

October 10, 2022
Town Hall Meeting

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Mayor Archie B. Hicks, Jr. was present along with the following Commissioners: Larry W. Adams, Neal Nichols, Dawn E. Hobson, and Wanda S. Johnson. Edward G. Venable was unable to attend.
2. The September 12, 2022 minutes were approved as written.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Ben Peacock reported that they are having Small Town Christmas this year on November 26, 2022 at 5:30 pm at the East Bend Fire Station with a chicken stew and lighting of the Christmas tree. Everything like it was before COVID. Ronnie Fletcher said that they may need a bucket truck to put the lights on the Christmas tree. He also stated that the old Antique Shop had been sold and the new owners were really cleaning up the area. This is not in the city limits, but it really helps the look of East Bend. James Dunn reported that there is a pile of trash about 20 yards from highway 67, surrounding two clothing and shoe drop off boxes in the East Bend Shop Rite parking lot. Shop Rite still has trucks being stored there in the back and on the side of the building.
4. Town Square Ordinance was tabled until the next meeting.
5. Commissioner Adams suggested having a joint meeting with the Town Board and Friends of the East Bend Town Square about the rules of use for the amphitheater. This meeting will be held on November 1, 2022 at 6:00 at the library.
6. Andy and Margaret Mehaffey have decided not to move the old mill.
7. The DOT said that we could not put flashing red lights on the 3-way stop signs.
8. Commissioner Hobson made a motion to approve using ARP money to purchase a sump pump. The price should be around \$700.00. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
9. Commissioner Hobson made a motion to approve using ARP money to purchase materials and delivery to finish the retaining wall. The price for both should be around 1,800.00. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
10. Commissioner Hobson asked about purchasing an air compressor with ARP money. This was tabled until next month so they can get some prices on different sizes.

11. Mayor Hicks had a meeting with Wooten Engineering and people from Raleigh. The meeting went well, and all paperwork has been turned in to Raleigh. We are waiting for them to give us the contract. We are going to wait to submit the RFQ until we have the money in hand. In the meeting it was decided to resubmit the proposal for construction phase that was denied last time. We got the approval for the assessment but not for the work. The State has modified what they are looking for in terms of points and they think we have a better chance of it being approved now.
12. We are submitting the proposal for construction on water and sewer.
13. Chief Shore reported that everything was going well in town. Officer Mickey made one arrest last month.
14. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the bills and any that come in until next meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
15. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to go in to closed session. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
16. After coming out of closed session Commissioner Nichols made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

Nov. 14, 2022
Date

Archie B. Hicks, Jr.
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Vickie J. Matthews
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