

October 11, 2021

Town Hall Meeting

1. The meeting started at 6:00 at Town Hall. Mayor Archie 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 September 13, 2021, minutes were approved as written.
3. The September 20, 2021, special called meeting minutes were approved as written.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
5. Commissioner Burns made a motion to amend the animal ordinance from 200 feet set back to 10 feet set back and existing fences will be grandfather in. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried 4-1. Commissioner Adams opposed.
6. Joel Sutton came to talk about security cameras for the East Bend Town Square. The new quote was \$14,526.30. The wireless link that we would need was a big part of the price. The built-in recorder would keep a rolling 30 days of film. No monthly fee. The board put it on hold to get more information.
7. Andy and Margaret Mehaffey asked if the board would give them eight months to move the old mill. They want to rework it to make it into a home. To respect and honor its history. Preservation Forsyth came to look at the old mill and put it on their website to help the town preserve it. That is where the Mahaffey's heard about it. They want to save it by moving it to a new location. David Matthews asked last month if he could repair the outside of the building and make it more attractive and help preserve it with no cost to the town. The town would still have to fix the inside and it still could not be used for what was needed. Commissioner Burns made a motion to give a contract to the Mehaffey's to have them move it in 8 months or 240 days. Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
8. Planning-Zoning Board did not have anything to report.
9. The sewer plant needs a storage building and a new sewage pump. This money would come out of the ARP money. The board decided to table the storage building until next month to look at some options. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to purchase and install a new sewage pump. Commissioner Burns seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

10. Mayor Hicks explained about Cyber Security Assessment. Ben Peacock has been looking into protection from hackers for our web site. Mr. Peacock suggested using CISA for a free Cyber Hygiene Check. Commissioner Burns made a motion to use CISA for a Cyber Hygiene Check of our town website. Commissioner Venable seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
11. Yadkin Valley Telephone has offered to do a 5-year contract for Wi-Fi for the East Bend Town Square for \$3,899.00. They would install the equipment for free. ARP money could be used for this. Commissioner Burns made a motion to do a 5-year contract for Wi-Fi for the East Bend Town Square with Yadkin Valley Telephone. Commissioner Venable seconded. The motion carried 3-2. Commissioner Adams and Commissioner Johnson opposed.
12. Gavin Brannon will try to find a water line that may already be in at the East Bend Town Square. If he does, it will save a lot of money.
13. Park Update – Playground equipment should be delivered on Oct. 12, 2021. They will start construction on it at that time. Some people from Lowes Hardware will be on hand to help with the construction. Lowe's Hardware awarded a grant to the Town Square to help purchase this equipment. The Park committee is still working on other grants also.
14. Chief Shore gave a police report. Both vehicles have had to have repairs made. You can now get your golf cart sticker for next year.
15. 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.
16. Commissioner Burns made a motion to go in executive session. Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
17. After coming out of executive session Commissioner Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Venable seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Nov. 8, 2021  
Date

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