

June 16, 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: Dawn Hobson, Neal Nichols, Earl Norman, and Kurt Held. Commissioner Martin Hauser was absent.
2. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the May 12, 2025 minutes as written. Commissioner Held seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
3. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the June 5, 2025 Special Called meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Held seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
4. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the June 5, 2025 Closed Session minutes as written. Commissioner Held seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT: Jan Hicks thanked Gavin for getting all the banners up in town and for the beautification of the town and park area. She also reminded everyone of the Children's Play Day at the park scheduled for Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> by the Friends of the Town Square. The time has been changed from 10:00am to 11:30am due to scheduling conflicts. Also, by popular demand Big Daddy D's Karaoke, Darrell Carter, will be back on July 18<sup>th</sup> and August 22<sup>nd</sup>. She reported the last event had a great turnout with about 200 people in attendance.  
Ashley Hutchens asked if a Trash Truck would be available for the God and Country Celebration and Gavin Brannon stated that he would have the Town's truck available that morning.
6. Chairperson Doug Johnson from the Planning Board/Board of Adjustment informed the board that two resignations have been received from Amanda Harbuck and Travis Hopkins. The Planning Board recommended that Andy Snow be moved from alternate to board member. Commissioner Norman made a motion to accept this recommendation. Commissioner Nichols seconded. Motion carried 4-0. The Planning Board also recommended that Alisha Snow and Mae Luffman fill the two alternate positions. Commissioner Norman made a motion to accept these recommendations. Commissioner Nichols seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
7. Mayor Adams presented a renewal contract from Charles E Scott CPA, P.A to the board for their approval. Commissioner Nichols made a motion that the board approve the contract for Charles E Scott CPA, P.A. for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year. Commissioner Held seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

8. Clerk Miller presented Budget Amendments #4, #5, and #6 to the board for the General Fund, Water/Sewer Fund, and ARP Grant respectively for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #4 for the General Fund. Commissioner Held seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve Budget Amendment # 5 for the Water/Sewer Fund. Commissioner Held seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Hobson made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #6 for the ARP Grant. Commissioner Nichols seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Adams cautioned the board about spending money until after July 1, 2025 to avoid further budget amendments.

9. Mayor Adams asked the board if there were any further questions about Capital Management. He stated that Clerk Miller has completed research and that Terra Greene, a representative of Capital Management, is present to answer any questions from the board. Commissioner Norman asked if this would affect current bills. Clerk Miller stated that we would be able to access the money by the next business day, which was confirmed by Terra Greene. Clerk Miller stated that this was just simply changing where the money is held. We would continue to have a Town bank account. Terra Greene stated that this is a local government investment tool that only Cities and Counties are eligible to use, noting other cities such as Charlotte for example that are currently investing with this fund. They have been in operation for 40 years managed by Fidelity Investments. Attorney Epley suggested approving the application process going forward and the amounts be tabled until the July meeting. Commissioner Held made a motion to approve the application process. Commissioner Nichols seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

10. Clerk Miller gave an update on Southern Software. Now that the software purchase has been approved, a contract to purchase has been presented to the board for approval. Since new Hardware has been purchased, Commissioner Nichols asked that we confirm compatibility issues with Southern Software before proceeding. Clerk Miller will confirm. Item was tabled until the July Town Meeting.

11. Clerk Miller asked for the board's decision on who is eligible to be listed on the Town's Sam's Club Card. After discussion the board decided that only full-time employees should be listed. Chief Shore volunteered to go to the store to complete the updates. Commissioner Nichols made a motion that Chief Shore have the card put in his name and have the store list only full-time employees on the card. Commissioner Hobson seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

12. Commissioner Held presented four quotes for the Demolition of the Old Mill. He suggested that he would contact each of them for a final price and conformation

that they are filling in the hole and sewing grass back. After discussion the board agreed to go forward with having Commissioner Held confirm quotes and make sure each of them are insured. Per advice from Attorney Epley, the board decided to table this until the July Meeting.

13. In Commissioner Hauser's absence Mayor Adams explained the first item on the agenda which was skipped awaiting his arrival. The board has been tasked with deciding whether to trim or cut back the bushes in front of Town Hall or completely remove them or move to a new location. Gavin Brannon presented photos showing a clear sightline if the bushes are trimmed back. Commissioner Hobson stated they could be trimmed back and they will come back out. After discussion the board decided to have them trimmed back.
14. Clerk Miller let the board know that it is time to renew our participation in the Northern Piedmont Hazard Migration Plan. Clerk Miller asked Keith Vestal from Yadkin County Emergency Services to attend our July Meeting to answer any questions the board might have. Chief Shore added that has been attending these meetings as a representative of the Town since 2018.
15. Chief Shore announce that he has reached out to both applicants for the Full-Time Officer positions and they have both accepted. He is waiting on confirmation of an MOA from the county and both would be signing a full time 2 year contract with the Town. One officer should be in place by the middle of July pending fire arm qualifications. Mayor Adams and the entire board are proud to have them join our Police Force.
16. Police Updates: Chief Shore stated that he will have part time officers working alongside him for the God and Country Celebration on June 28, 2025. Chief Shore also expressed his thanks to Sherriff Smitherman for his extension of any additional resources needed. Everything has been going well in town. Equipment has arrived and computers have been ordered. Also Automotive Dynamics replaced the coolant fans in the Charger in preparation for the parade.
17. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the bills and any that come in prior to the next meeting. Commissioner Hobson seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
18. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hobson seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

7-14-2025

Date

Bettina Miller

Bettina Miller, Town Clerk/Administrator

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