

JULY 14, 2025

Town Hall Meeting

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm. Mayor Larry W. Adams was present along with the following Commissioners: Dawn Hobson, Neal Nichols, Martin Hauser, Earl Norman, and Kurt Held.
2. Commissioner Hobson made a motion to approve the June 16, 2025 minutes as written. Commissioner Hauser seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Jan Hicks reported that over 100 people turned out for Kids Day. Friends provided Snow Cones. Darrell Carter will be back on July 18th for Karaoke and Dirty Suspect will provide Sodas. Alex Nelson reported that the East Bend Pool is back on track. It has recovered from past problems and through a lot of hard work, the pool has been saved and is open for business. Mr. Nelson is the 10th district chairman of the GOP. He offered any assistance between the community and Raleigh. He left documentation from the State for review. Ben Peacock conducted research with all four towns in our county to determine what systems they use to perform day-to-day operations. He presented a document reviewing each town for Website, Financial Software, Software for Online Bill Pay and ease of access to Town Halls. Ronnie Fletcher commented that the Parade went well and thanked Gavin for his work on the streets. He mentioned the board consider getting new flags since several are damaged and brackets are broken. He has heard great comments about the banners. Linda Norman asked about a tree's that overhang on Blanch Street. Property owners do not want to cut down trees. Duke Power has been out and would not cut trees. Duke Power will cut power for property owners to cut trees down. Mrs. Norman asked if there was anything the Town could do to assist. Mayor Adams will turn over to Town Attorney. He asked if anyone was interested in helping Bettina in her absence. Mayor Adams asked for assistance from the board. Mayor Adams commented on what an Honor it was to lead the Parade this year with Chief Shore.
4. Perry Snow from Moore Moxley Insurance was present to explain the Judicial Bond that the Town has been asked to put up \$250,000 collateral for the current Water Litigation Case. The Town Attorney advises the town to move forward. Perry will come over tomorrow to get the paperwork signed and start the process if the board approves. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the Bond. Commissioner Martin seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Clerk Miller will assist in making this happen.

5. Keith Vestal, with Yadkin County Emergency Services, was present to explain the Northern Piedmont Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Every 5 years this plan is renewed. The Federal Government requires the County and each Municipality to be a part of a Hazard Mitigation Plan for FEMA to provide any type of monetary assistance. It must also be in place before any major type of disaster. The county adopted this plan last Monday. East Bend has been a part of this Regional Plan for the past 15 years. The State has given the County a grant to pay for this plan. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to Adopt the resolution. Commissioner Norman seconded. Motion Carried 5-0. Clerk Miller provided a completed resolution for Mayor Larry W. Adams to sign and return to Mr. Vestal immediately during the meeting.
6. Mayor Adams opened the discussion on Capital Management. Clerk Miller reported that after confirming with Charles Scott, CPA, money can be moved at any time and the base amount combination of \$400,000 is fine. There are no penalties or fees associated with this move or a restriction as to date or time of month. At last month's meeting the board agreed to proceed with Capital Management after checking with Charles Scott, CPA. Both pending questions were answered so the Board agreed to move forward by transferring funds to Capital Management.
7. Clerk Miller Presented the Cintas Rental Service Agreement to the Board for Approval. This is the company that services Gavin's Uniforms. Clerk Miller has worked on getting the price lowered to \$19.48 per month we were paying \$26.69. Commissioner Hauser made a motion to sign the contract for the coming year with Cintas. Commissioner Hobson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
8. Clerk Miller gave a report on Southern Software upgrading to FMS. The board had approved an amount prior, but we needed confirmation of one-time payments and annual support fees. After a brief discussion the Board agreed to go with Southern Software's recommendation to sign the base agreement with option #3. The total cost would be \$7990.00, upping our annual support fee by \$1040.00. Commissioner Norman made a motion to go with the Base Agreement and Option #3 for FMS. Commissioner Nichols seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
9. Clerk Miller stated that the Water Bills have been hand delivered to make sure they are processed and received prior to the due date. When this was last done, we were given a printout of water rate increases for the Town of East Bend. This was not an official notice, just a printout received. We have been including late fees of \$5.00 even though the bill was not late. The late fee is now 10%. Commissioner Nichols made a motion that we continue paying the bill without the late fee Pending litigation. Commissioner Held Seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
10. Commissioner Held presented Quotes for the Old Mill Demolition. The asbestos test must be included anytime a demolition job is done. Double D Construction Services,

Inc. will be in the area and have offered a discount to the town. This would include asbestos test per NESHEP and EPA standards, required for Yadkin County and DHHS permitting, demolition and debris removal along with permits, and regrading for proper drainage, seed and straw all disturbed areas. The quote is \$12,400. The fire department was contacted, and they wanted to wait until cooler weather and the paperwork and process, going through Surry Community College, would be about a four-month process. The asbestos test would be paid for by the town. Items in the building would have to be cleaned out. The town would still have to contract someone to fill in the hole, regrade and seed the area. Commissioner Held made a motion to approve the quote from Double D Construction Services, Inc, to demolish the Old Mill. Commissioner Hauser seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

11. Commissioner Nichols reported that we are receiving unavoidable fines at the sewer plant because something was introduced into our sewer system which killed all the bugs. There is no way to determine what actually happened. Yadkinville plant operator came over to advise on what we need to do to prevent or minimize this from happening again. It was suggested that we have Organic Polymer and bacteria for wastewater treatment on hand. Commissioner Nichols is giving Jeff Jones the go ahead to order the polymer and bacteria. UV light bulbs need to be ordered. Jeff Jones is working on contacting a vendor. Also, there are several trees and debris that need to be cleared back to allow the sunlight to get to the system. Commissioner Nichols will look into this further.
12. Chief Shore reported that the residence on Cherry Street did have power going to it at the time of the fire. It is still under investigation. The new officer that will also be the SRO officer started today part time. His name is Ron Armstrong, Jr. and he has 15+ years of law enforcement experience.
13. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the bills and any that come in prior to the next meeting. Commissioner Held Seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
14. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Held Seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

8-11-2025

Date

Larry W. Adams

Larry W. Adams, Mayor

Bettina Miller

Bettina Miller, Town Clerk/Administrator

