

June 13, 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, Dawn E. Hobson, and Wanda S. Johnson.
2. The May 9, 2022, minutes were approved as written after a change on number 4 from November to December.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: James Dunn reported that the Board of Adjustments approved a variance for 113 Fairground Road. Front yard setback and minimum lot width at building line. Ronnie Fletcher thanked Gavin Brannon and the workers for working on streets. He said they looked really good.
4. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the Amendments for Article XV & Article XXI Zoning Ordinance Changes. Commissioner Venable seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
5. The Budget for 2022-2023 was presented. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Budget with the tax rate staying the same at .50. Yadkin County will continue to collect the tax payments for the Town. Water rates are, base rate inside the city limits 61.48 for the 1st 1000 gallons and 11.98 for each additional 1000 gallons, outside city limits base rate is 79.50 for the 1st 1000 gallons and 14.20 for each additional 1000. Sewer rates are, inside city limits, residential 61.48 for 1st 1000 gallons and 5.83 for each additional 1000 gallons. Commercial and Industrial inside city limits is 75.26 for 1st 1000 gallons and 8.48 for each additional 1000 gallons. Outside city limits the rate is 116.60 for the 1st 1000 gallons and 10.60 for each additional 1000 gallons. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
6. Janice Hicks gave an update on the park. They are having the Grand Opening on July 9, 2022 at 11:00 am. Friends of the East Bend Town Square are serving Hot Dogs, chips, ice cream and drinks. The raffle drawing will be that day. The committee wanted the Town Board to look into getting two flashing light signs to slow down the traffic on Main Street. The Board decided to see if the DOT would do a 3-way stop at Pauline Street and Main Street and they wanted to get prices on signs.
7. Andy and Margaret Mehaffey's time will expire on July 22, 2022 in the contract to move the Old Mill. Due to circumstances beyond their control, they will not have it moved by that time. They will keep Mayor Hicks informed about what they want to do.
8. The clean up at Billy Hayes property is looking good and they are still working on it.
9. Howard Baum has been making headway moving his property at East Bend Shop Rite. The Landowner and Mr. Baum should have it cleaned out by our next meeting.
10. Texas Pride hope to be in production this month. Plans are to use all the buildings at the site for offices and production work.
11. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the contract with Charles E. Scott CPA, P.A. to prepare for the audit. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
12. Commissioner Venable made a motion to approve Budget Amendments 9, 10, & 11. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
13. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve Budget Amendment 12.

- Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
14. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve Budget Amendment # 13.
Commissioner Adams seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
 15. Commissioner Venable made a motion to approve Budget Amendment # 14.
Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
 16. Commissioner Adams asked that we send a letter stating that the Town would not be responsible for any penalties that may apply for Gibson & Co. not sending in our audit on time because of COVID in their office. This letter would be sent with the letter Craig Hopkins asked that the Mayor and Commissioners sign and he would send it in to the State.
 17. Chief Shore gave the Police Update report. Chief Shore also stated that the East Bend Police partnered with the County to participate in the Governors Highway Patrol Campaign to receive grant money from the State. The 25 Law Enforcement Officers had a total of 128 Traffic & Criminal Violations in 8 hours.
 18. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the bills and any that comes in until the next meeting. Commissioner Venable seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
 19. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to go in closed session to discuss a personnel issue. Commissioner Venable seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
 20. Returning to Regular Session from Closed Session, Commissioner Nichols made a motion to award a \$2.00 per hour merit raise to Chief David Shore effective July 1, 2022.
Commissioner Adams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 21. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Nichols seconded.
The motion carried 5-0.

July 11, 2022
Date

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

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