

December 9, 2019
Town Hall Meeting

1. The meeting started at 6:00 pm. Mayor Archie B. Hicks, Jr. was present along with the following Commissioners: Larry Adams, Mae Luffman, Wanda Johnson. George Burns was absent.
2. The November 12, 2019 minutes were approved as written.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Janice Hicks announced that the East Bend Public Library is having an Open House on Dec. 16, 2019 from 2-6 and everyone was invited to attend. Kyle Matthews asked the board to think about helping people with a reduced rate on water for agricultural purposes. It will be put on the January agenda.
4. Mayor Hicks read a letter of resignation from Commissioner Kyle H. Matthews. He has moved out of the City Limits. Mayor Hicks said that it was a pleasure to have him on the board and wanted to thank him for all that he has done. Commissioner Adams also wanted to thank Mr. Matthews for his service.
5. Commissioner Luffman introduced Thomas Hughes from Thomas H. Hughes Architecture, P. C. Mr. Hughes has given the park committee a proposal to do a site plan for the town square and other things to help with the grant. He said the outline that he gave the board would be completed on an hourly basis not to exceed \$6,000.00. This would include copies of drawings, postage, travel and any other reimbursable expenses. Commissioner Luffman asked that the board give the town square \$6,000.00 and to approve that Mr. Hughes be hired to help with the work on the PARTF grant.
6. Commissioner Luffman made a motion to do a Budget Amendment from General Fund balance to the East Bend Town Square in the amount of \$6,000.00. Commissioner Adams seconded. The motion carried 3-0.
7. A 4 x 8 sign has been designed to go on the property for the East Bend Town Square, the park committee wanted to know where the board would like it to be placed. The board decided to let the park committee decide where to place it.
8. Mayor Hicks asked the commissioners to update their profiles to put on the web site. Ben Peacock and Mayor Hicks will be doing some more work on the web site soon.
9. We have had seven people to apply for the Commissioner vacancy spot on the board. Mayor Hicks asked that each one write a simple letter stating why they want to serve on the board and what they could do for the board and town. This needs to be turned in to Town Hall by the end of December. The board will vote by ballot at the next meeting.
10. Chief Shore gave a police report and update. Things have been very quiet in town. They do have court next week.
11. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve all bills and any that comes in until the next meeting. Commissioner Luffman seconded. The motion carried 3-0.
12. Commissioner Luffman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried 3-0.

Jan. 13, 2020
Date

Archie B. Hicks, Jr.
Archie B. Hicks, Jr. Mayor

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