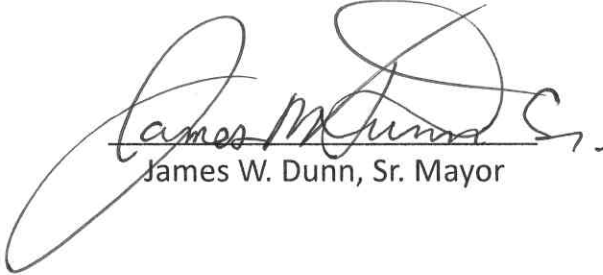



February 13, 2023
Town Hall Meeting

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 January 9, 2023 minutes were approved as written.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Ashley Milam from Insight Human Services wanted us to know that they offer substance abuse programs throughout the county. They have medication lock boxes free to the community and medication disposal kits if you can't get to a lock box. Ronnie Fletcher wanted the town to be aware that someone is looking to purchase land at the Industrial Park close to the sewer plant to put a business in and that the town may want to look into repairing the road.
4. Craig Hopkins from Gibson & Co. came to present the report from our audit. The town received a clean audit opinion which means that the audit team believes that the Town's finances are fairly presented and free from material errors and that proper internal controls are in place and being followed.
5. Nick Lattanzi and Deissy Honea came to talk to the board about USDA grants and loans to help the town with water and sewer infrastructure. They will be glad to help in any way that they can.
6. Andy Snow from the Planning Board ask the board to approve Travis Hopkins as an alternate member of the Planning Board. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve Travis Hopkins as an alternate member of the Planning Board. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried 4-0. Mayor Dunn asked that we adopt a policy for rules and conduct enforcement letters to insure that due diligence of onsite inspections, interview the person in person or by phone is completed to properly evaluate the situation. Attorney Price is going to work on this. It was determined that Janice Hicks has not sent in a letter of resignation, so she is still on the Planning Board.
7. Mayor Dunn stated that he had read the mission statement from the Zoning Board. They want a friendly town and an inviting town that looks good. He has heard from people that some properties don't look good. At some places mud is running out in the road. They have been called and for ten days it was good and then back to mud running out in the road again. Would the town like to do anything about this problem? There was no response from the Board.
8. The Board would like the Request for Qualifications – Engineering Services be run in the Winston Salem Journal for one day. The time they have to respond is 3 weeks.
9. Mayor Dunn reported that the town has received more letters from DEQ about

- sewer violations & intent to assess civil penalty.
10. Mayor Dunn showed the Board a map that the County is proposing for planning the next 40 years in Yadkin County. They want to see a lot more growth.
 11. Dee Towner asked that work be done on Maple Street to widen the street. The paved portion is now 11 feet wide, and most town streets are 16 feet wide. The road is too narrow for the handicap bus to pick up her special need child and turn around without getting in her yard or her neighbors' yard. Gavin Brannon is going to get some quotes and look into this.
 12. Chief Shore asked that for new hires to have a 2-year probation period. The 6-month for vacation and sick leave would still be in effect. Insurance would still be in effect after 30 days. Commissioner Nichols made a motion that the Department Head for all town employees be authorized to offer up to a 2-year probation period to new employees, with vacation, sick and insurance staying the same. Commissioner Adams seconded. The motion carried 4-0. Attorney Price is going to work on this.
 13. Chief Shore said that things were going well in town and that it is a new year to get your golf cart stickers.
 14. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the bills and any that come in until the next meeting. Commissioner Hobson seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
 15. Rules were suspended by consent to go into closed session.
 16. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to go into closed session to consult with Attorney Price about contract laws. Commissioner Adams seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
 17. After coming out of closed session Commissioner Nichols made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Adams seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

March 13, 2023
Date


James W. Dunn, Sr.
James W. Dunn, Sr. Mayor


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