



**TOWN OF LONG VIEW
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 21, 2022**

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met in the Council Chambers of Long View Town Hall on Monday, November 21, 2022 at 3:00 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 David Elder.

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: The following members of staff were present:
Town Administrator David Draughn, Town Clerk Heather Minor, Finance Director James Cozart, Town Planner Charles Mullis, Public Works Director Chris Eckard, Fire Chief James Brinkley, Deputy Fire Chief Tyler Keener, Fire Captain Greg Erikson, Police Chief TJ Bates, Town Attorney Jimmy Summerlin.

OTHERS PRESENT: None

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Marla Thompson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Invocation: Finance Director James Cozart

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Alderman Gary Lingerfelt, seconded by Alderman Phyllis Pennington to approve the October 10, 2022 regular meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

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

NOES: None

AGENDA ITEMS

Adopt Rezoning Ordinance- Charles Mullis, Town Planner

Town Planner Charles Mullis proposed Ordinance # 10-22 which would officially rezone the properties owned by Carolina Container, LLC to industrial from residential which was discussed in a public hearing at the October 2022 meeting.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randall Mays stated he had a few comments to make. He stated that he thinks with the rezoning, we will be providing economic growth, eliminating a non-conforming lot that cannot be utilized anymore as a residential lot. Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randall Mays stated he felt this would eliminate a problem house that law enforcement has had to contend with.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman made a motion to adopt the rezoning ordinance as proposed by Town Planner Charles Mullis. Alderman Gary Lingerfelt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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

NOES: None

Call for public Hearing for Land Use Plan- Charles Mullis, Town Planner

Town Planner Charles Mullis stated that the Town of Long View Land Use Advisory committee is ready to present the new Land Use Plan. Representatives from the Western Piedmont Council of Government will attend the December meeting to give a presentation on the plan. The planning board will also review the final draft of the plan and will give the Board of Aldermen their recommendation at the December meeting, as well. Mr. Mullis stated that this plan has been in process for the last year and will guide our land development for the next ten years, at least. Mr. Mullis stated that the committee has worked very hard on this plan, and he is very proud of their efforts. Mr. Mullis requested that the Board of Aldermen call for a public hearing for next month's regularly scheduled meeting, to be held on December 12, 2022.

Mayor Marla Thompson asked if there was a motion. Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randall Mays made a motion to call for a public hearing for the land use plan. Alderman Gary Lingerfelt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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

NOES: None

Call for Public Hearing for Street Closing of Undeveloped Portion of 30th St. Pl. NW- Charles Mullis,

Town Planner Charles Mullis stated that the planning department has received a request to close an unopened portion of 30th Street Place NW in regard to the rezoning of the properties that Carolina Container is wanting to combine into one property. The properties cannot be combined until the street has been closed. Town Planner Charles Mullis stated that he requested to call a public hearing to close the street.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randall Mays asked Mr. Mullis if 30th St. Pl. NW was a public street. Mr. Mullis advised that the street was not a public street, but more of a right of way. Town Manager Draughn stated that the only utility line would be the service line that ran to the house on the property that Carolina Container has already taken over. Town Planner Mullis stated that Carolina Container intends on demolishing the two houses on the property and that the tenants have until December 1st to vacate the premises. The street closure will happen after the demolition has taken place.

Mayor Marla Thompson called for a motion. Alderman David Elder made a motion to have a Public Hearing on the street closure. Alderman Phyllis Pennington seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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

NOES: None

Adopt Chang of Form of Government- David Draughn, Town Administrator

Town Administrator David Draughn stated that he had 3 items for consideration. Public Hearings for all three items have been held, Town Attorney Summerlin has drafted the enclosed ordinances for consideration, based on his research. Town Administrator Draughn stated that Ordinance CO-03-22-23 is the ordinance amending the charter to adopt the Council Manager form of government, the second is CO-04-22-23 which amends the Code of Ordinance to reflect the previously stated changes, and lastly, if the change of government is adopted, then he would be sworn in as the Town Manager effective immediately.

Mayor Thompson called for a motion to adopt CO 03-22-23. Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randall Mays made a motion to adopt Ordinance CO-03-22-23 changing the form of government amending the town charter. Alderman Phyllis Pennington seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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

NOES: None

Mayor Thompson called for a motion to adopt ordinance CO-04-22-23 amending the Code of Ordinance to reflect Town Manager. Alderman Gary Lingerfelt made a motion to adopt CO-04-22-23. Alderman Phyllis Pennington seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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

NOES: None

Appointment of David Draughn as Town Manager- Marla Thompson, Mayor

Mayor Thompson called for a motion to appoint David Draughn as Town Manger effective immediately. Alderman David Elder made a motion to appoint David Draughn as Town Manager effective immediately. 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
Alderman Phyllis Pennington

NOES: None

Town Attorney Jimmy Summerlin swore Town Manager David Draughn into office.

Finance Report- James Cozart, Finance Director

Finance Director James Cozart stated that our General Fund at the end of October completed 33% of our budget year. We had revenues in the General Fund of \$3,362,958.21, we collected 57.7% of our budget. Our General Fund expenditures in the General Fund totaled \$1,530,809.47 with 26.26% of our budget expended. Revenues exceeded expenditures at the end of October by \$1,832,148.74. The total once the ARPA funds are removed, revenues still exceeded expenditures by \$261,148.74. In our Utility Fund, revenues in the Utility Fund totaled \$729,735.30 with 34.24% of our revenues collected. Our expenses were \$696,853.47 with 32.87% of our budget expended. Revenues exceeded expenses in the utility fund by \$32,881.83.

Finance Director James Cozart stated he had some budget amendments to present for consideration and approval. The first was Budget Ordinance amendment #1 to 02-22-23. This amendment is for \$13,700 which will reappropriate some funds from the 21/22 FY that wasn't expended that needs to be put back into the budget. \$4200 will go to the Administration department for the Clear Electric Motor Matching Grant. \$8100 and \$1400 will be rolled over to the Police Department for Helping Feed Families Line Item, as well as, donations from last year that were not expensed.

Mayor Thompson asked if there were any questions and called for a motion.

Alderman Gary Lingerfelt made a motion to approve Budget Ordinance #1. Alderman Phyllis Pennington seconded this motion. The vote was unanimous.

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

NOES: None

Finance Director James Cozart stated that Budget Amendment #2 to ordinance 02-22-23 was for \$4383.00 which is the funds that the Police Department collected for the barbeque fundraiser to add the funds to their expense budget.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randall Mays made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #2. Alderman David Elder seconded this motion. The vote was unanimous.

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

NOES: None

Finance Director James Cozart stated that Budget Transfer #1 was for \$30,200 to move funds from the administration department to the utility department to pay for the purchase of the new meter reading software.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randall Mays made a motion to approve budget transfer #1. Alderman Gary Lingerfelt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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

NOES: None

Administrative Report- David Draughn, Town Manager

Town Manager Draughn stated he has provided a few press releases that he was going to have Chief Bates expand on. First being the K-9 Body Armor, the second being Sgt. Marlowe receiving the Governor's Award for Volunteer Service from the United Way of Catawba County. Mr. Draughn stated when Chief Bates joined LVPD, he recognized Sgt. Marlowe's abilities within the community and has put him in a position where he can be our community outreach and bring incredible results.

Police Chief Bates stated that Luca, the police K-9 received a vest that is priced around \$1700 that came from Brady's K-9 Fund. Sgt. Trivette, Luca's handler applied for this program and was awarded Luca's vest at zero cost to the taxpayers of Long View.

Secondly, the Governor's Award which was issued Sgt. Eddie Marlowe, was started by two organizations that Sgt. Marlowe is a part of about a year ago. Centro Latino and the Family Guidance Center are the two organizations that Sgt. Marlowe spends a tremendous amount of time with. Chief Bates stated that this is a tremendous award to receive. Chief Bates stated that even though the detective's division has suffered a little since taking a position from them and making Sgt. Marlowe's position, the number of positive connections that have been made more than makes up for it.

At 3:25 pm Mayor Thompson called for a motion to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter. Alderman Gary Lingerfelt made a motion and Alderman Phyllis Pennington seconded. The vote was unanimous.

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

NOES: None

Mayor Thompson dismissed everyone not needed in closed session.

The Board of Aldermen returned to open session at 3:45pm. Open Session was opened by Alderman Gary Lingerfelt and seconded by Alderman David Elder.

Other Business/Public Comment:

None

Board Member Closing Comments

- Comments by Alderman Randall Mays
None
- Comments by Phyllis Pennington
None
- Comments by Alderman Gary Lingerfelt
None
- Comments by Mayor Marla Thompson
None

Adjournment

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Gary Lingerfelt to adjourn the meeting at 3:47 pm. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

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

NOES: None