

June 14, 2021

Town Hall Meeting

1. The meeting started at 6:00 pm at the East Bend 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, George Burns and Wanda Johnson. Edward Venable was not able to attend.
2. The May 10, 2021, minutes were approved as written.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Andy Matthews, Jeanette Loggins, Emily Grogan, Andrew Mackie and Rick Hauser expressed concerns about the old Roller Mill behind town hall being moved or torn down and losing its historic value. Andrew Mackie from Yadkin Co. Historical Society is going to bring a proposal to the July meeting about repairing and keeping the building. Ronnie Fletcher said that the town has talked about the old mill for a long time, and it needs to be repaired, but that takes a lot of money or taken down or moved. Mr. Fletcher said he thinks the board would love to save the building, but where is the money for that? Mayor Hicks said the board did not take this matter lightly, they have worked for years trying to save it or move it and it comes down to money. If anyone has a solution, please let the board know. Jeanette Loggins presented the mayor with pictures of trash on the sidewalk on Quaker Ave. She said they would put their trash out on Thursday thru Sunday and were not following the rules of the town.
4. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the recodification, reorganization, reindexing, and revision of Town and Zoning Ordinances. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
5. Commissioner Burns made a motion to approve the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance as to unconfined pets and the regulation of confined pets and livestock. Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
6. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the adoption of a Zoning Ordinance regulating the subdivision of land, including definitions, development & design standards & approval processes. Commissioner Burns seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
7. The budget for 2021-2022 was presented. Commissioner Adams said that this was a hard budget for him, the town needs more police coverage, work on streets and that money would have to come out of the General fund. Water and Sewer expenses has to come out of the Water/Sewer fund. This town is very small, and people need to understand that it takes a lot of money to run it. This budget was done with no tax rate, water or sewer increase. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 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 1st 1000 gallons and 11.30 for each additional 1000 gallons, outside city limits base rate is 75.00 for the 1st 1000 gallons and 13.40 for each additional 1000 gallons. Sewer rates are, inside city limits, residential 58.00 for 1st 1000 gallons and 5.50 for each additional 1000 gallons.

Commercial and Industrial inside city limits is 71.00 for the 1st 1000 gallons and 8.00 for each additional 1000 gallons. Outside city limits the rate is 110.00 for the 1st 1000 and 10.00 for each additional 1000 gallons. Commissioner Burns seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

8. Janice Hicks reported that the planning board had met and talked about the parking requirement for general mercantile business and making it more in line with the county. What we have now is 1 parking space for every 100 square feet of the building. The county has 1 space per every 400 square feet. We do not want to hinder any business from coming to East Bend. The planning board recommends to the town board to add an additional line on the chart to add general mercantile business 1 parking space for every 400 gross square feet of building. Commissioner Adams made a motion to have a public hearing on general mercantile business parking spaces for July 12, 2021, at 5:45 pm at town hall. Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
9. Park update, Hennings Construction won the bid to do the grading and other work on the park. They should start work this week on the park. We are still waiting for G & B to cap off the three test wells. Bids on the playground equipment will be opened tomorrow at town hall at 10:00 am if anyone would like to attend, please do so. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to appoint Tom Hughes to approve and award the bids for the playground equipment and all other bids that come in. Commissioner Burns seconded. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Adams asked if the board could meet on July 12, 2021, at 5:00 to go over the town square rules and regulations before they decided on it. The board agreed to do that.
10. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the contract for Gibson & Co. to do the audit for the town. Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
11. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the contract from Charles E. Scott CPA, P.A. Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
12. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to stay with the contract for Hometeam Pest Defense for termite inspection. Commissioner Adams seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
13. Mayor Hicks, Commissioner Adams and Vickie Matthews attended the web session on Distressed Unit Orientation. East Bend along with a lot of other towns were classified as being in a distressed state. They are still hiring employees and it is a work in process as to what we will have to do.
14. Roller Mill Update, someone is still looking at moving the roller mill and making a residence out of it. They want to restore it to live in.
15. Commissioner Burns made a motion to approve a budget amendment #2 General Fund, #3 Water and Sewer and #4 Town Square Fund. Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
16. Mayor Hicks read a thank you note from Yadkin Christian Ministries for the key to the city.
17. Mayor Hicks reported that the town is set up to receive the ARP funds, but we have not seen any money yet.
18. Starting in July the board meetings will be back in town hall. Special thanks to the East Bend Library and Friends of the Library for letting us have our meeting there.

19. Chief Shore gave a police report. Everything is going well, and Officer Gray had one arrest.
20. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve all bills and any that comes in until the next meeting. Commissioner Burns seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
21. Commissioner Burns made a motion to go into executive session for personal reasons. Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
22. After coming out of executive session Commissioner Nichols made a motion to change the personnel policy to show that you can draw 40% from your sick and personal or comp time if you are drawing disability insurance at 60%. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried 4-0
23. Commissioner Burns made a motion to suspend the rules to consider an item not on the published agenda. Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
24. Commissioner Burns made a motion to compensate Ben Peacock for all of the work he has done for the town on our web site and helping with town and zoning ordinances. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
25. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Burns seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

July 12, 2021
Date

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

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

TOWN OF EAST BEND
BUDGET AMANDMENT
6/30/21

GENERAL FUND		DR	CR
		<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
2	10-580-15 MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR	3,000.00	
	10-570-45 CONTRACED SERVICES	5,600.00	
	10-660-06 RETIREMENT EXPENSES	1,800.00	
	10-399-01 APPROPRIATED FUND BLANCE	-	10,400.00
		<u>10,400.00</u>	<u>10,400.00</u>

TOWN OF EAST BEND
BUDGET AMENDMENT
6/30/21

WATR AND SEWER FUND		DR	CR
		<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
3	30-660-06 RETIREMENT EXPENSE	1,300.00	
	30-399-01 APPROPRIATED FUND BLANCE	<u>-</u>	<u>1,300.00</u>
		<u>1,300.00</u>	<u>1,300.00</u>

TOWN OF EAST BEND
BUDGET ADMENDMENT
6/30/21

<u>TOWN SQUARE FUND</u>			<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
4	50-520-45	PARK-CONTRACTED SERVICES	35,000.00	
	50-335-00	PARK - DONATIONS	-	35,000.00
			<u>35,000.00</u>	<u>35,000.00</u>