

July 13, 2020
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, Mae Luffman, George Burns and Wanda Johnson.
2. The June 8, 2020 minutes were approved as written.
3. The June 8, 2020 Executive Sessions minutes were approved as written.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT: Mark Hobson stated that the East Bend Cruise Night for July 2020 has been postponed. He would like to hold the first Cruise Night on Sept. 24, 2020, 2nd on Oct. 8, 2020, the 3rd on Oct. 29, 2020 all of these will be on a Thursday night from 5-9. The last one on a Saturday Nov. 14, 2020 from 10-6. If this does not work, they will hold off until 2021 and try again. Mayor Hicks said he did not see any problems with this as long as the Governor says we will go into phase 3 that would allow it.
5. Bill McQueen from Bad Money Vapes asked that his water be cut back on without paying the \$75.00 reconnect fee. He has had to close his business because of COVID-19. He is just now starting to open back up on Saturdays. He will be willing to pay the bill for May and July and the late fees. Commissioner Adams made a motion to waive the reconnect fee of \$75.00 this one time only because of COVID-19. Commissioner Burns seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
6. Mark Matthews said that there is a phone at the sewer plant and the pump station. He does not need the phone at the sewer plant and asked that it be removed. The phone at the pump station is not working and needs to be repaired.
7. Mark Matthews reported that the sewer trap at Alex's needs to be pumped out monthly and a receipt turned in to town hall or they need to put in a minimum of 1,000-gallon tank with a bladder wall. If this is not done and the grease gets in the sewer plant, it could cost the town a lot of money.
8. Commissioner Luffman made a motion to approve the new Peddling & Soliciting Ordinance. Commissioner Burns seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
9. Mayor Hicks asked the Commissioners to be thinking about what could be done to get the town more storage space. Something should be done about the old mill. It could be sold for the oak wood or moved, but it does need some repairs to the roof, or the wood would be ruined. The shed in the back could be moved and another one put up. Just be thinking about different options.
10. Chief Shore gave a police report. There were no major issues this past month.
11. Commissioner Burns made a motion to approve all bills and any that comes in until the next meeting. Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
12. Commissioner Luffman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Burns seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Aug. 10, 2020
Date

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

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