

December 14, 2020

Town Hall Meeting

1. The meeting started at 6:00 pm at the East Bend Public Library due to COVID-19 and the size restrictions at Town Hall. Mayor Archie B. Hicks, Jr. was present along with the following Commissioners: Larry W. Adams, Neal Nichols, Wanda Johnson, Mae Luffman, George Burns and Eddie Venable.
2. The November 9, 2020 minutes were approved as written.
3. Mayor Hicks thanked Commissioner Luffman for her hard work and years of service for the Town of East Bend and presented her with a plaque.
4. Mayor Hicks was sworn in for a 2-year term. Commissioner Adams and Commissioner Venable was sworn in for a 4-year term and Commissioner Nichols was sworn in for a 2-year term.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
6. Mayor Hicks asked Commissioner Adams to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem and he accepted.
7. Mayor Hicks stated that Commissioner Nichols will continue to be over the Police Dept. and Commissioner Venable will be over Sanitation and Buildings and Grounds.
8. Janice Hicks gave a report about the Town Square. We have been awarded the Wayne Shore award of \$12,000.00 this is thru the Clemmons Community Foundation. We are working on sending in our first request to get reimbursements for money that we have already spent from the PARTF Grant. We are working on other grants, but it will be in the spring before we hear anything from them. There will be a plaque with names on it for the people that give 1,000.00 or more if it is not at an item that they purchased. The park committee has talked to different companies about being the project manager for the Town Square and they are endorsing Thomas Hughes with Alliance Architecture of the Triad, PC. He has already done work for us and knows what we need.
9. Thomas Hughes with Alliance Architecture of the Triad, PC presented a proposal for their services if they are hired as the project manager. After looking over the proposal Commissioner Burns made a motion. I move that the board is exempting this project from the requirements for solicitation for multiple proposals. Furthermore, that we accept this Proposal from Alliance Architecture of the Triad to provide architectural/engineering services for the town of East Bend's Town Square Project. Commissioner Venable seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
10. Janice Hicks from the Planning-Zoning Board gave a report from their meeting on Dec. 3, 2020. They are continuing to work on a subdivision ordinance. They are taking Yadkin Counties subdivision and editing it to work for our town. James Dunn who is new to our board has also worked hard on this and Attorney Price is helping. When the Planning Board has finished going over it, they will present it to the Town Board. The Planning-Zoning Board also recommends that Janice Hicks and Brenda Nichols stay as Chair and Secretary. Jimmy Carters term is expiring in January 2021 and the board recommends that Mr. Carter serve another term. Commissioner Adams made a motion that Jimmy Carter stay on the Planning Zoning Board for another term. Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
11. Something that the Planning Zoning Board has worked on before is the documents on

our web site to make it easier to look for and find what you need and easier to read. They have reached out to Ben Peacock and he has talked with the county about how they are doing it. He has a handout in the packages to explain different options. Mr. Peacock has done a lot of work on this in doing one section himself to show how it would look if we did it ourselves. He also has what it would look like if we hired municode to do it for us and the prices. He was also kind enough to say that he will help someone get started doing it if we hire them to work on it in the office. The board decided to look into getting the software that we would need and someone to do it for us.

12. Mayor Hicks attended a zoom meeting for Yadkin County Water Merger, there is no merger going on. The County has paid \$50,000.00 for Withers Ravenel to do a water study and they are calling it the Yadkin County Water Merger study. It was a meet and greet today, but they are doing this to help the County and Municipalities to better use their water resources. There will be more meetings and they will need information from each municipality. There will be more to come at a later date.
13. Mayor Hicks met with Ted Alexander from Preservation NC about the old mill. He gave some options of things they could help us with if we leave the mill where it is. Commissioner Nichols is going to talk to some people about tearing it down for the old wood in it.
14. Chief Shore gave a police report. They made 3 arrest in the last month.
15. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve all bills and any that comes in until the next meeting. Commissioner Burns seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
16. Commissioner Burns made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Feb. 8, 2021  
Date

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

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