of Members, Officers, or Employees of the Planning Agency, Members of the Local Government, or Other Public Officials.** No member, officer, or employee of the Planning Agency or its agents; no member of the governing body of the locality in which the program is situated; and no other public official of such locality or localities who exercises any functions or responsibilities with respect to the program during his tenure or for one year thereafter, shall have any financial interest, either direct or indirect, in any contract or subcontract, or the proceeds thereof, for work to be performed in connection with the program assisted under this Agreement. Immediate family members of said members, officers, employees, and officials are similarly barred from having any financial interest in the program. The Planning Agency shall incorporate, or cause to be incorporated, in all such contracts or subcontracts, a provision prohibiting such interest pursuant to the purpose of this section.
7. **Nondiscrimination Clause.** No person in the United States shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination with any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds available under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Section 109.
8. **Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended.** No qualified person shall on the basis of age be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity which receives or benefits from federal financial assistance.
9. **Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.** No qualified handicapped person shall, on the basis of handicap be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity which receives or benefits from federal financial assistance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Planning Agency and the Local Government have executed this Agreement as of the date first above written.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT:
TOWN OF LONG VIEW

PLANNING AGENCY:
WESTERN PIEDMONT COUNCIL
OF GOV'TS.

By:  By: _____
Mayor Executive Director

By:  By: _____
Town Manager Chair

PLANNING AGENCY:

Pre-audit statement:

This instrument has been preaudited in the manner prescribed by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

By: 
Local Government Finance Officer

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**ATTACHMENT A
TOWN OF LONG VIEW
TECHNICAL PLANNING ASSISTANCE:
TRAIL PLANNING
JULY 1, 2022 – JUNE 30, 2023**

WORK PROGRAM/BUDGET

The following work program and budget are presented as descriptive of the work and dollar amounts called for in the agreement concerning planning activities by the Western Piedmont Council of Governments for the Town of Long View. The product(s) of the planning activities shall be:

WORK PROGRAM

Objectives:

1. Development, planning and construction of trail along the trail loop that extends from the Hildebran portion along Highway 70, Long View Park, and the Airport, including connecting trails and spurs to local communities and tourist attractions.
2. Development, planning and construction of trail where it intersects with Airport Rhodhiss Road and 9th Avenue Dr. NW, including connecting trails and spurs to local communities and tourist attractions.
3. Development, planning and construction of trail along the main stem of the Burke River Trail that runs along Lake Rhodhiss and Lake Hickory on the Catawba River.

Performance Measure(s):

Objective #1		
Milestone	Date Started	Date Completed
Feasibility Plan	3/1/22	8/30/22
Property Owner Communication	5/1/22	4/30/23
Obtain Property/Easements	7/1/22	6/30/23
Local Government adopted trail corridors based on studies and properties obtained.	8/30/22	6/30/23

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Objective #2		
Milestone	Date Started	Date Completed
Feasibility Plan	3/1/22	8/30/22
Property Owner Communication	5/1/22	4/30/23
Obtain Property/Easements	7/1/22	6/30/23
Local Government adopt the trail corridor based on the study and properties obtained.	8/30/22	6/30/23

Objective #3		
Milestone	Date Started	Date Completed
Feasibility Plan	3/1/22	8/30/22
Property Owner Communication	5/1/22	4/30/23
Obtain Property/Easements	7/1/22	6/30/23
Local Government adopt the trail corridor based on the study and properties obtained.	8/30/22	6/30/23

BUDGET

The contract budget, including all salaries, fringe benefits, travel expenses and indirect costs, totals \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) during the period beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023. These fees will be billed in quarterly payments.

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Burke Co. Tax Settlement Statement as of - Finance Director James Cozart

Finance Director James Cozart stated effective March 14, 2022, Daniel Isenhour, the Burke County Tax Collector, has retired. Mr. Isenhour has sent the collection agreement for the board to adopt thru the date of his retirement, which would be July 1, 2021 thru March 14, 2022. Burke County collect \$230,718.13 for property taxes, which left an uncollected balance of \$8,745.35. Once the board has approved the statement, Finance Director Cozart will return the statement to the Burke County Tax Office.

Mayor Thompson asked if there were any questions. Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randall Mays who would be administering the remainder of the fiscal year. Finance Director Cozart stated Dawn Hutchins was the interim tax collector from March 18 thru April 4th. As of April 4th, a new full time Tax Collector has taken office. At this time, no information has been received on that individual.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randall Mays made a motion to approve the tax settlement from Burke County. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gary Lingerfelt. The statement was approved unanimously.

AYES: Mayor Pro Tempore / Alderman Randall Mays
Alderman David Elder
Alderman Gary Lingerfelt

NOES: None



Burke County

Office of Tax Administration

Daniel Isenhour
Tax Administrator
P O Box 219
Morganton, NC 28680
(828)438-5400
tax@co.burke.nc.us

March 15, 2022

James R. Cozart
Town of Longview
2401 1st Av SE
Long View, NC 28602

RE: Tax Settlement Due to Tax Collector Vacancy

Dear Mr. Cozart:

Effective March 18, 2022, I am retiring from Burke County. NCGS105-373 requires the collector to submit a settlement report annually and in the event, there is a vacancy. As Tax Collector for Long View, I am submitting a settlement report for the period July 1, 2021, through March 14, 2022. This settlement report should be submitted to the town council for adoption.

Dawn Hutchins will be appointed Tax Collector for the period until the new Tax Administrator will be taking office On April 4, 2022. This change in leadership does not affect Burke County's ability to collect taxes for Long View.

Sincerely,

Daniel Isenhour
Tax Administrator



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March 15, 2022

Town of Long View

Dear Council Members:

I respectfully submit the following report:

In accordance with N.C.G.S. 105-373(a)(1) (d).

I certify that From July 1, 2021, through March 14, 2022, Burke County Collections Staff has made diligent efforts, using the collection remedies available by statute to collect tax debts owed Long View for years 2011 through 2021.

In compliance with N.C.G.S. 105-373 (a) (3), below is a summary for the years 2011 through 2021 of tax collections. This represents taxes and other tax-related charges and credits.

Total of Tax Collections: (TR-401E Net Collections Report) (All Years)

	Collected	Uncollected
Current Year (2021)	\$ 225,974.44	\$ 7,020.73
Delinquent (20120 and prior)	\$ <u>4,743.69</u>	\$ <u>1,724.62</u>
Totals	\$ 230,718.13	\$ 8,745.35

Other Collections

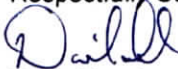
	Collected	Uncollected
Interest	\$ 1,197.09	\$ 0.00
Late List Penalty	\$ <u>1,773.57</u>	\$ <u>34.97</u>
Total Other Collections	\$ 2,970.66	\$ 34.97

NC Vehicle Tax System (NCVTS Distribution report)

Tax (2021)	\$ 16,884.38
Interest (2021)	\$ <u>124.41</u>
Total VTS Collections	\$ 17,008.79

I respectfully request the Council to accept this report as the Settlement for the period July 1, 2021, through March 14, 2022, for the Town of Long View.

Respectfully Submitted,


Daniel Isenhour
Tax Administrator
Burke County

cc: Dawn Hutchins, Revenue Collections Supervisor
Margaret Pierce, Deputy County Manager/Finance Director

Budget Amendment No. 15 to Ordinance 02-21-22- Finance Director James Cozart

Finance Director James Cozart presented Budget Amendment No. 15 to Ordinance 02-21-22. This amendment is a reimbursement from All About Doors, Inc. to pay for damage their truck caused to the awning over the drive-up window. This amendment is to adjust the Maint Repair-Bldg. Town Complex line item so that we can pay to have the repairs done.

Town Administrator Draughn stated that he wanted to thank Police Chief Bates and his department for catching the persons responsible for the damage to our building. Mayor Marla Thompson also stated she would like to thank Rec Dept. Superintendent Alan Bumgarner for pulling the video feed. Mayor Marla Thompson called for a motion to approve the Budget Amendment. Alderman Gary Lingerfelt made a motion to approve Budget Amendment No. 15. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randall Mays. The amendment was approved unanimously.

AYES: Mayor Pro Tempore / Alderman Randall Mays
Alderman David Elder
Alderman Gary Lingerfelt

NOES: None

**ORDINANCE NO. 02-21-22
BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 15**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the Town of Long View, that the following Amendment be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022:

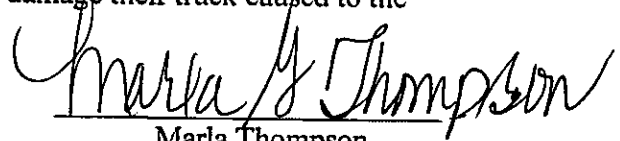
Section 1: To amend the General Fund budgeted amounts, the budget will be changed as follows:

	<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Maint Repair- Bldg. Town Complex	10-470-1500	\$4,678.00

	<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Fund Balance	10-399-0000	\$4,678.00

PURPOSE FOR AMENDMENT:

Reimbursement from All About Doors, Inc. to pay for damage their truck caused to the awning over the drive-up window.


Marla Thompson
Mayor

Attest:


Heather T. Minor
Town Clerk

Approved by Board of Aldermen on April 11, 2022
Date

14246

All About Doors

Airwing Damage

Date: 4/6/21

DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT #	AMOUNT
	10-335-0000	
	10-134-0000	
	10-134-1800	
	10-354-0000	
	10-325-0000	
	10-365-0100	
	10-228-0000	
	10-420-0600	
	10-335-0000	4,678.00
	10-338-0000	
	10-351-0000	
	10-370-0000	
	10-371-0000	
	10-____ - ____	
	10-____ - ____	
	10-____ - ____	
	30-236-0000	
	30-373-0100	
	30-373-0200	
	30-335-0000	
	30-720-0600	
	30-____ - ____	
	30-____ - ____	
	30-____ - ____	
TOTAL:		4,678.00

TOTAL:

4,178.00

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Administrator's Report-Town Administrator David Draughn

- a. **Kites at the Rec Center**- Town Administrator Draughn stated we had recently received a call from the airport regarding Kites being flowing at the rec center. Town Administrator Draughn turned the floor over to Rec Dept. Superintendent Alan Bumgarner who stated they had received a complaint about kites showing up on radar at the tower at the airport from the Hickory Airport maintenance supervisor. The Town of Long View has been asked that we enforce the FAA law regarding no kites being flown with in 5 miles of the airport. Hickory Airport is going to furnish the town with signs to be posted at the rec center. Rec Dept. Superintendent Alan Bumgarner stated that he believed the closure of the main runway for repaving, all planes are flying over the rec center property which makes the flying of kites more visible to the radar.

- b. **Vote to accept bid on 800 28th St SW Property**- Town Administrator Draughn stated we have two bids on the 800 28th St. SW Property, which he would let Attorney Jimmy Summerlin and Town Clerk Heather Minor explain. Town Clerk Heather Minor stated she received the first bid on Friday for \$25,000 with a 5% deposit of \$1,250.00 via check. We were asking for a minimum starting bid of the tax value which was \$31,600.00. Today, a bid was received in the amount of \$31,600 with a 5% deposit of \$1,580.00 via cash. Town Clerk Minor stated that if the board accepts a bid, we will have to publish the bid for 10 days for an upset bid period. If an upset bid is made, the 10-day upset bid period and publishment must start over each time. Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randall Mays asked if there is a percentage over the accepted bid. Town Attorney Jimmy Summerlin stated he believed the bid must be a minimum of 5% increase each time with a 5% deposit. Mayor Thompson asked if the original bidder makes another bid, do they have to put an additional 5% deposit down. Town Attorney Jimmy Summerlin stated that we accept the second offer, the original bid will either, a) get his deposit back and make a new bid, or b) elect to let the town keep the deposit he has already made and just pay the difference in the increase in the upset bid.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randall Mays made a motion to accept the highest bid placed for 800 28th St. SW by BBK Properties. Alderman Gary Lingerfelt seconded the motion and the motion was voted on unanimously.

AYES: Mayor Pro Tempore / Alderman Randall Mays
Alderman David Elder
Alderman Gary Lingerfelt

NOES: None

Town Attorney Jimmy Summerlin stated that the 10-day window will begin once the notice is posted. Town Clerk Minor stated she believed HDR required a 48-hr notice.

From FAQ's on the FAA Website:

8. Q: Can kites be flown near the airport (i.e. in Park Ridge)?

FAA Response:14 CFR Part 101 states that ... within 5 miles of the boundary of any airport "...

No person may operate an unshielded moored balloon or kite more than 150 feet above the surface of the earth unless, at least 24 hours before beginning the operation, he gives the following information to the FAA ATC facility that is nearest to the place of intended operation: (a) the names and addresses of the owners and operators, (b) the size of the balloon or the size and weight of the kite, (c) the location of the operation, (d) the height above the surface of the earth at which the balloon or kite is to be operated, and (e) the date, time and duration of the operation." There are also additional lighting and marking requirements, if the balloon or kite would be operated above 150 feet above the surface of the earth.

Part 101 also states "(a) no person may operate any moored balloon, kite, unmanned rocket, or unmanned free balloon in a manner that creates a hazard to other persons or their property, and (b) no person operating any moored balloon, kite, unmanned rocket, or unmanned free balloon may allow an object to be dropped there from, if such action creates a hazard to other persons or their property."

From AllThingsKites.com:

Restricted areas

Flying a kite near an airport or other restricted areas such as military camps or areas can be dangerous both for you and others in the restricted area.

You will need to be at least 5 miles outside of the boundary of any airport in the USA to fly a kite legally. If you stay near an airport, it may be wiser to take a 15 minute trip to a park to fly a kite than to try and fly it in your backyard.

Note: The tower personnel and Airport Manager feel flying a kite that close to the airport is a hazard because it shows up on their RADAR and could cause a collision with an aircraft, or potentially be sucked into the intake of an aircraft engine and cause damage as a result. I believe this falls under Part 101, potentially creates a hazard. AB.

381-3641

April 11, 2022

TOWN OF LONGVIEW

2404 1ST AVE SW, HICKORY, NC 28601

This is a formal offer for the property at 800 28th St SW, Hickory, NC 28602, with NCPIN: 279209163406, by BBK Properties LLC of \$31,600. This offer is made with 5% down, and the agreement to close within 30 days of acceptance of bid.

SINCERELY,



BBK PROPERTIES LLC
BENJAMIN D GRIFFIN JR
2149 N CENTER ST
HICKORY, NC 28601

Fire Department Activity Report

March 2022

Calls for the Month		64		FIRE RESPONSE TYPE
Structure Fires-Includes Mutual Aid		1		Alarm - Residential
19 / 36		Town		Alarm - Commercial
7 / 2		MA + ETJ	2	Alarm - Industrial
				Alarm - Institution
Average Number of Personnel (rounded)				Fire - Residential
4 / 3		Town		Fire - Commercial
3 / 2		County		Fire - Industrial
3 / NA		Mutual Aid		Fire - Institution
Estimated Risk Value				Fire - Vehicle
\$0		Town		Fire - Grass/Woods
\$0		County		Fire - Trash/Dumpster
			1	Fire - Other
Estimated Loss Value			7	MVA
\$0		Town		Assist - EMS
\$0		County		Assist - PD
				Assist - Other
Training Hours		310		Public Dis./Prevention
Pre-Incident Surveys		3	2	Service
Overlapping Incidents		2		Good Intent
Mutual Aid Dispatched Mtn View		3 / 2		Gas Leak
LV to MA / MA to LV Icard		0 / 2	1	Illegal Burn
Hickory		0	4	HazCon
Cookeville		0	2	HazMat
Other		0		Airport/Craft/Crash
Mutual Aid Given Mtn View		2	6	Mutual Aid/Standby
Icard		0		Search
Hickory		0		Rescue
Cookeville		1	1	Cardiac Arrest
Other		0		CO Alarm
Mutual Aid Received Mtn View		0		Other
Icard		1		
Hickory		0		
Cookeville		0	26	TOTAL FIRE
Other		0	1	Single Response

	MEDICAL RESPONSE TYPE
10	Breathing
8	Chest Pain
6	Sick / Unknown
1	Unconscious
1	Seizure
	Diabetic
	Choking
	Laceration
	Assault/Stab/Shot
	Trauma/Amputate/Avulsion
3	Fall/Trip/Slip
	Fracture/Break
2	Hemorrhage/Bleeding
	Behavioral/Psyc.
4	Overdose
	Poisoning
	Suicide
1	Stroke
	Exposure to Hot/Cold
	Burn
	Electrocution
	Allergic Reaction/Anaphx.
	Bites/Stings
1	Gen.Pain/Back/Ab
	Pregnancy/O.B.
	Inhalation Injury
	Drowning
1	Obvious Death
	Other
38	TOTAL MEDICAL
0	Single Response

Respectfully submitted

John M. Keen

John E. Biley



LONG VIEW POLICE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Activity Report

MARCH 2022



PATROL	
Dispatched Calls for Service	260
Self/Citizen Initiated Activity	70
Incident Reports	
Larceny	6
Residential B&E&L	1
Business B&E&L	0
Motor Vehicle B&E&L	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0
Damage to Property	3
Domestic / Non-Assault	9
Domestic / Assault	4
Aggravated Assaults	1
Sexual Crimes	3
Overdose	4
Death Investigations	1
Robbery	0
Fraud	1
Animal Control	2
Other	8
Total Incident Reports	43
Traffic	
Traffic Stops	29
Citations	15
Warning Citations	8
Traffic Accidents	6
On-View Arrest	
Felony	0
Misdemeanor	1
Criminal Papers Served	15
Training Hours	
In-person	242.5
Online	0

PATROL	
Patrol Prosecution Summaries	0
Alarms	14
Residential Keep Checks	96
Business Keep Checks	646
SW Primary SRO/Community Resource	
Security Checks	56
Doors Found Unsecured/Secured Back	3
Traffic Control	40
Public Safety Presentations	6
Community Resource Project/Mentoring	5
Lockdown Drills/Fire/Tornado	3
DVO/Child Custody Calls	0
Teacher Parent Conferences	0
Lunch Buddy Program	0
Incident/Arrest/MV Accident Report	1
CODE ENFORCEMENT / ACO	
Cats	0
Dogs	2
Dog Bites Incidents	2
Code Enforcement Assistance	0
ACO Incident Reports	2
Nuisance and Abatement	0
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS	
Cases Assigned	21
Drug Violations/Complaints Investigated	5
Closed Cases	24
Arrests	2
Prosecution Summaries Submitted	2
Search Warrants/Orders	1
Vehicles Recovered	1
Evidence Submitted to Lab	2
Felony Cases Assigned Back to Patrol	0

Revised: March 2021



LONG VIEW POLICE DEPARTMENT



Monthly Activity Report

MARCH 2022

K-9	
All Narcotic Sniffs	
Building/Residential/Open Area Searches	
Suspect Apprehension	
Training Hours	
Drug Seized - Type and Amount	
1	
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Long View Police Department

Community Resource Officer Monthly Report

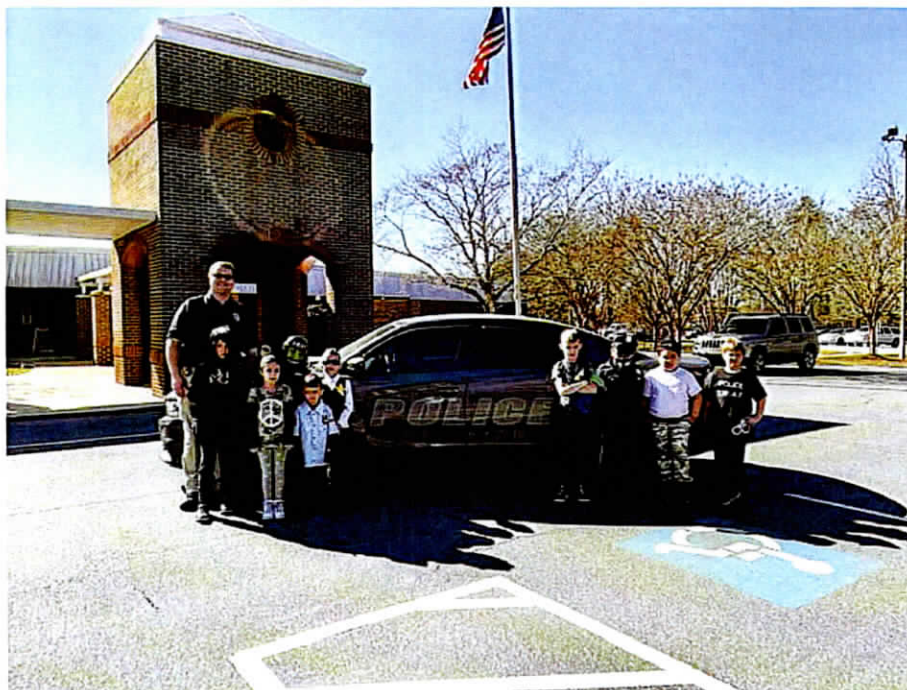
MARCH 2022

Submitted by: Sgt. Eddie Marlowe

03/02/2022: Sgt. Eddie Marlowe, LVPD, met with Elijah Last, Family Guidance Center Intern Student from Lenoir Rhyne University who interviewed me about the partnership and the need for law enforcement officers and social workers in our community for his research project.



03/02/2022: SRO Sgt. Eddie Marlowe, LVPD, celebrated Read Across America Week at Southwest Primary School where some students came in their favorite character or occupation. There were 9 students dressed up as police officers and Swat Team Members. Sgt. Marlowe also read a book "Sherman Crunchley" to Ms. Kim Holt's Kindergarten Class.



03/21/2022: Sgt. Eddie Marlowe, LVPD, went to Burke County Public Library/ C B Hildebran Library for Zoom Patrol and read a book to the children about Aliens. 29 adults and children attended the event. Three of the children were from Utah.



Monday, March 21st
3:45 - 4:45 pm
Every 3rd Monday

ZOOM PATROL

Community Officer Sgt. Eddie Marlowe joins us this month for exciting stories about outer space and funny aliens. We will be making flying saucers with a friendly alien on board. Join us in person for the fun.

CB Hildebrand Public Library

We are moving back to in-person storytimes! During the month of March, some of our storytimes are in person and others will remain online. By April, we expect all regular storytimes to be in-person. Questions? See the individual storytime fliers or ask library staff. Pre-registration is required for all storytimes, and space is limited in both online and in-person programs. For more information, please visit our website, stop by, or call the library.

THE LIBRARY FOUNDATION OF BURKE COUNTY

Live Well

North Carolina Association of the Deaf wrote an Article in their March 2022 Edition News Letter about Long View Police Department hosting American Sign Language Classes for Law Enforcement.



NC Association of the Deaf

March 2022 - Issue 28

Upcoming NCAD Board Meeting!

Saturday, March 12, 2022

8:30 am to 10:00 am

ZOOM LINK

(Click below)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88056369116?pwd=QW9rQXA2TnFGaHZrUUlub1pKWE9vZz09>

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Police Officers learning Sign Language

SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS POLICE OFFICERS

BASIC

Tuesday, Nov. 2
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Thursday, Nov. 4
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

INTERMEDIATE

Tuesday, Nov. 9
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Thursday, Nov. 11
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

LOCATION
Open Door Baptist Church
3310 Main Ave. NW
Hickory, NC 28601

CONTACT
Adaie Young - (828) 640 - 1511
or
Eddie Marlowe - (828) 514-6913
Long View Police Dept.



Sgt. Eddie Marlowe with Long View Police Department and Interpreter Adaie Young with North Carolina School for the Deaf (Morganton, North Carolina) hosted both Beginners and Intermediate Level American Sign Language Classes during November 2021 at Open Door Baptist Church (Long View, North Carolina).

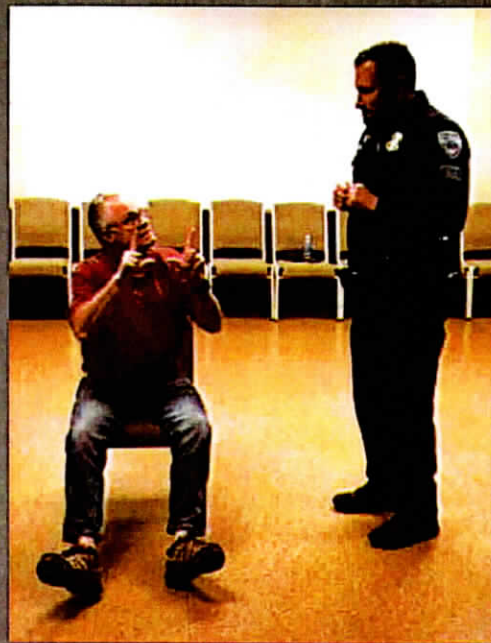
During the classes, Law Enforcement Officers from Hickory Police Department and Newton Police Department attended the classes to learn how to use sign language to

communicate with Deaf People in our community and also learn about Deaf Culture. It is important that law enforcement officers are able to communicate with deaf citizens in the community during emergency and non-emergency situations and to know what equipment they use as well for communication.

Sam Moss (Deaf Citizen) and Jimmy Autrey (Deaf Citizen) attended a couple of the classes to interact with the Law Enforcement Officers in live law enforcement related scenarios so the Law Enforcement Officers would have first hand experience with communicating with a deaf person on their own and with the assistance of an Sign Language Interpreter.

Teaching ASL

Practicing interactions in American Sign Language





Front row: Lori Miller, Cameron Storie both with Hickory PD, Eddie Marlowe with Long View PD

Back row: Garrett Clark with Hickory PD & Jimmy Autrey (NCSD '77)



Left to right: Eddie Marlowe with Long View PD, Sion Moss (ENCSD '85) & Robert Helton with Hickory PD



SAVE THE DATE!

NCAD Conference 2023
"DEAFining our future"
 at Meadowbrook Inn
 Blowing Rock, NC

April 22 – 23, 2023
 ~ So Exciting!!~

Have a story you want to share with us?
CONTACT NCAD!

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T. J. Bates
Chief of Police

LONG VIEW POLICE DEPARTMENT

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NEW OFFICER HIRED

On April 1, 2022, Officer May Xiong was sworn-in as a Long View Police Officer.

Officer Xiong is a local resident of Catawba County. She was raised in Catawba County and an alumna of Bandys High School. She is of Hmong descent and is fluent in both English and Hmong. She is the oldest of five siblings and is a first-generation college graduate.

Officer Xiong graduated from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte with her Bachelors in Criminal Justice and Sociology in 2015 and her Masters in Liberal Studies in 2019. She recently graduated from Catawba Valley Community College's BLET program and is ecstatic to begin her law enforcement career with the Long View Police Department.

Officer Xiong is enthused to provide her services to the community. She decided to pursue a career in law enforcement through perseverance in the hopes of someday inspiring others to follow their dreams as she did. Overall, she is eager and seeks to learn and grow with the community.



Pictured: Officer May Xiong with Chief Bates

Other Business/Public Comment:

None

Board Member Closing Comments

- Comments by Alderman David Elder (remote)

Alderman Elder stated this was a good meeting and thanked everyone for letting him meet via Zoom again. He also asked everyone to keep praying for him.

- Comments by Alderman Randall Mays

Hopes everyone has a good Easter Vacation coming up and enjoys the resurrection of our Lord.

- Comments by Alderman Gary Lingerfelt

No Comment

- Comments by Mayor Marla Thompson

No Comment

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Alderman David Elder, seconded by Alderman Gary Lingerfelt to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

AYES: Mayor Pro Tempore / Alderman Randall Mays

Alderman David Elder

Alderman Gary Lingerfelt

NOES: None