

August 9, 2021  
Town Hall Meeting

1. The meeting started at 6:00 pm at Town Hall. Mayor Hicks was present along with the following Commissioners: Larry W. Adams, Neal Nichols, Edward G. Venable, George W. Burns and Wanda S. Johnson.
2. The July 12, 2021, minutes were approved as written.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Ben Peacock reminded everyone about the God and Country Celebration on Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, with the parade beginning at 9:30 am on Main Street, Opening Ceremony will be at 11:15 am on the school grounds along with the evening service and music at 6:30 pm and fireworks at 9:30 pm behind the East Bend Senior Center.
4. Jan Hicks gave a report about the town square receiving different grants and that the committee is working on applying for more. The board looked at the different designs, color, wording and size for signs for the Town Square. The board decided for the playground rules to be on a green background, with the wording as stated, use the tree design. Town Square Rules was agreed on with a green background. The Town Square committee can choose what the sign is made on. For the Entry Sign they decided on design #3, green with a stone base add rich in history on it and leave out established 1887. Leave est. 2019 on it.
5. Commissioner Venable made a motion to accept the Volunteer Policy. Commissioner Burns seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
6. The Planning Board ask the Town Board to change the Animal Ordinance from a 200-foot buffer between the livestock and all adjoining property lines to a 30-foot buffer. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to have it on the Sept. 13, 2021, agenda to give more time to think about it. Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
7. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to adopt the Town Square Rule Ordinance. Commissioner Burns seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
8. Valente Ramirez was unable to attend the meeting.
9. Commissioner Johnson asked that if next year they could have a line item for clearing and cutting brush and limbs off the sides of town streets. She would like to have a contract for someone to come yearly and take care of this problem. She is going to try to find someone to do the work.
10. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to authorize the receipt of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP Funds) and delegate authority to Mayor Hicks, Commissioner Adams and Clerk Matthews to authorize the expenditures by department, function, or project. Commissioner Burns seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
11. It was decided to have an ARP Funds Group Workshop on August 19, 2021, at 4:00 pm at Town Hall.
12. Commissioner Venable had to leave the meeting.
13. Commissioner Burns made a motion to approve the contract for conveyance and removal of the old mill building. Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
14. Chief Shore reported that they had not had any arrests. Officer Gray resigned; he is

going to work for the Yadkin County Sheriff's department.

15. Commissioner Burns made a motion to approve all bills and any that comes in until the next meeting. Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
16. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Burns seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

Sept. 13, 2021  
Date

Archie B. Hicks, Jr.  
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