

January 9, 2023
Town Hall Meeting

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Mayor James W. Dunn, Sr. was present along with the following Commissioners: Dawn E. Hobson, Neal Nichols, Larry W. Adams, and Wanda S. Johnson. Edward G. Venable was unable to attend.
2. The December 12, 2022 minutes were approved as written.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
4. In the Mayors Moment Mayor Dunn read a thank you note from Union Grove Baptist Church for the donation that the Town sent in memory of Charles Scott. Mayor Dunn also stated that the whole board had to work together and not just in their own department.
5. R. E. McLean Tank Co. did an inspection of our water tanks. The Rabbit Hill Tank needs to have some work done on it in the next couple of years. The cost of this at this time would be \$300,000.00 or more. After discussion of this matter Commissioner Nichols made a motion that after the new Police car is paid for that the rest of the ARP money be used to help pay for the updates to the water tank. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
6. DEQ has sent the Town a Notice of Violation & Intent to Issue Civil Penalty for our sewer for August 2022 and September 2022. Mark Matthews explained that the ultraviolet system had to be replaced and it took time to get the materials and get it installed. We also had to replace a pump and some electrical work. Mr. Matthews has talked to DEQ about reducing the fine and is waiting for them to get back with him. We will have to pay something, just not sure how much at this time. June's report was not done, and he said that was his fault.
7. Mayor Dunn talked to someone at his church about writing grants for a police car. There are grants out there for future knowledge. He also talked to people at the Towns of Boonville and Jonesville and the County about grants. They told Mayor Dunn that they got someone to write the grants for a percentage of what money that they received. We have never received the grant money that we were approved for that Wooten and Co. sent in for us. Mayor Dunn asked the Commissioners to call or write our State Representatives and see if they can help us.
8. Mayor Dunn sent out an email from NC League of Municipalities to each

- Commissioner to pick ten out of sixteen possible legislative goals for the League. He asked that someone be the delegate to send in the ten goals that the board would choose. Commissioner Nichols agreed to do this.
9. The Chamber of Commerce/Economic Dev. Council meets bi-monthly. The Mayor usually goes to the meetings and they would like an alternate to be name to go if needed. Mayor Dunn asked if anyone would volunteer to be the alternate. No one volunteered.
 10. Mayor Dunn asked that the Commissioners report back to the board about their departments. He asked Commissioner Johnson to get a list of streets that have overhanging limbs and to try to get a handle on it before they have to hire someone to come and do the work.
 11. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the Southern Software Agreement for May 1, 2024 and ends April 30, 2025 for the town (Citi-Pak). Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
 12. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the Southern Software Agreement for Nov. 25, 2023 – Nov. 24, 2024 for the Police Department. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
 13. Rebecca Riffle came to ask for an extension to pay her water bill. Her water has been cut off since Sept. 21, 2022 for nonpayment. She has a leak and is trying to get it fixed. Her bill at this time is \$952.35 plus a \$75.00 reconnection fee for a total of \$1,027.35. Commissioner Nichols made a motion that if she would pay the \$75.00 reconnection fee to give her six months to pay the rest and have her water cut back on. All other bills would have to be paid in full to avoid the water being cut off. Ms. Riffle agreed to this. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried 3-1. Commissioner Adams opposed.
 14. Chief Shore gave a police report. Everything has been quiet and no arrests.
 15. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the bills and any that come in until the next meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
 16. There was no closed session.
 17. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried. 4-0.

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Date

Vickie J. Matthews
Vickie J. Matthews, Town Clerk/Administrator

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