

March 14, 2023
Town Hall Meeting

1. The meeting started at 6:00 pm. Mayor Archie B. Hicks, Jr. was present along with the following Commissioners: Larry W. Adams, Neal Nichols, Wanda S. Johnson. Edward G. Venable and George W. Burns was unable to attend.
2. The February 14, 2022, minutes were approved as written.
3. The February 14, 2022, Executive Session minutes were approved as written.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT: Bruce Medlin said that his water had been cut off in January because of nonpayment and because he was a 100% disabled veteran, he did not feel that he should pay the \$75.00 reconnect fee and asked that the town refund the fee. This will be on the April agenda.
5. After much discussion about the criminal enforcement of town ordinances Attorney Price is going to continue to work on it and it was tabled until next month.
6. Commissioner Venable was not present to comment about the summer literacy budget amendment.
7. Attorney Price gave us some options about the old East Bend Shop Rite building that is in bad shape. The broken window is being fixed and someone has put up caution tape and a notice that the building is unsafe. This was tabled until next month.
8. Mayor Hicks announced that Cross Technology Inc. has purchased the DAC building and is moving their company to East Bend. They now run three shift and employe around 100 people and hope to add more. At some point they would like to have a restaurant for their employees be open for the public also and a meeting room. Mayor Hicks did not have a timeline for this.
9. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to use ARP fund and a budget amendment if needed to pay for the sewer connection for the Family Dollar Tree that is coming to East Bend. The cost should be around \$3,900.00. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried 3-0.
10. A budget workshop will be held on March 24, 2022, at 4:00 pm.
11. Chief Shore is still trying to get quotes and availability for a new police car. 1st Sgt. Matt Howell from the Highway Patrol came by East Bend to see if there is anything that the highway patrol could do for us. Officer Mickey made two arrest last month.
12. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the bills and any that comes in until the next meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried 3-0.
13. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried 3-0.
14. After coming out of closed session Commissioner Nichols made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried 3-0.

April 11, 2022
Date

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

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