

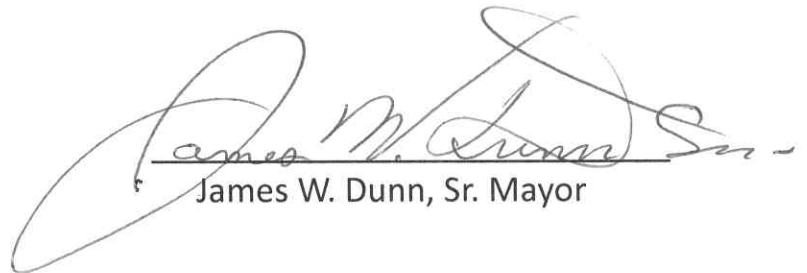
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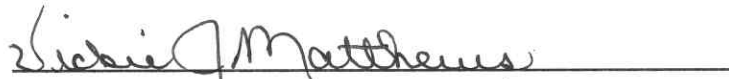
Town Hall Meeting

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Mayor James W. Dunn, Sr. was present along with the following Commissioners: Dawn E. Hobson, Neal Nichols, Edward G. Venable, Larry W. Adams, and Wanda S. Johnson.
2. June 12, 2023 minutes were approved as written.
3. June 12, 2023 Closed Session minutes were approved as written.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT: Ronnie Fletcher said that he enjoyed the parade and wanted to thank the town people and the Chief for all their work and the Sherriff Department and the Committee that put it all together. It was a lot of hard work.
5. Janice Hicks from the Planning Board asked for help in putting together an updated Community Strategic Plan. The Town Board agreed to meet with the Planning Board and Mrs. Hicks is going to get someone from the NC Department of Commerce to meet with them to help put this together. Larry Adams and Janice Hicks are talking with Andy Snow to try to get him to remain on the Planning Board.
6. James Inman, the owner of Cross Technology Inc., asked that the road beside his Company that is named Century Point Drive be changed to Cross Tech Drive. He said he is having trouble getting deliveries because GIS is not picking up this address. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to have a Public Hearing on the name change on August 14, 2023, at 5:30 pm. Commissioner Hobson seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
7. Abby Catoe has decided to wait on the farmer market.
8. Mr. Jones was sick and did not give a sewer report.
9. Friends of the East Bend Public Library sent in an invoice for services rendered for \$5,000.00. Janice Hicks asked that since the town had some left-over money in the park account that was going to be closed out in June 2023 and transferred to the General Fund with the town that the town give back the \$5,000.00 to the Friends of the East Bend Public Library that was donation in 2020. She said that money could be used to help the library and people of the community. Commissioner Adams stated that the money that was left over would be used to maintain the park and that you could not give everyone that donated their money back. Commissioner Hobson made a motion to deny the request to give the Friends of the East Bend Public Library \$5,000.00 back. Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion

- carried 4-1. Commissioner Venable voted against it.
10. Work orders were tabled until the next meeting.
 11. Water Tap Fees were tabled until the next meeting.
 12. Chief Shore gave a police report. Everything is going well. Officer Russell has made several arrests. The new 2023 Dodge Charger is in and should be updated and useable in August. Chief Shore also reported that the State is going to an 800 MHZ radio system. The cost of them is around \$4,000.00 per radio. The town will need 4, one for each officer and a backup.
 13. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve all bills and any that comes in until the next meeting. Commissioner Venable seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
 14. Commissioner Venable made a motion to go into closed session for personnel reasons. Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
 15. After coming out of closed session, Commissioner Nichols made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Venable seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

August 14, 2023
Date


James W. Dunn, Sr. Mayor


Vickie J. Matthews, Town Clerk/Administrator