

April 8, 2024

## Town Hall Meeting

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Mayor James W. Dunn, Sr. was present along with the following Commissioners: Dawn E. Hobson, Neal Nichols, Larry W. Adams, Edward G. Venable and Kurt C. Held.
2. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the March 11, 2024 minutes. Commissioner Hobson seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
3. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the April 4, 2024 Special Called Meeting minutes. Commissioner Venable seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
4. Clerk Matthews did the swearing in of Commissioner Kurt L. Held to fill out the term of Commissioner Wanda L. Johnson who passed away on Feb. 14, 2023.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT: Ben Peacock announced that there would be a runoff election on May 14, 2024. Ronnie Fletcher wanted to welcome Commissioner Held to the board and thanked him for agreeing to serve.
6. Romie Flynn reported that in the past they had a Beautification Fund to purchase benches, trees, pots, and flowers to put on Main Street to make the town more attractive. They had benefactors that contributed to the fund that has now passed away. They are asking the town to purchase item needed for them to keep up the work that they are doing. Commissioner Venable made a motion to approve up to \$300.00 a year to purchase plants, etc. for them to continue the work. Commissioner Adams seconded. The motion carried 5-0
7. Charles Hines with the NC League of Municipalities talked about free money from ARP funds that the town could apply for to help with grants writing and different services that is offered. Eric Wells talked about what he could do to help the town with Cybersecurity and Technical assistance.
8. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the sign changes in Planning/Zoning. Commissioner Adams seconded. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Held opted out on voting, this was done prior to him being a commissioner.
9. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the Electronic Gaming Operations Ordinance. Commissioner Adams seconded. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Held opted out on voting, this was done prior to him being a commissioner.
10. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve Darren L. Wagoner as an alternate on the Planning/Zoning Board. Commissioner Venable seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
11. The Municipal Accounting Services Cybersecurity and Technical Assistance Memorandum of Agreement was tabled until next month.
12. Ben Peacock talked about the cybersecurity he has on our website.
13. Ben Peacock gave the Commissioners and Mayor a postcard with a link to go to test a survey. This will be on next month's agenda.
14. Commissioner Adams made a motion to start the proceedings to put a lien on the

property at 120 E. NC 67 By-Pass for non-payment of past due charges from September 28, 2023 through November 30, 2023 for a total of \$3,200.00. This is concerning the violation of Article XXII of the Town Code by uncontrolled growth of weeds and grass on the property. Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

15. Mayor Dunn appointed Commissioner Held to be the department head over streets.
16. The Commissioners did not think there was a need for another budget workshop.
17. Commissioner Adams made a motion to suspend the rule to set a date and time for a Public Hearing on the Budget. Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
18. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to have a Public Hearing on the 2024-2025 Budget on May 13, 2024 at 5:45 pm. Commissioner Adams seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
19. Chief Shore stated that everything was going well in town.
20. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the bills and any that comes in until the next meeting. Commissioner Hobson seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
21. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Venable seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

5-13-2024

Date

  
Dawn E. Hobson Mayor Pro-Tem

James W. Dunn, Sr. Mayor

Minutes were approved by the Board

Mayor Dunn chooses not to sign them.

Dawn E. Hobson, Mayor Pro-Tem signed.



Vickie J. Matthews, Town Clerk/Administrator