

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting  
Tuesday, December 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 x☐ C. Brian Pearce**

**MINUTES OF MEETING – December 13, 2022**

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members: Kimberly McPhail, C. Brian Pearce, Cheryl C. Hudson, J. Lawrence Buffaloe, Bruce R. Sykes, and M. Stan Crumpler attended the December 13, 2022, Eastover Town Council Meeting. A quorum was present at the 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 December 13, 2022, Eastover Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

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

Council Member C. Brian Pearce 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 Stan Crumpler made a motion to add Agenda Item #7: Scoreboard quote for the Eastover Ballpark Association.

Council Member Brian Pearce made a motion to approve the agenda adding Agenda Item #7: Scoreboard quote. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The vote was unanimous for approval.

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

Mr. Danny Matthews, President of the Board for the Eastover Fire Department, and Superior Court Judge, Mr. Robby Hicks signed up to speak.

Mr. Danny Matthews stated that the fire department responded to 495 fire/rescue calls in the Town limits. Of these calls, 131 were fire calls and 364 were EMS calls. The Eastover Fire Department responded to 136 mutual aid calls. He thanked the Council for their support.

Superior Court Judge, Mr. Robby Hicks stated that on November 8, 2022, he was elected as the Superior Court Judge. He thanked the Council and the residents of the Town of Eastover for their support and votes. He stated that on January 5, 2023, he will be sworn in as Superior Court Judge.

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

- 1. Consider approval of the Town Council Meeting Minutes for November 8, 2022. See Exhibit A.**
- 2. Consider approval of the Special Town Council Meeting Minutes for the November 22, 2022. See Exhibit B.**
- 3. Consider approval of the October 2022 Financial Reports. See Exhibit C.**
- 4. Consider approval of Resolution #2022-04, Eastover's 2023 Observed Holiday Dates. See Exhibit D.**
- 5. Consider approval of Resolution # 2022-05, Town Council Meeting Dates for 2023. See Exhibit E.**

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 Stan Crumpler made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as stated. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Bruce Sykes. The vote was unanimous for approval.

**VI. DISCUSSION AGENDA:**

**Agenda Item #1:**

**Approve/Disapprove to purchase MUSCO Lighting for Pickle Ball Courts and installation  
See Exhibit F.**

Mr. Ronald Autry stated that the cost of the lights for the pickle ball courts would be \$61,848.00, this includes a panel control and timers. He said the installation cost would be \$17,656.00. This includes lights for the existing court and lights for the future court. Mr. Autry said the town could store the extra lights for the second court until they are ready to be installed.

After a brief discussion, Mayor McLaurin asked the Council for a motion to approve or disapprove the purchase of MUSCO lights and Walter Holmes Electric for installation of the lights. Council Member Kim McPhail made a motion to approve MUSCO lighting and Walter Holmes Electric for installation of the lights for the pickle ball courts. Council Member Bruce Sykes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

**Agenda Item #2:**

**Budget Amendment #2023-02 See Exhibit G.**

To amend the **General Fund**, the expenditure and revenues are to be changed as follows:

<b>Department</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
<b>Expense:</b>		
10-560-50 Powell Bill Expenses	\$ 250,000.00	
<b>Revenue:</b>		
10-399-00 Fund Balance Appropriated		\$250,000.00

**(Total General Fund Budget with amendment will remain at \$2,264,150.00)**

Mr. Ronald Autry told the Council that a Budget Amendment was required for the Powell Bill paving project. He stated that Powell Bill Expenses would be increased \$250,000.00. Mr. Autry said he would be contacting Capital Management to have funds transferred to the Truist Powell Bill Account.

Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if they had any questions. There were none. Council Member Brian Pearce made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #2023-02. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The vote was unanimous for approval.

**Agenda Item #3:**

**Budget Amendment #2023-03 See Exhibit H.**

To amend the **General Fund**, the expenditure and revenues are to be changed as follows:

<b>Department</b>		<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
<b>Expense:</b>			
10-560-04	Professional Services		\$ 50,000.00
<b>Revenue:</b>			
10-560-50	Powell Bill Expenses	\$ 50,000.00	

**(Total General Fund Budget with amendment will remain at \$2,264,150.00)**

Mr. Ronald Autry stated that \$50,000.00 would be removed from street department professional services and placed in Powell Bill Expenses. This is needed to complete the Powell Bill Paving project.

After a brief discussion, Mayor McLaurin asked the Council for a motion to approve or disapprove Budget Amendment #2023-03. Council Member Brian Pearce made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #2023-03. Council Member Cheryl Hudson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

**Agenda Item #4:**

**Eastover Paving Project Bid Amendment. Once all the tabulations on the bid sheet were completed, it was found that there was an error in addition of \$1.00. The corrected amount of the contract is \$499,927.40.**

Mr. Ronald Autry informed the Council that the Paving Project Bid from Highland paving was calculated incorrectly. He said the total price of the contract is \$499,927.40 which is a difference of \$1.00 of the approved bid.

Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if there were any questions. There were none. He then asked the Council for a motion to approve or disapprove the bid from Highland Paving with the correction of \$1.00.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve the bid with the \$1.00 correction. Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

**Agenda Item #5:**

**Move the January 10<sup>th</sup> regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting to January 3, 2022, at 7:00pm**

Mr. Ronald Autry asked the Council to move the January 10<sup>th</sup> Town Council Meeting to January 3<sup>rd</sup> because he will be on vacation on January 10<sup>th</sup>. He stated that there are several items that will need to be discussed at this meeting and he needs to be present.

Mayor Charles McLaurin asked the Council for a motion to approve moving the January 10<sup>th</sup> Town Council Meeting to January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve moving the Town Council Meeting to January 3, 2023. Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

**Agenda Item #6:**

**Discussion for installing cameras for Town Usage.**

Council Member Stan Crumpler stated that he attended the last Eastover Community Watch meeting. At that meeting the President of Eastover Community Watch, Mr. Mike Mason and Council Member Stan Crumpler discussed the possibility of installing security cameras at key intersections in the Town of Eastover. Mr. Ronald Autry will be researching this and adding it to the work session agenda.

**Agenda Item #7:**

The Eastover Ballpark Association has received a quote for scoreboards. the funds for the scoreboards will be deducted from the \$200,000.00 grant monies the ballpark association requested. The total cost is \$16,697.35.

After a brief discussion Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve or disapprove the purchase of the scoreboards. Council Member Brian Pearce made a motion to approve the purchase of the scoreboards. Council Member Bruce Sykes 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

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

- Add community clean up to the work session items
- January 6, 2023, is a mayor's meeting to discuss the Sales Tax Interlocal Agreement
- Eastover Sanitary District had Open House on December 9, 2022

**VIII. RECEIVE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE.**

- Council Member Kimberly McPhail stated that a resident has asked that Disc Golf be added to the ballpark. This will be discussed further at the work session meeting.
- Beach volleyball should be removed from the ballpark because it is not being used
- Cumberland County Planning and Inspections are redoing the subdivision ordinance. The Municipal Influence Areas (MIA) need to be reconsidered
- EPCO gas station is changing to BP. They will need to have a conditional zoning permit with plan, a scaled drawing, and plot diagrams.
- Need to consider purchasing lights for the stage area at the ballpark

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

- Waiting on a quote from Gametime for playground equipment
- James McMillan from the City of Fayetteville Park and Recreation Department stated that he received the letter about not renewing the contract.
- The cameras at the ballpark caught a truck destroying property. Deputy Green has been notified and is in the process of investigating this
- Need to update process on ARP monies-the restrictions have changed
- The shelter for the Eastover Ballpark should be received in late January 2023
- Received the final plans for the new bathrooms at the ballpark. Need to find an engineering firm to start the process

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

Mayor Pro Tem Hudson asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Bruce Sykes at 8:09 p.m. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was unanimous for approval.

**Town of Eastover**

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**Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor**

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