

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting  
Tuesday, October 11, 2022, 7:00 p.m.  
Eastover Community Center**

**x☐Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Presiding.  
Council Members: x☐Cheryl C. Hudson, ☐J. Lawrence Buffaloe,  
x☐M. Stan Crumpler, x☐Bruce R. Sykes, x☐Kimberly F. McPhail,  
and x☐C. Brian Pearce**

**MINUTES OF MEETING – October 11, 2022**

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members: Kimberly McPhail, C. Brian Pearce, Cheryl C. Hudson, Bruce R. Sykes, and M. Stan Crumpler attended the October 11, 2022, Eastover Town Council Meeting. A quorum was present at the Town Council Meeting. Council Member J. Lawrence Buffaloe was absent from the meeting; however, he provided a written waiver of notice prior to the October 11, 2022, Town Council Meeting. Also, in attendance were Mr. Donald Hudson, Town Attorney, Mr. Ronald Autry, Town Administrator and Ms. Elizabeth S. Bass, Town Clerk.

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Charles McLaurin called the October 11, 2022, Eastover Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

**II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Council Member Stan Crumpler gave the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Mayor Charles McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove the agenda as stated.

Council Member Bruce Sykes made a motion to approve the agenda as stated. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Brian Pearce. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

#### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Robby Hicks and Mr. Timothy Tucker signed up to speak to the Council.

Mr. Robby Hicks thanked the Council for allowing him to speak. He stated that he and his wife attended Ms. Dicey Tucker's Birthday Party and the Fundraiser by the Eastover Fire Department at the Eastover Ballpark and said that he thought everyone did a great job.

He told the Council that he is running for Superior Court Judge. Mr. Hicks said he is consistent and fair. He stated that his legal experience has expanded over decades of service. He has practiced law in both the state and federal courts: Appellate, civil, criminal defense, and criminal prosecution.

Mr. Tim Tucker told the Council that he really appreciated their support with his mother's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. He said she was surprised and extremely happy. Mr. Tucker presented Mayor Charles McLaurin with a picture of him presenting Ms. Dicey Tucker with the proclamation. He thanked the Council again for all their support.

#### **V. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1. Consider approval of the Planning Session Minutes for the September 13, 2022.**
- 2. Consider approval of the Minutes for the September 13, 2022, Town Council Meeting.**
- 3. Consider approval of the August 2022 Financial Reports.**

Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if they had any questions concerning the Consent Agenda. There were none. Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove the Consent Agenda as stated.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as stated. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Stan Crumpler. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

## **VI. DISCUSSION AGENDA:**

### **Agenda Item #1:**

Timmons Group

Mr. Jacob Dooley from the Timmons Group informed the Council that they would like to add Diesel pumps to the Kangaroo Station on Murphy Road. He stated there would be a 30-minute parking time and no overnight parking. Mr. Dooley said that they are working with NC DEQ and storm water control.

After some discussion the Council informed Mr. Dooley that this was an approved use in the Commercial Core Overlay. They told him he would need to continue with Cumberland County Planning and Inspections.

## **VII. RECEIVE MAYOR'S UPDATE:**

- Mayor McLaurin stated that Deputy Ross Green is doing a superior job. He said he has heard great things about him. Mayor McLaurin and the Council thanked Deputy Green for all he has done for the Town of Eastover
- November 3, 2022, Firehouse Dance Studio will be using the stage at the Eastover Ballpark for a recital.
- Need to look at starting a rental sheet for the shelter's, stage, and splash pad shelters
- Community watch is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month

## **VIII. RECEIVE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE.**

- A maintenance department needs to be started. The Eastover Ballpark needs to have a groundskeeper.
- Council Member Stan Crumpler informed the Council that a mower needs to be purchased for the John Deere Tractor. He told the Council that he spoke to the John Deere dealership, and they have a commercial mower for approximately \$7,100.00. He stated that he could get a smaller mower for approximately \$4,000.00. After some discussion the Council Voted to approve the purchase of the \$7,100.00 mower.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve the purchase of the \$7,100.00 mower. Council Member Bruce Sykes 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

**IX. RECEIVE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S UPDATE.**

- The shelter for the Eastover Ballpark was ordered on September 30, 2022. The specs will be here within 2-3 weeks then a permit will be submitted. After approval of the permit, it will take approximately 10 weeks
- The pump has been installed; a pad needs to be placed around the well. Also need wiring put to the existing building.
- The irrigation plans have been received.
- Spoke to a representative from Musco about lighting around the pickleball courts. He stated he would have a quote on October 14, 2022.
- The fence on the new property will cost approximately \$6,000.00.
- The town’s website will be up and running Oct 17-21, 2022.
- Waiting on Mid Carolina Council of Government to get a code enforcement officer
- New cameras have been installed at the ballpark
- The Town Clerk needs to have online banking access. She just needs to look at the accounts.

Council Member Stan Crumpler made a motion to allow the Town Clerk to have access to online banking. Council Member Bruce Sykes 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

**X. CONSIDER A MOTION TO ADJOURN.**

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Bruce Sykes at 7:55 p.m. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Brian Pearce. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

**Town of Eastover**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_, **Town Clerk**  
**Elizabeth S. Bass**