November 14, 2022 Town Hall Meeting

- 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 October 10, 2022 minutes were approved as written.
- 3. The October 10, 2022 closed session minutes were approved as written.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT: Ben Peacock reminded everyone that Small Town Christmas will be on Saturday November 26, 2022 at 5:30 pm at the East Bend Fire Station. Virginia Fox will be present. James Dunn asked for a copy of East Bend North Carolina Town Municipal Charter or Charters. A copy of all town policies, a list of all holidays that are observed by town hall, a current budget and a copy of the town handbook. Mr. Dunn reported that Mr. Oliver continues to move forward with the sub-division of his property at Main and Union Hill roads. Ronnie Fletcher thanked everyone that ran for election.
- 5. Town Square Ordinance was tabled until next month.
- 6. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the Amphitheater Rules. No one second, so the motion was canceled, and Amphitheater Rules was tabled until next month.
- 7. Commissioner Adams made a motion for employees to get three days off at Christmas like other municipalities and the county. Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
- 8. Commissioner Hobson made a motion to use ARP money to purchase an air compressor. They are looking at a 20-gallon portable DeWalt model. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
- 9. Commissioner Nichols suspended the rules to talk about the water tank at Rabbit Hill Road. Commissioner Adams seconded. The motion carried 4-0. Jonathan Corbett did an inspection and stated that the paint on the exterior of the tank has begun to flake off, exposing the structure beneath to corrosion. He recommended consulting a specialist in water tower maintenance to determine if maintenance on the exterior is warranted. Gavin Brannon is waiting on Ed Jackson with R.E. McLean Tank Co. to come and inspect it.
- 10. Mayor Hicks announced again about Small Town Christmas being on

- November 26, 2022 at 5:30 pm.
- 11. Chief Shore stated that everything was going well in East Bend. They did have 4 arrest last month. The 2023 golf cart stickers are in.
- 12. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the bills and any that come in until the next meeting. Commissioner Hobson seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
- 13. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hobson seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

December 12, 2022

Archie B. Hicks, Jr Mayor

Vickie J. Matthews, Town Clerk/Administrator