

November 10, 2025 Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Marla Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m.

Roll Call

A roll call was conducted by Mayor Thompson. Alderman Genita Hill, Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Gary Lingerfelt, Alderman Allen Bumgarner, Alderman Tim Hertz, Alderman Phyllis Pennington, and Mayor Marla Thompson were all present.

Invocation

Town Manager James Cozart provided the invocation.

Approval of Minutes

October 13, 2025 Open Session

A motion was made to approve October 13, 2025 open session meeting minutes.

Alderman Tim Hertz made a motion to approve the October 13, 2025 open session meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Alderman Phyllis Pennington. The motion to approve was unanimous.

October 13, 2025 Closed Session Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the September 30, 2025 emergency meeting minutes.

Alderman Allen Bumgarner made a motion to approve the October 13, 2025 closed session meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Alderman Tim Hertz. The motion to approve was unanimous.

Items For Discussion

Retirement Proclamation for Alan Bumgarner

Mayor Marla Thompson presented Alan Bumgarner, Information Technology Specialist, with a proclamation of appreciation for his dedication to the Town of Long View for his retirement.

Police Department Commendations

Police Chief Justin Reid recognized Sgt. Davis and Sgt. Lowman for their life saving measures in response to a 9-1-1 call received in October. Sgt. Davis and Sgt. Lowman performed CPR on an unresponsive child until the Long View Fire Department arrived on scene to take over life saving measures. Chief Reid wanted

to thank those to officers, along with the Long View Fire Department for their heroic efforts on this call.

Police Chief Reid then recognized Sgt. Goudelock, Officer Pierce, and Officer Lopez for assisting Burke County Sheriff's Office, who had initiated a chase that came into Long View. These officers were advised that the driver of the vehicle was suspected to be wanted for murder. These officers acted without hesitation. Sgt. Goudelock demonstrated superior traits and supervision in this vehicle pursuit by devising a plan and getting personnel in place as soon as the request for assistance came in. Officer Pierce assisted in this chase by setting up a tire deflation device and setting up strategically with Officer Lopez to be able to intercept the suspect vehicle. Officer Lopez was able to apprehend the suspect and take him into custody, without incident. Chief Reid expressed that these officers are all assets to the Long View Police Department and Town of Long View. The Board of Aldermen all thanked these officers for their hard work on this call, and always.

Approval for Priceless Carriage Company at Lighting Up Long View

Town Clerk/Public Relations Director Heather Minor requested that the Board approve Priceless Carriage Company to provide horse drawn carriage rides on the Long View Recreation Property at Lighting Up Long View on November 25, 2025, since animals are not allowed on Town property.

A motion to approve Priceless Carriage Company to provide carriage rides at Lighting Up Long View was made by Alderman Genita Hill and seconded by Alderman Tim Hertz. The motion to approve was unanimous.

VEDIC Appointment

Town Manager James Cozart requested that Marla Thompson, who currently serves as the VEDIC Chairman, remain on VEDIC Executive Board as the representative for the Town of Long View. This can be reviewed as needed by the Board of Aldermen.

Alderman Tim Hertz made a motion to appoint Marla Thompson to serve as the Long View Representative on the VEDIC Executive Board. The motion was seconded by Alderman Allen Bumgarner. The motion to appoint was unanimous.

Proclamation for Mayor Thompson

- Town Manager James Cozart provided Mayor Marla G. Thompson with a proclamation honoring her for her 8 years of dedicated service and leadership to the Town of Long View. It was noted that Mayor Thompson was the town's first female mayor. Appreciation for Mayor Thompson's leadership and service to the Town of Long View was expressed with sincere gratitude.

Manager's Report

Town Manager James Cozart presented the following items:

1. First thanked the employees that helped make the Long View Fall Festival a huge success.

2. Town Manager Cozart reminded everyone of Lighting Up Long View that will take place on Tuesday, November 25th, 2025 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Rec Center.
3. Lastly, Town Manager Cozart congratulated Alan Bumgarner on his well-deserved retirement and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Closing Remarks

Alderman Pennington had none. Alderman Hertzelt thanked Mayor Thompson for all she has done. Alderman Bumgarner thanked Mayor Thompson for her service, support of the town, and for looking after the citizens. Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Lingerfelt commended Mayor Thompson for a job well done and appreciated her for all she has done. He also thanked the police department for going above and beyond. Alderman Hill thanked Mayor Thompson for all that she's done. Mayor Thompson then called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Tim Hertzelt and seconded by Alderman Allen Bumgarner. The motion to adjourn was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Guests in attendance: Robert Carter, Timothy Bumgarner, Crystal Bumgarner, Karrie Goudelock, Jennifer Pierce, Alexis (Officer Flores-Lopez's girlfriend).

Staff in attendance: Town Manager James Cozart, Town Attorney Jimmy Summerline, Finance Director Melissa Lalonde, Fire Chief James Brinkley, Deputy Fire Chief Tyler Keener, Police Chief Justin Reid, Police Captain Davey Anderson, Public Works Director Chris Eckard, Sgt. Jason Goudelock, Officer Zack Pierce, Officer Rafael Lopes-Florez.

