

Town of Eastover Interim Council I Meeting

Tuesday, February 5, 2008, 5:30 PM

Eastover Community Center

Mayor Charles McLaurin, Presiding

Council Members: Lawrence Buffaloe, Willie Geddie, Cheryl Hudson, Don Hudson
Benny Pearce, and Sara Piland

Mayor Charles McLaurin called the October 15, 2008 Meeting of the Eastover Town Council Meeting to order at 5:30 PM. All Council members were in attendance.

Invocation: Mayor McLaurin introduced Reverend Neal with the Mt. Zion A. M. E. Zion who gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Charles McLaurin. The Mayor welcomed all in attendance.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Administration of Oath of Office: Mayor McLaurin introduced the Honorable Rick Glazier, North Carolina House of Representatives, and thanked him for his leadership in the incorporation of the Town of Eastover. Representative Glazier administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Charles McLaurin. Representative Glazier then administered the Oath of Office to the six Council members: J. Lawrence Buffaloe, Willie Simon Geddie, Cheryl Culbreth Hudson, Donald Hudson, Benny Pearce, and Sara Edge Piland.

Motion to Recess at 6:30 PM: Council member Sara Piland made a motion, seconded by Benny Pearce, that the Council meeting be recessed at 6:30 PM and reconvened at 8:30 PM to allow the Mayor and Council members to attend a meeting of the Cumberland County Joint Planning Board. The motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of Amended Agenda: Council member Sara Piland, made a motion, seconded by Benny Pearce, that the agenda be amended to include the following:

- (a) that the public hearing cases on the February 5, 2008 Eastover Town Council meeting be moved on the agenda and heard when the Council reconvenes at 8:30 PM.
- (b) That the following item be added to the agenda: consider authorizing the Cumberland County Tax Department to public a Delinquent Tax List for the Town of Eastover.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Recognition of Service: Mayor McLaurin presented a plaque to Rupert Tatum, Jr. in appreciation for service to the Town of Eastover as an Interim Town Council member from August 7, 2007 to February 5, 2007.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Upon motion by Council member Donald Hudson and a second by Council member Lawrence Buffaloe, the minutes of the December 4, 2007 Council meeting were unanimously approved.

Upon motion by Council member Benny Pearce and a second by Council member Sara Piland, the minutes of the January 14, 2008 special Town Council meeting were unanimously approved.

Financial Report: Council member and Budget Officer Cheryl Hudson presented a Financial Report.

Fire and Emergency Services Contracts: Council member Benny Pearce reported that further review of the Fire and Emergency Services Contracts with the Eastover and Vander Volunteer Fire Departments is needed and made a motion, seconded by Council member Donald Hudson, that in the interim the Council expedite the advance of funds pro rata for services this fiscal year to the Eastover and Vander Volunteer Fire Departments. The motion was unanimously approved.

Purchase of Officer Equipment and Furniture: Council member Benny Pearce made a motion to authorize the mayor to purchase furniture, computer equipment, computer software, and office supplies for the Eastover Town Hall Office, not to exceed a total of \$3000.00. The motion was seconded by Council member Willie Geddie and passed unanimously.

Zip Code Resolution: Council member Sara Piland made a motion, seconded by Council member Donald Hudson, that the Council approve a resolution requesting a Zip Code for Eastover, NC. She stated that Senator Richard Burr and NC House of Representative Rick Glazier have responded to our request for assistance. The motion was approved unanimously.

Request for Collection of Recreation Fees by the Planning and Inspections Department: Council member Sara Piland made a

motion, seconded by Council member Lawrence Buffaloe, that the Council send a letter to the Cumberland County Planning and Inspections Department to collect all Parks and Recreation fees that developers may wish to pay in lieu of allocating open space in development sites. The motion was approved unanimously.

Security System in the Eastover Town Hall: The options to lease or buy from Holmes Electric Security Systems or Gill Security Systems for the Eastover Town Hall were discussed. Council member Benny Pearce made a motion, seconded by Council member Cheryl Hudson, to approve a lease agreement with Holmes Electric Security Systems. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agreement with Time Warner Cable for Internet Services: Council member Cheryl Hudson made a motion, seconded by Council member Donald Hudson, to approve a business agreement with Time Warner Cable for Internet Services. The motion was approved unanimously.

Telephone Service Agreement: Upon a motion by Council member Benny Pearce and a proper second, the Council unanimously voted to negotiate a contract for telephone services not to exceed the state contract prices. In discussion, the council agreed that two land lines are needed with one being a voice line with unlimited long distance services and the second, a dedicated FAX line with unlimited long distance services. The Mayor will investigate and report back to the Council.

Exterior Sign: council member Benny Pearce made a motion, seconded by Council member Donald Hudson, authorizing the mayor to purchase an exterior sign for the Eastover Town Hall Office, not to exceed a cost of \$500.00. The motion was approved unanimously.

Interior and Exterior Flags for the Eastover Town Hall Office: Mayor McLaurin stated that the Woodmen of the World donated the state and American flags displayed in the Council Assembly Chambers and that he did not know if they would donate a second set of flags for the Town Hall Office. He will investigate and report back to the Council.

Employment of a Part-Time Clerk: Council member Sara Piland made a motion that the Council employ a part-time town clerk on an hourly and as needed basis at the rate of \$12.00 per hour with the hours not to exceed twenty (20) hours per month. Attorney John Jackson stated that the Mayor should make the determination about the part-time clerk's hours of work. It was agreed that the twenty (20) hours of work would not include work time related to regular or special meetings. Council member Sara Piland amended her motion to include the exception of work time related to regular or special meetings, and the motion was seconded by Council member Lawrence Buffaloe. The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion to Recess: Council member Sara Piland made a motion to recess until 8:30 PM to allow the Eastover Town Council to attend a meeting of the Cumberland County Joint Planking Board. The motion was seconded by Council member Benny Pearce and was approved unanimously.

Meeting Recessed.

The Meeting was reconvened by Mayor Charles McLaurin at 8:30 PM.

Upon a motion to adjourn by Benny Pearce and a second by Cheryl Hudson, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 1:45 PM.

Town of Eastover

Interim Mayor

Attest: _____, Acting Town Clerk