

September 13, 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 and Wanda S. Johnson. George W. Burns was sick and not able to attend.
2. The August 9, 2021, minutes were approved as written.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Ronnie Fletcher wanted to thank Gavin Brannon and Chief Shore for all the hard work getting everything ready for and working the parade on Sept. 4, 2021. Mr. Fletcher said that people inside and outside of the city limits has asked him about the zoning change of having roosters in the city limits.
4. David Matthews presented a plan to preserve the old mill. If the town board would hold off on making any decisions concerning the future of the mill for six months, he would stabilize the mill, repair the roof, windows, trees and improve drainage. Put in new post and railing for the porch, underpinning, strengthen porch and hang doors. Paint trim, porch, roof and metal siding. Fix a sign and stain exterior doors, porch floors. All of this would be done with private donations. No cost to the Town. The board decided to think about it until the next meeting.
5. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to have a Public Hearing Oct. 11, 2021, at 5:45 pm on the Animal Ordinance Amendment. Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
6. Alex Nelson did not attend about the water for the pool.
7. Mark Matthews did not attend about the sewer plant.
8. Dawn Nelson had a leak, and the water bill was \$754.50 the water is in her mother's name, Leslie Gravely account number 382. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to give her six months to pay the bill. All other bills during that time will have to be paid on time. Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
9. Mayor Hicks showed some plans for a new retail business to be built next to Yadkin Christian Ministries.
10. Mayor Hicks and Commissioner Adams met with a representative from the Wooten Group about helping the town to get funds from government assessments at no cost to the town. The state has designated the Town of East Bend as a distressed unit. One of the first things they want us to do is have an assessment done for water and sewer. If the town decides to do work on water and sewer the Wooten group hopes to be hired to do the work and help us get grants.
11. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the Sewer Asset Inventory Assessment Resolution. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
12. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the Water Asset Inventory Assessment Resolution. Commissioner Venable seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
13. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the Funds Transfer Certification. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
14. The board decided to go with the State Law on Sex Offenders and have it posted in the Town Square.
15. Mayor Hicks stated that Life Store Insurance donated \$1,000.00 to the Town Square.

16. Commissioner Johnson has talked to Justin Spillman about cutting back foliage from the roads. Some of his equipment needs repairs. He will let her, or Gavin know when he can do the work.
17. Mayor Hicks gave a report on security cameras for the Town Square from Wired South. They would like to run the wires when they do the electrical work. The price for parts was quoted \$13,014.27 and Labor \$2,740.00 for a total of \$15,754.27. The board wanted to think about this until next month and look at some other options.
18. Chief Shore reported that everything was going well. Officer Gray made 1 arrest before he left. The parade went well. We had two parttime officers to help out.
19. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve all bills and any that comes in until the next meeting. Commissioner Venable seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
20. Commissioner Venable made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

Oct. 11, 2021

Date

Archie B. Hicks, Jr.

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Vickie J. Matthews

Vickie J. Matthews, Town Clerk/Administrator