

April 11, 2022
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, Edward G. Venable. Commissioner Wanda S. Johnson was unable to attend. Mayor Hicks expressed his sympathy in the passing of Commissioner George W. Burns on March 31, 2022, and his appreciation for Commissioner Burns' service to the Town. Commissioner Burns loved his town and community and will be missed. Commissioner Adams also spoke in remembrance and appreciation of Commissioner Burns.
2. The March 14, 2022, minutes were approved as written.
3. The March 14, 2022, Closed Session minutes were approved as written.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Hicks read a letter from Yadkin Christian Ministries thanking the town for their support in challenges that they have faced with their property. Ronnie Fletcher asked if a date had been set for the opening of the Town Square. Jim Wall and Commander David Shore were here from the American Legion asking for repairs to be made to the street at the Legion before the dedication service in May.
5. Mayor Hicks reported from the Distressed Unit Training that he, Commissioner Adams, Gavin Brannon, and Vickie Matthews attended on April 5, 2022, in Hickory.
6. Commissioner Adams made a motion to deny the request from Bruce Medlin that the \$75.00 reconnect fee be refunded. Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion carried 3-0.
7. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to introduce the 2-page Technical Correction Ordinance Imposition—Imposition of Criminal Penalties for the Violation of Town Ordinances and table it until a later date. Commissioner Venable seconded. The motion carried 3-0.
8. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the Technical Correction Ordinance – Clarifying Amendments Striking Certain Criminal Penalties from Town Ordinances. Commissioner Adams seconded. The motion carried 3-0.
9. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to submit the proposed deletion of Criminal Penalties for Violation of the Zoning Ordinance to the Zoning Board for review and comment. Commissioner Venable seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

10. Attorney Price is working with Gary Hayes from the county about East Bend Shop Rite condemnation.
11. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the Audit Contract from Gibson & Co. P. A. Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion carried 3-0.
12. Mayor Hicks gave three different options to go about filling the vacant Commissioner seat. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to go with submitting a resume and voting by ballot. A notice will be posted on the door, a phone tree message will be sent out and it will be posted on Facebook and our website. Commissioner Venable seconded. The motion carried 3-0.
13. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the Water Replacement Resolution. Commissioner Nichols seconded. The vote carried 3-0.
14. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the Financing Resolution. Commissioner Venable seconded. The motion carried 3-0.
15. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the Standard Allowance plan with the ARP (American Rescue Plan Act of 2021). Commissioner Venable seconded the motion carried 3-0.
16. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the Grant Project Ordinance for the Town of East Bend American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 with Section 3 to be replaced with different language, based on advice from the state regarding the necessary language and the planned expenditures by the Town. (As presented, the Ordinance Section 3 contains boiler plate language which will need to be modified to fit the Town). Commissioner Venable seconded. The motion carried 3-0.
17. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the policy for allowable cost and cost principles for expenditure of the American Rescue Plan, as applicable, noting that the Town has elected to take the Standard Allowance. Commissioner Venable seconded. The motion carried 3-0.
18. April 28, 2022, we will have a budget workshop at 4:00 pm at town hall.
19. Chief Shore gave a police report. Everything is going well. Officer Mickey made 4 arrests last month.
20. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the bills and any that comes in until the next meeting. Commissioner Venable seconded. The motion carried 3-0.
21. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Venable seconded. The motion carried 3-0.

5/9/22

Date

Archie B. Hicks, Jr.

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Vickie J. Matthews

Vickie J. Matthews, Town Clerk/Administrator