

March 13, 2023

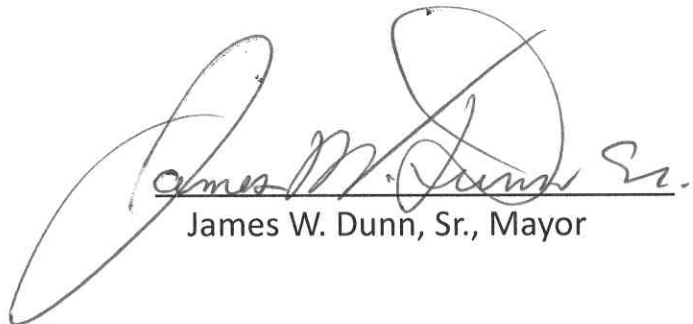
Town Hall Meeting

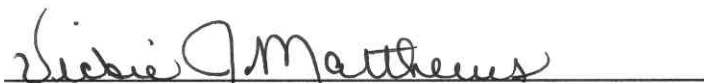
1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Mayor James W. Dunn, Sr. was present along with the following Commissioners: Dawn E. Hobson, Neal Nichols, Edward G. Venable, Larry W. Adams and Wanda S. Johnson.
2. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the February 13, 2023 minutes. Commissioner Venable seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
3. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the February 13, 2023 closed session minutes. Commissioner Hobson seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT: Jan Hicks said that after reading about all the problems in Rural Hall she wanted to say how much she appreciates Attorney Price and Vickie Matthews for all that they do to keep the town on track financially and with practices of State Law. Mrs. Hicks gave a report on events that The Friends of the East Bend Town Square coming soon. They are going to have a concert with a food truck and a movie night. The concert should start at 5 o'clock and the movie at 8. The dates for this are June 24, July 15 and Aug. 12. The movies will be G rated. Port A Johns should be set up in a few days. Thanks goes to Gavin Brannon for putting down mulch and Nicholas Davis for putting fertilizer on the grass. Michael Eaton started a fund for an ADA Swing, and it has been installed. The Friends are looking into selecting Musical Panels that can be used by every child. Mrs. Hicks thanked Chief Shore for working with Wire South with the cameras. We are on the list with Brick Installers to install the rest of our bricks. Mayor Dunn read a thank you note from Vickie Matthews for the flowers and prayers in the passing of her mother.
5. Susan Hutchens from the East Bend Public Library gave a report about the library. She thanked the Town for the money that they donated and told them what it was used for and asked that going into the budget meetings that they would appreciate any financial help.
6. Maie Armstrong from ESP Associates, Inc. talked about what they could do to help the Town with our water/sewer and stormwater problems. They can help to get funding to do these jobs. She gave a booklet to the Commissioners to look over to see what her Company could do for us.
7. Perry Mayhew from Wooten and Co. also talked about what they could do to help the Town with the money they helped us receive from AIA grants for

water/sewer.

8. Mayor Dunn looked up basic information with USDA Rural Development that they might help with moving the old mill or buying old buildings. Commissioner Venable was asked to look into this.
9. Mayor Dunn reassigned some department heads. Commissioner Nichols is now over Water/Sewer and Commissioner Hobson is over the Police Dept.
10. Commissioner Hobson is still going to be Mayor Pro-Tem so authorization to sign checks will stay the same.
11. Select Engineer Co. for Water/Sewer Projects was put on hold for the Board to review materials presented.
12. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the Town of East Bend Policy Regarding Enforcement of Town Zoning and Municipal Codes. Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
13. The first Budget Workshop will be on March 30, 2023 at 6:00 pm.
14. Chief Shore gave a police update. Everything is going good in town. Sheriff Smitherman and the Chief did a walk through in East Bend School.
15. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the bills and anything that comes in until the next meeting. Commissioner Venable seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
16. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to suspend the rules to go into closed session for personnel reasons and to consult with the Town Attorney. Commissioner Adams seconded. The motion carried. 5-0.
17. After coming out of closed session Commissioner Nichols made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hobson seconded. The motion carried. 5-0.

April 10, 2023  
Date

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

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