

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
Eastover Community Center**

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

MINUTES OF MEETING – September 13, 2022

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members: Kimberly McPhail, J. Lawrence Buffaloe, Cheryl C. Hudson, Bruce R. Sykes, and M. Stan Crumpler attended the September 13, 2022, Eastover Town Council Meeting. A quorum was present at the Town Council Meeting. Council Member C. Brian Pearce was absent from the meeting; however, he provided a written waiver of notice prior to the September 13, 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 September 13, 2022, Eastover Town Council meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe 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 Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to add allowing Mr. Ronald Autry to award the fencing, picnic shelter, and pickleball court lights contracts to the agenda. Council Member Lawrence Buffalo also made a motion to add paying Council Member Stan Crumpler for maintenance work at the Eastover Ballpark to the Agenda.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions of allowing Mr. Ronald Autry to award the fencing, picnic shelter, and pickleball court lights contracts and adding consideration of paying Council Member Stan Crumpler for maintenance work at the Eastover Ballpark. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. LaRue Windham, Mr. Tristan Whetsell, Deputy Chief Ricky Kennedy, Mr. Tim Tucker and Mr. Robby Hicks signed up to speak.

Mr. LaRue Windham thanked the Council and let them know that he is currently running for Cumberland County Sheriff. He told the Council he will make changes that will benefit everyone.

Mr. Tristan Whetsell presented the Town of Eastover with a check from the Pickleball Tournament for \$2,800.00. This is to help with lighting around the pickleball court.

Eastover Fire Departments Deputy Chief, Mr. Ricky Kennedy stated that the Eastover Fire Department is having corn hole tournament, car show, and hamburgers and hot dogs at the Eastover Ballpark on September 24th. He also stated that in October of 2023, with the help of other clubs and residents, they hope to have a Halloween trail.

Mr. Tim Tucker stated that the parade for his mother's birthday is set to start at Armstrong Elementary School at 9:24am. The parade will go to the Eastover Ballpark where they will honor Ms. Dicey Tucker turning 90.

Mr. Robby Hicks thanked the Council for allowing him to speak. He told the Council that he is running for Superior Court Judge. 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.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Consider approval of the Minutes for the August 9, 2022, Town Council Meeting.**
- 2. Consider approval of the Planning Session Minutes for the August 29, 2022.**
- 3. Consider approval of the July 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 Bruce Sykes made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as stated. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

VI. DISCUSSION AGENDA:

Agenda Item #1:

Award bid for picnic shelter at the park.

Amended: Allowing Mr. Ronald Autry to award contracts for picnic shelter, fencing, and pickleball court lighting.

Mr. Ronald Autry stated that he has not received all bids for the shelter.

After some discussion the Council decided to add the fencing to the new Bullard Property and lights at the pickle ball court.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve allowing Mr. Ronald Autry to award the contracts for the picnic shelter, fencing, and the pickleball court lights. Council Member Stan Crumpler 2nd the motion. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

AMENDED: Agenda Item #2:

Consider Paying Council Member Stan Crumpler for maintenance at the Eastover Ballpark.

Mayor McLaurin stated that Council Member Stan Crumpler has been doing the landscaping on the new part of the Eastover Ballpark without pay. After a brief discussion the Council decided to pay Council Member Stan Crumpler for his work.

Council Member Stan Crumpler made a motion to recuse himself from the vote. Council Member Bruce Sykes 2nd the motion. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

Council Member Lawrence Buffalo made a motion to start paying Council Member Stan Crumpler for his work at the Eastover Ballpark. Council Member Bruce Sykes 2nd the motion. the motion was 5-0 for approval.

VII. RECEIVE MAYOR'S UPDATE:

None.

VIII. RECEIVE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE.

None.

IX. RECEIVE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE.

None.

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 8:26 p.m. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Brian Pearce. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Town of Eastover

Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor

Attest: _____, **Town Clerk**
Elizabeth S. Bass