

September 11, 2023
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: Neal Nichols, Larry W. Adams, Edward G. Venable and Wanda S. Johnson. Dawn E. Hobson was unable to attend.
2. The August 14, 2023 minutes were approved as written.
3. The August 14, 2023 closed session minutes were approved as written.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT: Ben Peacock announced that Small Town Christmas would be on Nov. 25, 2023 at 5:30 pm at the East Bend Fire Department.
5. Carter Spradling and Emily Stupka gave a presentation about a Comprehensive Transportation Plan for East Bend and Yadkin County. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to have a Public Hearing about the Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Commissioner Adams seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
6. Ben Peacock presented election information about changes that are taking place. Voter ID will be required for 2024 Primary and General Elections. The county can issue free Voter ID cards to registered voters who do not have an acceptable form of ID. The NCSBE website is very informative, and they provide county voter registration data, and voter history data. The Yadkin County Board of Elections is having an Open House at their new facility located at 1300 Unifi Industrial Rd. Yadkinville, NC 27055, on September 15, 2023 at 4:00 pm.
7. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the NC Department of Commerce. Commissioner Adams seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
8. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the Resolution By Governing Body of Recipient. Commissioner Adams seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
9. Commissioner Adams made a motion to deny the request from the Planning Board for a Public Hearing. Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion carried 3-1. Commissioner Johnson opposed. The Town Board is asking the Planning Board to have a combined workshop on Oct. 5, 2023, at 6:00 pm at town hall to work on sign ordinances.
10. Commissioner Adams requests some housekeeping be done on street signs. Some need to be replaced and others need cleaning. The Chief said he

- would make a list of what needs to be done.
11. There needs to be a work order or quote done on any expense over \$200.00.
 12. The board wants the employees of each department to fix an inventory of equipment and supplies in their departments within six months. This will need to be turned in by March 11, 2024.
 13. The town will not have vendors at the Town Square for the Cycle North Carolina Mountains to Coast Bicycle Tour. Mayor Dunn has asked some vineyards to pass out brochures.
 14. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the quote from Hennings Construction Company, LLC to repair the sinkhole on Marler Road. Commissioner Venable seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
 15. Commissioner Nichols reported that the concrete and building at the sewer plant were coming in under the \$10,000.00 that was allotted. The quote for the concrete was \$2,800.00 and \$5,271.42 for the building. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the quote to pay \$2,800.00 for the concrete. Commissioner Adams seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
 16. Commissioner Venable made a motion to approve the quote of \$588.00 from Nicholas Davis to work on the Town Square grass. Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion carried 3-1. Commissioner Adams opposed.
 17. Commissioner Venable reported that American Junk gave a quote of \$15,000.00 for the demolition and removal of the old mill.
 18. Chief Shore said that everything was going well in East Bend. Officer Russell had three arrests last month. The quote for the new radios was \$17,622.29.
 19. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the bills and any that come in until the next meeting. Commissioner Venable seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
 20. Commissioner Venable made a motion to go into closed session for personnel reasons. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
 21. After coming out of closed session, Commissioner Nichols made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

Oct. 9, 2023

Date

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

James W. Dunn Sr.
James W. Dunn, Sr. Mayor