

December 11, 2023 Regularly Scheduled Meeting

Meeting minutes

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Marla Thompson at 5:30pm. Board of Aldermen Members in attendance included that of Alderman Allen Bumgarner, Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randall Mays, Alderman Gary Lingerfelt.

Alderman Phyllis Pennington was not present.

Invocation

Invocation was given by Town Manager James Cozart.

Approval of Minutes

November 13, 2023 Regularly Scheduled Meeting- Open Session

A motion to approve the minutes as written was made By Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randall Mays and seconded by Alderman Allen Bumgarner. The minutes were approved unanimously.

November 13, 2023 Regularly Scheduled Meeting- Closed Session

The minutes for the closed session were presented with no questions or concerns raised. Motion to approve Closed session minutes was made by Alderman Gary Lingerfelt and Seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randall Mays.

Items for Discussion

Resolution Honoring Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randall Mays

A resolution honoring the service of Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randall Mays was read, recognizing his 24 years of dedication. Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Randall Mays expressed gratitude for the opportunity to have served the community. A motion to adopt the resolution was Made by Alderman Gary Lingerfelt and seconded by Alderman Allen Bumgarner. The motion to adopt the resolution was unanimous.

Swearing In Newly Elected Officials

Mrs. Genita Hill, Mr. Allen Bumgarner, and Mr. Timothy Hertzelt were sworn in as aldermen of the Town of Long View as a result of the November 2023 Election. Each took an oath to support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States and North Carolina and to faithfully discharge the duties of their office administered by Mayor Marla Thompson. Upon taking their Oaths of Office, they took their seat as Aldermen for the Town of Long View.

Appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore

Alderman Allen Bumgarner made the recommendation to the Board of Aldermen that Alderman Gary Lingerfelt be appointed as Mayor Pro Tempore. The recommendation was seconded by Alderman Tim Hertzelt. The recommendation was unanimous.

Alderman Genita Hill made a motion to appoint Alderman Gary Lingerfelt as Mayor Pro Tempore. The motion to appoint was seconded by Alderman Allen Bumgarner. The vote to appoint was unanimous.

Recognition of Police Major Justin Reid

Police Major Justin Reid was recognized by Police Chief TJ Bates for completing a leadership certificate program that required 400 hours of training. Police Chief Bates congratulated Major Reid for his

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accomplishments, highlighting the difficulty in achieving such extensive training while serving as a police officer.

Call for Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Town Ordinances

Police Chief Bates presented draft town ordinances addressing urban camping, loitering, and panhandling to the board for consideration. Mayor Thompson called for a motion to hold a public hearing regarding the proposed draft ordinances. The Motion to call for public hearing at the January 8, 2024 meeting was made by Alderman Genita Hill and seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Gary Lingerfelt. The vote was unanimous.

Approval of Re-Engagement with Town Attorney

The renewal of the agreement with the town attorney, Mr. Jimmy Summerlin of Morphis, Bach & Taylor, was presented with a proposed monthly retainer fee of \$300. A motion to approve the reengagement of Town Attorney was made by Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Gary Lingerfelt and Seconded by Alderman Tim Hertz. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Manager Report

The only item presented by Town Manager James Cozart was the budget preparation schedule for the 2024-2025 operating budget. A motion to approve the proposed budget schedule was made by Alderman Allen Bumgarner and seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Gary Lingerfelt. The motion was unanimous.

Adjournment

The meeting concluded with the planning of a closed session to discuss a potential legal matter, pursuant to NC GS § 143-318.11 (3). Motion to go into closed session was made by Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Gary Lingerfelt and seconded by Alderman Tim Hertz, leading to the adjournment of the public part of the meeting at 5:55pm. The motion to go into closed session was unanimous.

A motion to open closed session was made by Alderman Allen Bumgarner and Seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Gary Lingerfelt. The motion was unanimous.

Following Closed Session, a motion to end closed session was made by Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Gary Lingerfelt and Seconded by Alderman Tim Hertz. The motion to end close session was unanimous.

A motion to re-enter into Open Session for the purpose of adjourning the meeting was made by Alderman Allen Bumgarner and seconded by Alderman Tim Hertz at 6:24pm. The vote was unanimous.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Gary Lingerfelt and seconded by Alderman Tim Hertz. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.

Staff in attendance: Town Manager James Cozart, Town Attorney Jimmy Summerlin, Police Chief TJ Bates, Fire Fighter Grant Newton, Town IT Alan Bumgarner, Fire Chief James Brinkley, Deputy Fire Chief Tyler Keener, Police Major Justin Reid, Finance Director Melissa Lalonde, Town Clerk Heather Minor, Town Planner Charles Mullis, Deputy Finance Director/HR Denise Collins, Public Works Director Chris Eckard.

Public in attendance: Triston Fuller, Robert Carson, Cheryl Hodges, Millie Drum, Ruth Owens, Terry Hall, David Roberts II, Mike Watkins, Aretha Taylor, Lynn Dorfman, Thomas Hill, Ginny Romero Hill, Town retained Attorney Lisa Valdez.