

March 10, 2025

Town Hall Meeting

1. The Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm. Mayor Larry W. Adams was present along with the following Commissioners: Kurt Held, Earl Norman, Neal Nichols, And Dawn Hobson. Commissioner Martin Hauser was absent.
2. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the February 10, 2025, minutes as written. Commissioner Held seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
3. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the February 10, 2025 Closed Session minutes as written. Commissioner Held seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT: Jan Hicks, a Volunteer with the East Bend Town Square, went over the upcoming events schedule. Check the calendar on the official East Bend Town Website for dates and times. All events have been scheduled with the Town Clerk.

Ronnie Fletcher commented on the fire on River Street. The homeowner was not at home but neighbors are on the lookout for missing pets that ran away from the fire. Mayor Adams reported that we had another Sewer Violation. Attorney Epley is currently working on a formal response. No further action is needed at this time. Gavin commented that he was happy with Pace labs processing his water samples. Commissioner Nichols presented data on rebuilding two pumps for the Sewer plant. The board agreed with his assessment and recommended this be done to keep the plant operational.

Ben Peacock asked for an update on the water issue. Attorney Epley said that after the injunction was issued on January 6<sup>th</sup> which prohibited the county from turning the water off, the next step in the process is mediation between the Town and the County which is scheduled for April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

5. Mayor Adams reported that we are in the process of scheduling budget workshops. Worksheets were distributed to each Commissioner for each department to begin this process. This first workshop is scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm.
6. Clerk Miller presented a price quote on software upgrades to the new FMS system. The base price was \$2700 up to \$16,000. After further investigation it was determined that more server space is needed to accommodate these upgrades. Current hardware must be upgraded prior to any further software enhancements or Upgrades. Chief Shore commented on the current technology support and server space. The board asked for quotes on a new server and hardware upgrades.

7. Chief Shore reported that everything is going well in the Town. Officer Mickey assisted Chief Shore on covering The Glow Run event which went well. Chief Shore also attended the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Siloam Bridge Collapse at Friendship Baptist Church Saturday, representing the Town of East Bend. This event is on YouTube for those who wish to view it online. Officer Jester has been helping with police coverage. One complaint about dogs running at large on Fairground Rd has been resolved. Dogs no longer reside at this address. Commissioner Held and other board members will assist Chief Shore in cleaning out the building to gain more storage space for the Police Department.
8. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the bills and any that come in prior to the next meeting. Commissioner Norman seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
9. Commissioner Norman gave an update on FEMA coming to give the board an update on the street and water flow situation on Blanch Street after consulting with their state contacts.
10. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to go into Closed Session. Commissioner Hobson seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
11. Upon leaving closed session, Commissioner Hobson made a motion for Commissioner Held and Commissioner Nichols to attend mediation and appear on behalf of the Town in the lawsuit against Yadkin County and for Commissioner Nichols and Commissioner Held to have authority to act on the Town's behalf in accordance with the terms discussed in closed session at the mediation on April 3, 2025. Commissioner Norman seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
12. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to Adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Norman seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

4-14-25

Date

Larry W. Adams

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Bettina Miller

Bettina Miller, Town Clerk/Administrator