

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
Eastover Community Center**

**x☐ Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Presiding;
Council Members: ☐ 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 – May 10, 2022

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members: Kimberly McPhail, J. Lawrence Buffaloe, Cheryl C. Hudson, C. Brian Pearce, Bruce Sykes, and M. Stan Crumpler attended the May 10, 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, Interim Town Administrator, and Ms. Elizabeth S. Bass, Town Clerk.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Charles McLaurin called the May 10, 2022, Eastover Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Council Member Cheryl Hudson gave the Invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mr. Ronald Autry, Town Administrator stated that an audit contract was received from S. Preston Douglas & Associates, LLP and needed to be added to the agenda. Mayor Charles McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove the agenda with the amendment. Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendment. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Kim McPhail. The vote was unanimous for approval.

IV. OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Charles McLaurin administered the Oath of Office to the New Town Attorney, Mr. Donald Hudson.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Danny Matthews, President of the Eastover Fire Department, Mr. Tim Tucker, 1655 Holloman Drive, and Mr. Tim Polumbo, 4132 Dunn Road signed up to speak.

Mr. Danny Matthews thanked the Town for their financial support this year. He stated that with the funds the Town gave they were able to purchase Edraulics. This tool is the battery operated and makes using the Jaws of Life easier. He stated that the Town of Eastover now has an ISO rating of three. Mr. Matthews stated that they are able to keep 4 firefighters at the fire station during the week. he said volunteers are almost nonexistent because of the requirements to be a volunteer firefighter are too extensive.

Mr. Tim Tucker stated that his mother will be 90 years old in September 2022. He wanted to know if there were any requirements to have a car parade in her honor. The Council informed him that there are no specific requirements, but he may want to contact the Cumberland County Sheriff's office and let them know when and what route they will be taking.

Mr. Tim Polumbo informed the Council that he was having issues with the Eastover Sanitary District. He stated that he has had to spend a significant amount of money to have the lines evaluated to find a break in the line. Mr. Polumbo stated that he had contacted the manager of the Sanitary District, but they were not helpful. The Council informed Mr. Polumbo that the Eastover Sanitary District was their own entity, and we could not help in this matter. The Council did let Mr. Polumbo know that he could attend the Eastover Sanitary District monthly meeting and speak to the board of directors for the Sanitary District.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Consider approval of the Minutes for the April 12, 2022, Town Council Meeting.**
- 2. Consider approval of the March 2022 Financial Reports.**
- 3. Special Meeting: Public Hearing on May 18, 2022, at 7:00 pm**

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 2nd by Council Member Stan Crumpler. The vote was unanimous for approval.

VII. DISCUSSION AGENDA:

Agenda Item #1:

MOD-0017-22: Modification to C2(P) Planned Service and Retail District CZ Conditional Zoning for Case P14-33 and P12-46 to change conditional use and site plan on 2.47 +/- acres, southwest corner of Dunn Road and Oak Hill Drive; submitted by Chuck Furr (owner/applicant). (Eastover)

Mayor McLaurin opened the public hearing.

Mr. Christopher Portman, Cumberland County Planning, and Inspection Planner stated the applicant is requesting a modification to the conditional use zoning for cases P12-46 and P14-33, both currently zoned C2(P) Commercial/CZ Conditional Zoning, for an existing retail center located on two parcels. The commercial site contains approximately 2.47 +/- combined acres and is located at 3925 to 3955 Dunn Road. The zoning modification intends to accomplish the following: (1) merge the boundaries unified Conditional Zoning, and (2) to change the use of the back parcel to allow an accessory storage uses that serves only tenants occupying the Eastover Town center at the front parcel. Both parcels are located within the Eastover Commercial Core overlay district.

Mr. Portman stated that the Planning and Inspections staff recommends approval of the request to modify Conditional Use Cases P12-46 and P14-33, subject to the conditions of approval and conditional use site plan. Staff finds the request is consistent with the Eastover Land Use Plan. Staff further finds that the request is reasonable and in the public interest as an accessory storage serving the development is compatible and an appropriate transition with the adjacent residents and is in harmony with the surrounding land use plan activities and zoning.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Stan Crumpler. The vote was unanimous for approval.

A motion to approve Case No. MOD-0017-22 to modify Conditional Use Cases P12-46 and P14-33 and the request is consistent with the Eastover Land Use Plan by Council Member Stan Crumpler. Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

A motion to stating Case No. MOD-0017-22 is reasonable in the public interest as an accessory storage serving the development is compatible and an appropriate transition with the adjacent residents and is in harmony with the surrounding land use activities and zoning was made by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Stan Crumpler. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #2:

Estate Funds for Tally Woodland Park

Talley Woodland Park needs to have the Gazebo repaired and the concrete pad needs repairing. The park also needs upgraded landscaping.

Agenda Item #3:

Set Date for Budget Workshop

May 23, 2022 will be a budget workshop meeting at 6:30pm at the Eastover Town Hall.

Agenda Item #4:

Resolution Ratifying all prior actions taken by the Governing Boards of Cumberland County and the Town of Eastover to include the Town of Linden and the Town of Spring Lake in the Cumberland County District

A resolution to adopt the Town of Linden and the Town of Spring Lake into the county recreation service district was presented to the Council. This resolution will allow the Town of Linden and the Town of Spring Lake into the district and will allow these towns to have county recreational activities.

Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if they had any questions concerning the resolution. There were none. Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove the resolution ratifying all prior actions taken by the governing boards of Cumberland County and the Town of Eastover to include the Town of Linden and the Town of Spring Lake in the Cumberland County District.

Council Member Stan Crumpler made a motion to approve the resolution ratifying all prior actions taken by the governing boards of Cumberland County and the Town of Eastover to include the Town of Linden and the Town of Spring Lake in the Cumberland County District. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. Council Member Bruce Sykes abstained from the vote. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

Agenda Item #5:

S. Preston Douglas & Associates, LLP Audit Contract

S. Preston Douglas and Associates, LLP sent a contract to the Town of Eastover for 3 years.

- First year- \$11,000.00
- Second year-\$11,250.00
- Third year-\$11,500.00

Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if they had any questions. There were none. Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve or deny the Contract with S. Preston Douglas and Associates, LLP for the FY22 for \$11,000.00.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve S. Preston Douglas & Associates, LLP for FY22 audit contract. Council Member Brian Pearce 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

VIII. RECEIVE MAYOR'S UPDATE:

- The Eastover Ballpark will be 50+ years old this year. It was established in 1971. Mayor McLaurin would like to have a big celebration. He would like the Town of Eastover, Eastover Ballpark Association, and the Eastover Fire Department to work together and have an event.
- The Eastover Civic Club will not be meeting. They only have one elected official everyone else has moved or given up the position. Heritage Day has been canceled

IX. RECEIVE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE.

- Council Member Brian Pearce has spoken to Mr. Robert VanGeons, Cumberland County Economic Development and he would like to discuss options for the Town of Eastover with the Council.
- After the Baseball Season the Town of Eastover should consider having an activity once a month at the Eastover Ballpark, once all improvements have been completed.
- The Eastover Ballpark needs to have more of a deputy presence.

X. RECEIVE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE.

- The Eastover Vape Shops 150 days will end on May 14, 2022. A letter needs to be sent to them stating they are in violation of the agreement.
- The framework for the ramp at the Eastover Ballpark has been done. The ramp should be delivered within the next week.
- The parking lot will be striped, the damage in the asphalt will be repaired and the concrete bumpers will be installed.
- The water well should be started within the next couple of weeks.
- Minute Man Press can do the website for the Town of Eastover for \$3,600.00 with a monthly fee of \$35.00.
- Trash receptacles need to be placed along the walking trail at the Eastover Ballpark.
- Extra Cameras for the front of the ballpark, the parking lot and the concession stand will be ordered. Duke Energy will need to be contacted to see if some cameras can be placed on their poles. If not, the Town will have to install new poles.
- Internet is available at the Eastover Ballpark through Spectrum; the cost will be \$2,000.00.
- A truck repair shop is behind Tyson's Chicken plant on Baywood Road. The owners are wanting to meet with the planning board to see if they can establish a Flea Market at that area.
- The Cumberland County Planning and Inspections department will be meeting on May 17, 2022, to hear Case Number Zon-22-0048. The Town Council will meet on May 18, 2022, to hear Case Number Zon-22-0048.
- Mr. Garrett Chase would like to hold a mission event at the Eastover Ballpark. This will be a 5k color run, food trucks, and other activities.
- The concession stand, bathrooms, and picnic area drawing has been completed. Need to have a 4-foot overhang, have the doors open in the opposite direction, move the storage door to under the shelter, and add a door from the concession stand.

XI. 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 8:47 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