

February 12, 2024
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 Edward G. Venable. Wanda S. Johnson was unable to attend.
2. January 8, 2024 minutes were approved as written.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Ronnie Fletcher ask how Commissioner Johnson was doing. Mayor Dunn said that she was home from the hospital.
4. Susan Venable gave a Planning Board report on changes they would like to see made in the sign ordinances. They would also like to add an ordinance that would prohibit Sweepstakes Business, Nightclubs etc. in town. Commissioner Adams wanted to thank the Planning Board for all of their hard work in getting this together. Commissioner Adams made a motion to table this until March to give Attorney Epley time to work on an ordinance about Sweepstakes Business, Nightclubs etc. Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
5. The town received a notice of violation for missing discharge monitoring reports for March 2023. This is before Jeff Jones took over the sewer plant. Mr. Jones is going to work with Pace Labs to try to get the information to get the reports done and then work with DEQ to get this resolved.
6. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the agreement with Synagro Central LLC to haul and disposal of the liquid solids at the sewer plant. Commissioner Venable seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
7. UNC School of Government has a program to place college graduates in local governments across the state. They can work on finance focused projects – grant management and compliance, budgeting, capital planning and general reporting. The fellowship receives ongoing support from programs throughout their service year. The host town would only pay between \$10,000.00 to \$16,000.00 to have someone work with them for one year. Commissioner Nichols asked where we would get the money to pay for this person. It could not be approved until the board could see if the money would be in the budget for 2024-2025. The deadline to apply for this is March 8, 2024 and the only way to do the application is if the town could cancel if they could not find the money

- to pay for it. Mayor Dunn is going to find out the answer to this question. The board did not want to be locked in an agreement to host someone.
8. Ben Peacock gave a report on our computer network and changes that need to be made. This was tabled until the March meeting.
 9. It was decided that our emergency lights would have a 90-minute test where they would be unplugged done once a year for 90 minutes and a test where you hold button in for 30 seconds each month. Gavin Brannon also got the cost for new lights and new batteries. New emergency lights for the two bathrooms would be \$36.00 each and for the front and back doors \$48.00 each. Batteries would be \$98.00 each.
 10. Officer Mickey reported that everything was going good in town.
 11. 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.
 12. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hobson seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

March 11, 2024

Date

James W. Dunn, Sr. Mayor
Minutes were approved by the Board
Mayor Dunn chooses not to sign them.

Vickie J. Matthews

Vickie J. Matthews, Town Clerk/Administrator