

July 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, Dawn E. Hobson, and Wanda S. Johnson.
2. The June 13, 2022, minutes, with one spelling correction in #7 to be "contract", were approved as written.
3. The June 13, 2022, Closed Session minutes were approved as written.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT: Kyle Matthews thanked Gavin Brannon and his crew for cleaning the streets for the parade and grand opening of the East Bend Town Square. Mr. Matthews also thanked the Chief for all of his hard work and a special thanks to the Town Board for all the support for the Town Square and the Key to the City presented to the Park Committee.
5. Janice Hicks gave a Park Update. She also thanked the Board for the Key to the City presented to the Park Committee and the Town Employees for their extra work on the park. Friends of the East Bend Town Square has been formed as a 501(c) (3) organization to receive donations for a nonprofit account. They have received \$16,000.00 in donations, which can be used for cameras for the park. Wire South is going to install them. With the completion of the Park the Park Committee would like to turn over their committee to the Friends of the East Bend Town Square. Kyle and Amy Matthews are heading the events for the park. They hope to get local business to sponsor activities. They are going to start with a Chalk the Walk event in July, Back to School movie night in August and a Blue Grass Band in September. The Friends group will run the events. The board will address this at the August meeting.
6. Andy Mehaffey asked for at least six more months to move the Old Mill. They have had some legal disputes on land and the legal fees have been extremely high, taking their money to move the mill. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to Suspend the Rules to vote on the Old Mill Contract. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried 5-0. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to get a new contract for an extra six months from the date signed to move the Old Mill with a cost of \$1.00. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
7. Some things have been moved from behind East Bend Shop Rite, there are still four trucks, two trailers and a lift on the property. Work is under way

- to get these moved as soon as possible.
8. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the East Bend Town Policy on Dual Office Holding that says you could not be on the Town Board and on the Planning/Zoning Board at the same time. Commissioner Venable seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
 9. Mayor Hicks reported that the Wooten Company asked the State for money for the towns water and sewer department. The State approved the Town for AIA money of \$96,000.00 for water and \$56,000.00 for sewer. The grant for construction was denied. The Wooten Company will try again in the Fall.
 10. Chief Shore said that Joseph Woodie for the NC-DOT has approved the signs for a 3-way stop on Main Street and Pauline Street. The Town will have to send in a resolution to get it done.
 11. Chief Shore reported that things have been quiet in Town. Officer Mickey had two arrests in the month of June.
 12. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the bills and any that come in until the next meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
 13. Commissioner Venable made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hobson seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

August 8, 2022
Date

Larry W. Adams
Larry W. Adams, Mayor Pro-Tem

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