

February 8, 2021

Town Hall Meeting

1. The meeting started at 6:00 pm at the East Bend Public Library due to COVID-19 and the size restrictions at Town Hall. Mayor Archie B. Hicks, Jr. was present along with the following Commissioners: Larry W. Adams, Neal Nichols, Edward G. Venable, George W. Burns and Wanda S. Johnson. The January 11, 2021 board meeting was canceled due to COVID-19.
2. The December 14th, 2020 minutes were approved as written.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
4. Tom Huges from Alliance Architecture of The Triad came to present site, civil engineering and architectural drawings for the Town Square to the Board. Mr. Huges gave a time for questions and concerns to be addressed. Commissioner Burns made a motion to approve the plans. Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
5. Craig Hopkins from Gibson & Co. came to present the report from our audit. The town received a clean audit opinion. That is what we want to see.
6. The groundbreaking for the Town Square will be February 9, 2021 at 10:00 am. We hope everyone can attend.
7. Janice Hicks from the Planning/Zoning presented a draft that the committee has been working on for subdivisions. They looked at what the County has in place and made changes to fit East Bend. Commissioner Adams asked that they look at what other towns in the county had in place and also to look at animal ordinances. The committee is going to work on this and report back at a later date on their findings. Mrs. Hicks also stated that the park committee is still working on grants.
8. Mark Matthews was not present for sewer.
9. Mayor Hicks stated that at the last meeting he asked Commissioner Adams to be the Mayor Pro-Tem but failed to assign him to remain over administration. Commissioner Adams will remain over administration.
10. At this time no one has shown any interest in the wood or moving the Old Mill.
11. Annette Johnson is working on the town and zoning ordinances to put on our website to be in a more researchable form.
12. Mayor Hicks talked about the link on the County web site to sign up for the COVID-19 vaccination.
13. Chief Shore gave a police report. They made one arrest.
14. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve all bills and any that comes in until the next meeting. Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion carried 5-0
15. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to go into executive session. Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
16. After coming out of executive session, Commissioner Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Burns seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

March 8, 2021

Date

Vickie J. Matthews

Vickie J. Matthews, Town Clerk/Administrator

Archie B. Hicks, Jr.

Archie B. Hicks, Jr. Mayor