

June 8, 2020

## Town Hall Meeting

1. The meeting started at 6:00 pm at the East Bend Library due to COVID-19 and size restrictions at Town Hall. Mayor Archie B. Hicks, Jr. was present along with the following Commissioners: Larry W. Adams, Mae Luffman, George Burns and Wanda Johnson. Neal Nichols was unable to attend.
2. The May 11, 2020 minutes were approved as written.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
4. Don Ricard from Texas Pride Trailers did a power point presentation and talked about the company that is opening a plant in East Bend. Mr. James Bray is the owner of the company and Mr. Ricard told us the great things that Mr. Bray liked to do for his employees and the community. They hope to have their retail store opened sometime in August. They are bringing in some of their trailers from Texas. They hope to have the business fully open to work in 6-8 months, starting with about 100 employees. In the next 3 years they should be employing 300-350 employees. Mr. Ricard told us to get ready for East Bend to grow. Texas Pride Trailers are the largest manufacturer of utility trailers in the United States today. Devin Davis will be the manager of the East Bend plant and they should start taking applications in about 6 weeks. Everyone was very excited to hear about the new business coming to East Bend.
5. The Budget for 2020-2021 was presented. Commissioner Burns made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Budget with the tax rate staying the same at .50. Yadkin County will continue to collect the tax payments for the Town. Water and Sewer rates are staying the same. The water rates are, base rate inside city limits 58.00 for the 1<sup>st</sup> 1000 gallons and 11.30 for each additional 1000 gallons, outside city limits base rate is 75.00 for the 1<sup>st</sup> 1000 gallons and 13.40 for each additional 1000 gallons. Sewer rates are, inside city limits, residential 58.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> 1000 gallons and 5.50 for each additional 1000 gallons. Commercial and Industrial inside city limit is 71.00 for the 1<sup>st</sup> 1000 gallons and 8.00 for each additional 1000 gallons. Outside city limits the rate is 110.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> 1000 gallons and 10.00 for each additional 1000 gallons. Commissioner Luffman seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
6. Commissioner Luffman made a motion to approve the 3-year Project Budget for the East Bend Town Square. Commissioner Burns seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
7. Janice Hicks from the Planning/Zoning Board gave a report from their meeting on June 4, 2020. The board is working to update and edit the section about carports. The Planning Board recommended that Crystal Holcomb serve on the Planning/Zoning Board for a term of three years. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve Crystal Holcomb for a 3-year term on the Planning/Zoning Board. Commissioner Burns seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
8. Mark Hobson was the spokesperson for the businesses of East Bend asked the board about getting full time police protection. Mr. Hobson said that Chief Shore, Officer Gray and Officer Jester did a great job, but they cannot be on the job all the time. Mr. Hobsons business has been broken into 3 times and he has had 2 cars stolen recently. Mr. Hobson said to please look into a way to provide more coverage.
9. Commissioner Luffman made a motion to approve the Adoption of State Local Government General Records Retention Schedule. Commissioner Burns seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
10. Commissioner Luffman made a motion to continue using Life Store Ins. to handle insurance coverage for the town. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
11. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to do a budget amendment for items # 6 & 8. Commissioner Burns seconded. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to do a budget amendment item # 7. Commissioner Burns seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

12. Commissioner Luffman made a motion to approve the Water Ordinance with some minor changes made. Commissioner Burns seconded. The motion carried 3-1. Commissioner Johnson opposed.
13. It was decided to put the Peddling & Soliciting Ordinance on hold to do further research.
14. The demolition of property at 305 Flint Hill Road and 101 Dogwood Lane was tabled at this time.
15. Commissioner Adams made a motion for Attorney Price is to do a letter for sewer customers about pumping out monthly the grease trap for the ones that have a lot of grease and provide the town a receipt when done. Commissioner Luffman seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
16. Commissioner Luffman made a motion to purchase a Hardee Trailer for 1,600.00, Ditch Witch for 4,500.00, Boring Equipment for 1,000.00 out of the water department. A basket for 500.00 out of the street department. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried 3-1. Commissioner Adams opposed.
17. Commissioner Luffman made a motion to approve budget amendment # 9. Commissioner Burns seconded. The motion carried 3-1. Commissioner Adams voted no.
18. Chief Shore gave a police report. The town has had 3 businesses broken into. They are under investigation.
19. Commissioner Luffman made a motion to approve all bills and any that comes in until the next meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
20. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to go in Executive Session. Commissioner Luffman seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
21. Commissioner Luffman made a motion to go out of Executive Session and into Regular Session. Commissioner Burns seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
22. Commissioner Burns made a motion to give each of the four full time employees a one-time only bonus of \$500.00. Commissioner Adams seconded. The motion carried 3-1. Commissioner Johnson opposed.
23. Commissioner Luffman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Burns seconded. The motion carried. 4-0.

July 13, 2020  
Date

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

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