

March 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.
2. The February 8, 2021 minutes were approved as written.
3. The February 8, 2021 executive session minutes were approved as written.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT: Sybil Davidson from 4052 Prides Road ask for help in paying her water bill. She had a leak, and her water bill was \$519.46. She was told she could come by town hall and set up a payment plan. Shirley Flood said that the God and Country Committee had met, and they were going to have a God and Country Celebration this year, but it would be on September 4th. The parade would start at 9:30 and end at the Senior Center and vendors would be set up there. Everything would be like it was in years pass, it would just be a change in location.
5. Janice Hicks presented the board with some changes for them to look at on the subdivision ordinance. We will have a Public Hearing at a later date on it.
6. Janice Hicks went over the playground equipment proposal with the board for the Town Square. In the package were pictures, explanation on how it was built, featured play events, design summary, and the cost.
7. Mayor Hicks stated that the groundbreaking went well for the new Town Square. About thirty people attended. He was happy to see some of the large donors and construction people there. The work has already started on the sidewalk and is looking good. Maybe next year we will be able to have a ribbon cutting. Everyone is looking forward to this.
8. Mayor Hicks and Janice Hicks met with Eric Heath from Yadtel about Wi-fi for the Town Square. It would cost about 1,500.00 to have it installed and it would probably be installed in the old drive inn booth. Yadtel would donate this, but the town would have to pay the monthly bill of 79.99. The board will think about this.
9. We will have a budget workshop on March 23, 2021 at 5:00 pm.
10. Chief Shore gave a police report and update. Chief Shore also stated that two area churches New Vision and East Bend Baptist will continue to have the Cruise-Ins. The dates will be May 16, June 20, July 18 and Aug. 22. They will be on a Sunday afternoon starting at 2:00 behind the Senior Center. Rain dates will be the next Sunday. He also stated that Little Lightning is going to get a larger trailer and a new insurance agent is coming to East Bend.
11. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve all bills and any that comes in until the next meeting. Commissioner Burns seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
12. Commissioner Burns made a motion to go into executive session for personnel matters. Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
13. After coming out of executive session, Commissioner Nichols made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Burns seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

April 12, 2021
Date

Archie B. Hicks, Jr.
Archie B. Hicks, Jr. Mayor

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