

June 25, 2024 Special Meeting

Meeting minutes

Call Meeting to Order

The June 25, 2024, Special Meeting in the Town of Long View was called to order at 2:00 pm by Mayor Marla Thompson. The roll call was conducted.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken:

- Alderman Allen Bumgarner - Present
- Alderman Tim Hertzelt - Present
- Alderman Genita Hill - Present
- Alderman Phyllis Pennington - Present
- Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Gary Lingerfelt - Present
- Mayor Marla Thompson - Present

All members of the Board of Aldermen were present.

Items for Discussion

Public Hearing - Code Enforcement Ordinances to be Repealed and Replaced

Town Manager James Cozart stated that we needed to hold a public hearing regarding the repeal and replacement of several code enforcement ordinances suggested by the Western Piedmont Council of Government.

A motion to open the public hearing was made by Alderman Allen Bumgarner and seconded by Alderman Tim Hertzelt. The motion to open the public hearing was unanimous.

Upon opening the public hearing, there were no questions asked by the public.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Gary Lingerfelt and seconded by Alderman Phyllis Pennington. The motion to close the public hearing was unanimous.

Town Manager James Cozart stated that the Board now needed to vote to repeal and replace the current ordinances with the suggested ordinance from the WPCOG.

A motion to repeal and replace the following ordinances by Alderman Tim Hertzelt and seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Gary Lingerfelt. The motion to repeal and replace the suggested ordinances was unanimous.

- Minimum Standard for Non-Residential Buildings
- Residential Minimum Housing
- Abandoned, Nuisance, and Junk Motor Vehicles
- Nuisances

Year-to-Date Finance Report

Finance Director Melissa Lalonde presented the Year-To-Date finance report to the Board. Finance Director Lalonde stated that the General Fund was 98% complete as of June 24, 2024. Revenues, year to date, totaled \$7,593,040.77 which was 105.5% of budgeted revenues. Expenditures, year to date, totaled \$6,915,587.73, which was 96% of budgeted expenses. Revenues exceeded expenditures by \$677,453.04.

We have not collected Burke/Catawba County Taxes for June, or the \$49,999 grant money for the park.

115% of Ad Valorem Taxes have been collected as of June 24, 2024. Investment earnings totaled \$135,868.62 and overall expenditures remain below the percentage of budget year completed.

Finance Director Lalonde stated that 98% of the Fiscal Year was completed in the Utility Fund, as of June 24, 2024. Utility Fund year to date revenues totaled \$05,219,286.14 which is 107% of budgeted revenues. Utility Fund Expenditures totaled \$3,238,295.17 which is 66% of the budgeted expenses. Revenues exceeded expenditures by \$1,908,989.97 in the Utility Fund as of June 24, 2024.

End of Year Budget Amendments

Finance Director Melissa Lalonde presented Budget Transfer #1 which covered the following:

- \$6,584.00 transferred from Medical Center line item to Rec Center to cover the remaining cost of mulch that was place on David "Coach" Elder Memorial Playground.
- \$40,684.00 from the Garage Utility Fund to the Utility Department for the water and sewer taps that had to be contracted out because they were too deep for our equipment.
- \$18,133.00 from the Garage Utility Fund to the Capital Outlay for the handhelds for meter reading.

****Total amount transferred was \$65,401.00****

The motion to approve Budget Transfer #1 was made by Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Gary Lingerfelt and seconded by Alderman Allen Bumgarner. The motion to approve Budget Transfer #1 was unanimous.

Finance Director Melissa Lalonde stated that she also needed the Board to vote to close Fund 24, Which was the Senior account as it would be included with the rec center budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The motion to close Fund 24 was made by Alderman Genita Hill and seconded by Alderman Tim Hertz. The motion to close Fund 24 was unanimous.

Use of ARPA Funds for Vehicle Purchases

A proposal was presented to use ARPA funds to purchase a sewer truck and a leaf truck. It was confirmed that enough funding was available and that the expenditure deadline was December 2025. The town board agreed that this would be a practical use of the funds, but no formal motion was made during this meeting. It was decided to take formal action at the next meeting.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Alderman Allen Bumgarner and seconded by Alderman Tim Hertz. The motion to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Public Present

Curt Willis- WPCOG Code Enforcement
Kevin Wyatt- WPCOG Code Enforcement
Chad Powell- WPCOG Code Enforcement

Staff Present

Town Manager James Cozart, Town Attorney Jimmy Summerlin, Police Chief TJ Bates, Finance Director Melissa Lalonde, Town Clerk Heather Minor