

June 3, 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, Kurt C. Held and Edward G. Venable.
2. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the May 13, 2024 minutes. Commissioner Hobson seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Ronnie Fletcher commented that Gavin Brannon was doing a nice job keeping taking care of the streets. Ben Peacock reminded everyone of the God and Country celebration scheduled to take place on June 29, 2024 at 9:00 AM and further stated that the appropriate permits had been filed with Chief Shore and insurance had been secured.
4. Vickie Matthews (standing in for Susan Venable) reported that the Planning Board is recommending to the Town Board that two properties be rezoned: 324 W. Main Street, which is currently zoned commercial and the request is to re-zone to R2 (residential) and 301 Flint Hill Road, which is currently zoned commercial and the request is to re-zone to R1 (residential). Commissioner Nichols made a motion to set public hearings on these requests. Commissioner Hobson seconded. The motion carried 5-0. The Board set public hearings on these requests for July 8, 2024 at 5:30 PM and 5:45 PM.
5. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve Budget Amendment number 1 from the general fund. Commissioner Hobson seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
6. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve Budget Amendment number 2 regarding the water/sewer fund. Commissioner Venable seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
7. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve Budget Amendment number 3 to move approximately \$18,000.00 of ARP funds to the police fund for police radios. Commissioner Venable seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
8. Ben Peacock summarized his presentation to the Board regarding the survey of the Town residents, stated that he would like to come up with 10 questions to send out to the Town residents, and that the cost of printing and mailing would be of no cost to the Town. The Board voiced concerns about the survey raising unnecessary issues within the Town that are not currently issues for the Town. The Board set a workshop for the survey on June 25, 2024 at 5:00 PM and to table any action relating to the the survey until the July 8, 2024 Town meeting.
9. Commissioner Adams explained that the Town was having issues getting the water bills to its residents due to a change in operating procedure at the local post office, that the bills were delayed due to the change, and that the delay in the citizens receiving their bills was causing unnecessary late fees and cutoffs, which was unfair to the residents.
10. Mayor Dunn presented a GIS/GPS Memorandum of Understanding to the Board from SERCAP so that SERCAP could provide further assistance to the Town. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve and enter in to the Memorandum

- of Understanding. Commissioner Held seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
11. Commissioner Held present an estimates to the Board for the paving of Blanch Street of approximately \$60,000.00 and an estimate to pave Kirk Lane of \$37,722.80 and further stated that the Town has \$30,966.00 available in the general fund for one of these projects. The Board stated that Blanch Street was more in need of repair than Kirk Lane. Commissioner Nichols suggested that the Town allow the \$30,966.00 to be moved to the General Fund at the end of the fiscal year and then to move for a budget amendment to move those funds to the street funds to cover the expense of repaving Blanch Street.
 12. Chief Shore stated that the only items left at 313 Cherry Street were a forklift and a trailer and it should be moved any day now. Commissioner Adams asked to table any action until the July meeting.
 13. Chief Shore stated the Town is still searching for a nighttime officer and that he has received some complaints about speeding in Town. Commissioner Adams voiced concerns about the stop sign at Alex's being ignored and Chief Shore stated he is going to begin more active enforcement of the traffic laws. Everything else is going well in Town.
 14. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the bills and any that come in until the next meeting. Commissioner Venable seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
 15. Commissioner Adams made a motion to go into close session to discuss personnel. Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
 16. After returning from closed session, Commissioner Nichols made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hobson seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

July 8, 2024
Date

James W. Dunn, Sr.
Minutes were approved by the board
Mayor Dunn chooses not to sign.

Vickie J. Matthews
Vickie J. Matthews, Town Clerk/Administrator