

May 13, 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 and Kurt C. Held. Edward G. Venable was unable to attend.
2. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the April 8, 2024 minutes. Commissioner Held seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Ronnie Fletcher commented that Gavin Brannon was doing a very good job of keeping the park in shape. Gavin Brannon commented that the new building behind the Town Hall had issues with the gutters and water draining under the building and he added gutters to alleviate this issue and that there was money in the budget to take care of this issue.
4. The Budget for 2024-2025 was presented. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Budget. The tax rate stays the same at .50. Yadkin County will continue to collect the tax payment for the Town. Water rates are, base rate inside the city limits 61.48 for the 1st 1000 gallons and 11.98 for each additional 1000 gallons, outside the city limits base rate is 79.50 for 1st 1000 gallons and 14.20 for each additional 1000 gallons. Sewer rates are, inside city limits, residential 61.48 for 1st 1000 gallons and 5.83 for each additional 1000 gallons. Commercial and Industrial inside city limits is 75.26 for 1st 1000 gallons and 8.48 for each additional 1000 gallons. Outside city limits the rate is 116.60 for 1st 1000 gallons and 10.60 for each additional 1000 gallons. Commissioner Hobson seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
5. Clerk Matthews stated that an Amendment was needed to the Grant Project Ordinance redirecting ARP funds. Clerk Matthews stated that the amendment was to repurpose \$18,000 from the funds to the Police Department, which would be used to purchase police radios. The remainder of the funds would be used for the water tank repairs. There are \$113,918.04 available. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the amendment. Commissioner Held seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
6. Commissioner Nicholas made a motion to approve the contract with Gibson & Co. PA for 2024 Audit. Commissioner Hobson seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
7. Ben Peacock spoke about a proposed survey that would be sent to the Town residents. The Board chose not to vote on this matter and tabled the discussion until the June meeting.
8. Attorney Epley reported on his conversation with Erik Wells regarding the Cybersecurity and Technical Assistance. The Board asked Attorney Epley to get more information from Charles Hines regarding the grants available and this discussion was tabled until the June meeting.
9. Mayor Dunn presented an Amendment to Intergovernmental Water Service Agreement. Commissioner Adams stated that this Amendment would be a substantial increase in water costs to the Town and its residents and that the Town had a prior agreement on this issue from 2013 that was valid for 20 years. The Mayor

inquired if there was motion on the item, no such motion was made and the matter died.

10. Chief Shore stated that the trucks and trailers from East Bend Shop Rite had been moved to the lot located at 313 Cherry Street, adjoining Highway 67. Commissioner Nichols stated that he would like to see the property owner notified before the Board took action. This discussion was tabled until the June meeting.
11. Chief Shore stated that Police Department was requesting the Board's approval of the second phase of the contract with Southern Software to get the Police Department's software up to date with industry standards. The cost would be \$3,809.00 and could be covered by funds budgeted for the Police Department. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Held seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
12. Chief Shore provided the Board with a proposal to upgrade the police radios in the Town's 3 police vehicles and to provide 3 radios for the Town's police officers with Viper Radios. The proposal for the cost associated with these upgrades would be \$50,827.17. Chief Shore stated that the Police Department should be able to cover these funds necessary for this expense. Commissioner Adam made a motion to approve the purchase. Commissioner Hobson seconded. The motion carried 4-0.
13. Chief Shore thanked Ronnie Fletcher for his support of the Police Department and further stated all is well in the Town.
14. Mayor Dunn asked why the Town was running its advertisements in the Mt. Airy News since it was not a Yadkin County circulation. Clerk Matthews and Attorney Epley explained that the Mt. Airy News owns the Yadkin Ripple, which is a Yadkin County circulation.
15. Mayor Dunn stated that the Town paid invoices for UV bulbs and their installation, but some bulbs were not installed. Mayor Dunn also stated SERCAP is visiting the sewer plant on May 14, 2024 to assist the Town in improving the sewer plant operations.
16. Mayor Dunn asked for clarification from the March 11th 2024 minutes as to statement as to his involvement of economic development. Mayor Dunn inquired as to enforcement of parking within the Town. Board asked Attorney Epley to inquire with insurance carried as to the Town's liabilities as to the general public using parking facilities.
17. Mayor Dunn stated he became a delegate for the Town to Yadkin County for Economic Development upon his election. Mayor Dunn stated the Piedmont Triad Regional Council wanted an alternate delegate from the Town.
18. Mayor Dunn stated he would be sending information for a State investigation of the Town, but declined to state its purpose.
19. 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.
20. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hobson seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

6-3-2024

Date

Dawn E. Hobson Mayor Pro-Tem

James W. Dunn, Sr. Mayor

Minutes were approved by the Board

Mayor Dunn chooses not to sign.

Dawn E. Hobson, Mayor Pro-Tem signed.

Vickie J. Matthews

Vickie J. Matthews, Town Clerk/Administrator