

December 13, 2021  
Town Hall Meeting

1. The meeting started at 6:00 pm at Town Hall. Mayor Archie Hicks was present along with the following Commissioners: Larry W. Adams, Neal Nichols, and Wanda S. Johnson. George W. Burns and Edward G. Venable were unable to attend.
2. Mayor Hicks received a letter from Shane Painter to let us know that he is the new Fire Chief for East Bend. Chief Painter said that if he can help us in any way to please let him know.
3. The November 8, 2021, minutes were approved as written.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT: Ronnie Fletcher stated that Shane Painter would be a good Fire Chief. He also said that the Christmas lights looked good.
5. Jan Hicks from the Planning Board thanked Gavin Brannon for getting the building moved and cleaning up around it. The area looks really good now. Mrs. Hicks has had complaints about rodents at the old Shop Rite building. The animals are getting in the Yadkin Christian Ministries building and causing problems and expense. Attorney Price is looking into what we can do about it. At the last Planning Board meeting the planning board recommend that Crystal Holcomb go from full time to alternate, and James Dunn go from alternate to full time at Ms. Holcomb's request. Commissioner Nichols made a motion that Crystal Holcomb go from full time to alternate, and James Dunn go from alternate to full time on the Planning Board. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to reappoint Jan Hicks and Brenda Nichols to another 3-year term on the Planning Board. Commissioner Adams seconded. The motion carried 3-0. James Dunn will be the new chairperson and Jan Hicks will be the new secretary.
6. Craig Hopkins from Gibson & Co. came to present the report from our audit. The town received a clean audit opinion. Everything looked good and that is what we want to see.
7. Commissioner Johnson stated that the Christmas lights have had problems this year. The timer had to be replaced and wiring had to be installed to get some lights working at a cost of about \$1,800.00. She asked for a budget amendment to take care of this expense. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to do a budget amendment of \$1,800.00 to cover the expense for fixing the Christmas lights. Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion carried 3-0.
8. The contract to move the old mill was signed by all parties on November 24, 2021.
9. Park Update: The picnic shelters, ticket booth and amphitheater pads have been poured. Benches and picnic tables have been ordered.
10. The old storage building has been moved and a new one is going up.
11. Mayor Hicks read a thank you note from Annette Johnson for the memorial for her mother Lois Eads.
12. Chief Shore reported that things are going well. They had a few arrests. The pool investigation is still going on, and they should have it completed soon. Officer Mickey should start on the night shift at the first of January.
13. Commissioner Adams asked about a bill to J. S. Excavation in the amount of \$3,600.00.

He thought a cost estimate was being brought back to the board. The last time they did work for the town the cost was \$1,400.00. Commissioner Johnson said they did more streets this time and she was not under the impression that a cost estimate was to come back to the board. Commissioner Adams also questioned a bill being paid to a town employee for use of a backhoe. They are going to try to work out how this can be done when we need to use the equipment to keep a good audit trail.

14. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve all bills and any that comes in until the next meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion carried 3-0.
15. Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion carried 3-0.

Jan. 10, 2022  
Date

Archie B. Hicks, Jr.  
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Vickie J. Matthews  
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