

**Town of Eastover
Special Town Council Meeting
7:00 PM Thursday, April 21, 2011
at the Eastover Community Bldg., 4008 School Street**

Mayor Charles McLaurin , presiding.

**Council Members attending: Benny Pearce, Donald Hudson, Lawrence Buffaloe,
Cheryl Hudson, and Willie Geddie. Absent: Sara Piland.**

Also in attendance was Town Manager Kim Nazarchyk.

MINUTES

Call to order was given by Mayor McLaurin.

This meeting was called as a joint meeting between the Eastover Town Council and the Eastover Sanitary District. Representing ESD were Chairman Morgan Johnson and members Helen Crumpler and Liz Reeser. Four citizens were present in the audience.

Mayor McLaurin recognized Mr. Johnson for an opening presentation. During his comments Mr. Johnson gave his educational and professional training, degrees, and experience. He did so to inform those present that he had the ability and experience to manage the possible moves that ESD would be making in the near future as the contract with PWC would expire in March, 2012. He stated that it had become increasingly difficult to deal with PWC, and the decision had been made to sever ties regarding Administration and Maintenance/Repair work, but at present, ESD would still be able to obtain water from PWC on a bulk wholesale purchase. Mr. Johnson gave some details on the problems encountered with trying to deal with PWC, and he commented that ESD now pays premium water rates and excess charges for billing, and that PWC would be increasing rates in May and again in 2012. The engineering firm of Hobbs Upchurch should complete a study by mid-May which will help determine if ESD should handle Administration and Maintenance/Repairs in house, or contract with others. Mr. Johnson thinks having a local ESD presence would be helpful in the community, but he had received several inquiries to handle these services, and he had talked with the Town of Dunn regarding obtaining water in the future. Mr. Johnson assured those present that water and sewer would continue to be available for the Eastover community.

A short time of questions from Council Members followed, and Council Member Pearce asked that the Eastover Town Manager investigate the possibility of USDA Grants to assist the Eastover Sanitary District and/or the Eastover Volunteer Fire Department with upgrading our fire hydrant capability.

Motion to adjourn was offered by Mayor McLaurin, and seconded by Mrs. Hudson. Vote was unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

C. Kim Nazarchyk, Town Manager

Jane F. Faircloth, Town Clerk