

January 8, 2024, Open Session

Meeting minutes

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Marla Thompson at 5:30pm.

Roll Call

Aldermen in Attendance: Alderman Allen Bumgarner, Alderman Tim Hertzelt, Alderman Genita Hill, Alderman Phyllis Pennington, and Alderman Gary Lingerfelt, Mayor Marla Thompson.

Invocation

Alderman Genita Hill gave the invocation.

December 11, 2023, Regular Open Session Minutes

The minutes from the December 11, 2023, regular open session was discussed. It was confirmed that all members had reviewed the minutes prior to the meeting.

Motion made by Alderman Genita Hill and seconded by Alderman Phyllis Pennington to approve the Open Session Minutes from December 11, 2023. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimous.

December 11, 2023, Regular Closed Session Minutes

The minutes from the December 11, 2023, closed session were presented with an invitation for questions or concerns. After confirmation that the minutes had been reviewed, a motion was raised.

Motion made by Alderman Allen Bumgarner and seconded by Alderman Tim Hertzelt to approve the Closed Session Minutes from December 11, 2023. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimous.

Amendment to Budget Schedule by Town Clerk Heather Minor

Town Clerk Heather Minor requested an amendment to the budget preparation schedule to correct a date error. The previously approved date of Monday, May 1, 2024, was updated to reflect the actual date of Wednesday, May 1, 2024.

Motion was made by Alderman Genita Hill and seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Gary Lingerfelt to amend the Budget Preparation Schedule to reflect the corrected date. The motion to amend was unanimous.

Budget Amendment for Grant by Town Manager James Cozart

Town Manager James Cozart introduced Proposed Budget Ordinance Amendment number 5, explaining it was to adjust the budget to include a \$49,999 grant from the North Carolina Rural Center's development program.

A motion to approve Budget Amendment number 5 was made by Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Gary Lingerfelt and seconded by Alderman Allen Bumgarner. The motion to approve was unanimous.

Mayor Thompson called for public comment. There was none. Members of the public and staff, excluding Police Chief TJ Bates and Town Planner Charles Mullins, were dismissed for the Board of Aldermen to go into closed session to discuss the legal matter, "Town of Long View Vs. William E. Mudd Jr/B & M Technologies, LLC and Jacomine Investments, LLC, File No: 23 CVS 2689".

A motion to enter closed session was made by Alderman Phyllis Pennington and seconded by Alderman Tim Hertzelt. The motion was unanimous.

Closed Session to Discuss a Legal Matter

Mayor Thompson announced that a closed session was to follow to discuss the legal matter, "Town of Long View Vs. William E. Mudd Jr/B & M Technologies, LLC and Jacomine Investments, LLC, File No: 23 CVS 2689".

Closed session minutes are presented to the board according to NC GS143-18.10.

A motion to re-enter open session was made by Alderman Phyllis Pennington and seconded by Alderman Allen Bumgarner. The motion to re-enter open session was unanimous.

Adjournment

Mayor Thompson called for any closing remarks from the Board of Aldermen. There were none.

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Allen Bumgarner and seconded by Aldermen Phyllis Pennington. The motion to adjourn was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Staff in Attendance:

Town Manager James Cozart, Town Attorney Jimmy Summerlin, Police Chief TJ Bates, Public Works Director Chris Eckard, Deputy Fire Chief Tyler Keener, Deputy Finance Director/HR Director Denise Collins, Police Captain Dennis Hardin, Town Clerk Heather Minor, Town retained Attorney for legal matter Clark Tew.

Public in Attendance:

Terry Hall