

Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 7, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

Eastover Community Center

**x☐ Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Presiding Council Members: x☐ Lawrence Buffaloe,
x☐ Willie Geddie, x☐ Cheryl Hudson, x☐ Donald Hudson, x☐ Benny Pearce,
and x☐ Sara Piland**

MINUTES OF MEETING – June 7, 2011

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members, Donald Hudson, Lawrence Buffaloe, Cheryl Hudson, Willie Geddie, Sara Piland and Benny Pearce were in attendance at the June 7, 2011 Eastover Town Council Meeting. A quorum was present at the Town Council Meeting. Also in attendance was, Mr. John Jackson, Town Attorney, Mr. Kim Nazarchyk, Town Manager, Mr. Matt Rooney, Cumberland County Planning & Inspections Department, and Ms. Jane Faircloth, Town Clerk.

I. Call to Order:

Mayor Charles McLaurin called the June 7, 2011 meeting of the Eastover Town Council to Order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

II. Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance:

Council Member Willie Geddie gave the invocation and lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Agenda:

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to amend the Agenda to move Item #6 Closed Session on the Discussion Agenda to after Town Manager's Update. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Donald Hudson. The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Member Benny Pearce made a motion to approve the amended agenda. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Sara Piland. The motion was approved unanimously.

IV. Public Comments:

Three individuals signed up to speak at the public comments portion of the Town Council Meeting. They were Attorney Chuck Britton, Mr. Morgan Johnson, Chairman, Eastover Sanitary District, and Mr. Vincent Benbeneck, Vice President of Marketing & Outreach for Cape Fear Valley Medical Center.

Speaker #1: Attorney Chuck Britton stated that he would like to see outdoor movies shown at the Community Center, Ball Park or some other location during the summer months, and have snacks (i.e. popcorn, drinks etc). The food could be sold or people could bring their own. He stated that he does this at his home for the neighbors and children. He feels that this would

be a great thing for the community. Mr. Britton stated that he has a projector, not a good sound system and would be willing to head this up. Council Member Sara Piland stated that this is a positive thing for the community and asked Mr. Britton to pursue this idea.

Speaker #2: Mr. Morgan Johnson, Chairman, Eastover Sanitary District (ESD) updated the Town Council on ESD. He stated that Public Works Commission has been notified that effective March 2012, ESD will cancel the contract. He stated that the study done by Hobbs & Upchurch shows that it is more economical to do our own billing, etc. He stated that they have looked at various sources of water. The City of Dunn can guarantee us one million gallons of water per day for 20 years and a Letter Intent has been signed. He said that they have been very corporative with ESD. Mr Johnson stated that ESD has also signed a Letter of Intent with Mr. John & Linda Sanderson for the building across from the Town Hall for an office for the ESD.

Speaker #3: Mr. Vincent Benbenek, Vice President of Marketing & Outreach for Cape Fear Valley Medical Center briefed the Town Council on a proposed expansion of the Cape Fear Valley Medical Center which will be known as Cape Fear Valley North Hospital. He stated that it would be a sixty-five bed acute care beds, which will include general medical surgical beds, is logical and timely extension of the health care services that Cape Fear Valley Health Systems and its Medical Staff have offered over the years. It will be located on Ramsey Street near the I-295, which is approximately 12 minutes from Eastover. This would be in a 2 to 4 year time frame. Mr. Benbenek stated that he has a Certificate of Need letter we can use or we can write our own. Mr. Benbenek is asking for a Letter of Support from the Town of Eastover and its citizens.

Council Member Sara Piland made a motion to provide a Letter of Support from the Town of Eastover. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Benny Pearce. The motion was approved unanimously.

V. Consent Agenda:

1. Consider approval of the May 3, 2011 Town Council Minutes.
2. Consider approval of the April 30, 2011 Financial Report

Council Member Sara Piland made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as stated. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Benny Pearce. The motion was approved unanimously.

VI. Discussion Agenda:

Agenda Item #1:

Briefing by Mr. Trey Williams, Eastover Ball Park Association.

Mr. Trey Williams briefed the Council of the needs and fund raising drive for the Eastover Ball Park. He stated that they need lights on the back ball field. He stated that Parks & Recreation does not have the funds to provide this for the Park, so the Ball Park is trying to raise the funds to install the lights, pave some parking spaces, and add new score boards to

some areas of the Park. He stated that there are approximately 600 kids playing at the Eastover Ball Park tonight. He stated that they need \$37,000 by the end of August, and they have about 20% commitment from businesses at this time. Mr. Williams stated that children from all East of the Cape Fear River and some out of the County use the Eastover Ball Park. Council Member Sara Piland suggested they go to the Eastover Civic Club and ask for assistance, however; they will not meet again until September.

Agenda Item #2:

Discussion of Auditor Contract from McFadyen & Sumner, CPAs for FY 2011.

Mr. Kim Nazarchyk stated that we have received the Letter of Engagement, and Contract to audit the Town's financial records for fiscal year 2011 (1July 2010 – 30 June 2011). He stated that their fee has an increase of \$250.00 over last year, the total fee is \$6,000 (\$4,500 Audit & \$1,500 Preparation /Financial Statement); however the price is in line with other towns. Mr. Nazarchyk stated that we have a good working relationship with Mr. David Maxwell, CPA with McFadyen & Sumner CPAs Firm.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve the contract with McFadyen & Sumner CPAs to audit the Town of Eastover's financial records for fiscal year 2011. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Donald Hudson. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #3:

Approval of Budget Amendment No. 2011-04.

Mr. Nazarchyk briefed the Council that Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 2011-04 is to amend the General Fund and the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

Department		Increase	Decrease
Administration	10-420-00	16,289	
Fire Department	10-530-00	7,750	
Parks & Recreation	10-620-00	14,000	
Total		38,039	

This will result in a net increase of \$38,039 in the expenditures of the General Fund. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will be increased.

Revenues		Increase	Decrease
Property Taxes Current Year	10-301-00	15,000	
Miscellaneous Revenue	10-335-00	2,000	
NC Beer & Wine Tax	10-350-00	10,939	
Recreation Open Space	10-365-00	100	
Talley Woodland Park	10-372-00	10,000	
Total		38,039	

The total General Fund Budget with amendment is \$1,406,231.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 2011-04. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Sara Piland. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #4:

Approval of Contract from Cumberland County Sheriff's Office for Eastover Deputy.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that the Town has received the Contract for FY 2012 for a Sheriff's Deputy for Eastover from the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office. The contract is approximately \$2,000 less than last year. He stated that maintenance and gasoline is less in this contract. The total estimated cost for FY 2012 is \$62,624. The term of this contract begins on July 1, 2011 and end June 30, 2012 unless extended by written agreement of the parties or terminated earlier by either party.

Council Member Sara Piland made a motion to approve the contract from the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Donald Hudson. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #5:

PUBLIC HEARING: Fiscal Year 2012 Budget for the Town of Eastover

Mayor McLaurin **Opened** the Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget for the Town of Eastover.

No one signed up to speak for or against the proposed FY 2012 Budget for the Town of Eastover.

Mr. Nazarchyk briefed the Council on the proposed budget. He stated that the total valuation of the Town of Eastover is estimated to be \$280,062,261. It is therefore estimated that the revenues in the amount of \$1,392,550 will be available in the General Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012. These funds are appropriated in the General Fund for the operation of the Town government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011. He stated that there is a 16% increase from last year, and the tax rate will stay at 20 ½ cents per \$100 evaluation. The budget covers Administration, Police Services, Fire Department, Special Fire Chief's Fund, Planning & Zoning, and Street Lighting.

Council Member Sara Piland made a motion to approve the FY 2012 Budget for the Town of Eastover. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Member Benny Pearce made a motion to **Close** the Public Hearing. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Donald Hudson. The motion was approved unanimously.

VII. Receive Mayors Update:

Mayor McLaurin stated that lightning had struck a pine tree at Talley Woodland Park and needed to be removed. He asked the Town Manager to get bids on removing the tree and grinding up the stump.

Mayor McLaurin stated that water faucets need to be installed in the Talley Woodland Park. He stated that he hoped they could be connected to a well. He stated that Mr. Steve Patterson stated that he could run the new faucets for a fee of \$2,000 (cost plus paying two workers). Mayor McLaurin stated that this also must go into the bid process.

Mayor McLaurin stated that Mr. Kenny Fulcher is going to give us a price on building the platform at Talley Woodland Park.

Mayor McLaurin discussed the banners for the Town. Council Member Sara Piland stated that the Civic Club is going to donate \$5,500 to the Town for the purchase of banners. She stated they wanted a dozen patriotic flags or banners for the July 4, 2011 holiday. She said the Christmas decorations will go out for bid in the near future.

Council Member Sara Piland made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to purchase twelve (12) flags and brackets at a cost not to exceed \$2000 including installation. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The motion was approved unanimously.

VIII. Receive Council Members Updates:

None.

IX. Receive Town Managers Update:

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that the State of NC is offering a course called Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). This is an 18-20 hour course and the equipment (Hard hat, gloves, and goggles) must be purchased by individuals. He stated that Mr. Mike Mason, President of the Eastover Community Watch is overseeing this training.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that he will be on vacation from July 7-16, 2011.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that Progress Energy is wiring 23 poles for Christmas decorations at a cost of approximately \$3,400.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that if any one tries to put a firing range in Eastover, it must come to the Council for a decision. He stated that a developer must submit a Site-Plan; developer must show that it is not a nuisance or hazard, firearms regulation regarding discharge must apply.

After speaking with Tony McEwen with Representative McIntyre's Office, Steve Smith with USDA, and the NC Rural Center, Mr. Nazarchyk stated that there are no USDA Grants available to update the water system. Any money available is for new systems, and the Town would have to own the system to receive funds for upgrade.

X. CLOSED SESSSION.

Council Member Sara Piland made a motion to **go into CLOSED SESSION** pursuant to North Carolina General Statue (NCGS) 143.318-(A)(3) to preserve Attorney Client Privilege, and NCGS 143.318(A)(2) to discuss a Personnel Matter. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor McLaurin **Opened the CLOSED SESSION.**

Council Member Sara Piland made a motion to **CLOSE the CLOSED SESSION.** The motion was 2nd by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to **come out of Closed Session and return to Open Session.** The motion was 2nd by Council Member Benny Pearce. The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to do the preliminary work in anticipation of Powell Bill funds application. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Benny Pearce. The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to have Hobbs Upchurch & Associates to do a survey, and get a legal description of the two encroached areas (Buie & Clodfelder). The motion was 2nd by Council Member Donald Hudson. The motion was approved unanimously.

I. Consider a Motion to Adjourn.

Mayor Charles McLaurin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The motion was approved unanimously.

Town of Eastover

Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor

Attest: _____, **Town Clerk**
Jane F. Faircloth