

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting  
Tuesday, July 12, 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 – July 12, 2022**

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members: Kimberly McPhail, J. Lawrence Buffaloe, Cheryl C. Hudson, Bruce R. Sykes, and M. Stan Crumpler attended the July 12, 2022, Eastover Town Council Meeting. Council Member C. Brian Pearce was absent from the meeting; however, he provided a written waiver of notice prior to the July 12, 2022, 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 July 12, 2022, Eastover Town Council meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

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

Mr. Ronald Autry, Town Administrator 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 asked for the discussion of the Nuisance Ordinance and the enforcement by Cumberland County for the Nuisance Ordinance be added to the agenda.

Council Member Stan Crumpler made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions of the Nuisance Ordinance and Cumberland County enforcement of the Ordinance. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Brice Sykes. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

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

Mr. Tristan Whetsell, Pickle Ball Association, Ms. Linda Devore, Chairman of the Board for Cumberland County Council of Older Adults, Mr. Dennis Bowan, Executive Director of Cumberland County Council of Older Adults, and Mr. Ross Green, Cumberland County Sheriff Deputy signed up to speak.

Mr. Tristan Whetsell stated that Pickle Ball is the fastest growing sport in America. He said he held his first pickle ball clinic on July 7, 2022. They were 35 people (of all ages) in attendance.

He said he was hoping to organize a tournament in the fall to help raise funds for lights and more courts at the Eastover Ballpark. Mr. Whetsell stated that a pickle ball tournament was held at Lebanon Baptist Church, and they raised \$3,500 for the youth camp. Mr. Whetsell said he appreciated the Council purchasing the windscreen for the pickle ball court.

Ms. Linda Devore told the Council that the Council of Older Adults provides Meals on Wheels for seniors that are unable to get out in the community. They also have congregate sites where seniors can socialize, have lunch, enjoy guest speakers, and play games. She asked that the Council talk to churches and groups about volunteering and providing places for the congregate sites.

Mr. Dennis Bowen stated the Meals on Wheels helped older adults maintain independence. It promotes, maintains, and improves health of older adults. He stated that to be eligible for the program a person needed to be home bound and physically or mentally unable to prepare meals.

Mr. Bowen said some requirements to have a congregate site are:

1. Safety
2. Lots of exits
3. Able to have a safe environment for food preparation
4. Have a permit
5. Meals must have 1/3 of the daily recommended nutritional balance
6. Need volunteers
7. Be able to provide transportation

Ms. Devore and Mr. Bowen thanked the Council for their time and interest in the programs. They stated if the Council had any questions to call them.

Mr. Ross Green introduced himself to the Council as the Eastover Town Deputy. He said he was proud to be in that position and he looked forward to working in the Town of Eastover.

Mr. Green stated that the Town of Eastover's residents do a wonderful job looking after each other and the Town. He said that it is a big help. He also asked that if residents see something unsafe or illegal activity that people call 911. He stated that the Sheriffs department would then take the proper actions.

The Council thanked Mr. Green for his service and stated they were glad he was a part of the Town.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1. Consider approval of the Minutes for the June 14, 2022, Town Council Meeting.**
- 2. Consider approval of the Minutes for the June 28, 2022, Special Town Council Meeting.**
- 3. Consider approval of the May 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 Stan Crumpler made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as stated. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Kim McPhail. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

**VI. DISCUSSION AGENDA:**

**Agenda Item #1:**

**Park Project and Storage Building**

Mr. Autry stated that there are several projects in motion:

1. Concrete pad has been poured and the building should be delivered on July 20<sup>th</sup> and completed by July 21<sup>st</sup>.
2. Received a mock layout of the new web design. The designers need photos and will add ordinances, budget, and contact information for all contracted departments
3. Cape Fear Pump and well proposed drilling a new well because the existing well is not giving enough volume of water
4. The parking lot at the Ballpark has the concrete stops on site and should be installed this week

5. The handicap ramp will be modified on site. Once modified the final inspection will occur then the power can be installed
6. The bathroom shelter plans will be completed next week
7. The picnic shelter will be 60ft
8. Spectrum put the cables in the existing concession stand. They will bring the modem on Friday.
9. Gill Security Systems will meet next Tuesday to get the cameras set up to view at the Town Hall and on mobile devices.
10. The \$200,000 Grant for the Ballpark Association will come to the Town the given to the Ballpark Association
11. Bids will go out in late summer or early fall for the paving of Cory circle and Meadowview
12. Kelly West with 103 Rock Station would like to use the Town of Eastover for a Community Broadcasting

### **Agenda Item #2:**

#### **Eastover Ballpark Issues**

The Council would like to consider having a deputy come to the ballpark. Residents have stated that they believe there is illegal activity occurring at all hours. Also, people are speeding through the parking lots.

Mr. Autry stated that he would talk with the sheriff's department and see what can be done.

### **Agenda Item #3:**

#### **Nuisance Ordinance**

Council Member Stan Crumpler stated that a Nuisance Ordinance is needed in the Town of Eastover. He stated that there has been a lot of unwanted/illegal activity in the Town's limits. Nuisance can not be enforced without the Town of Eastover having an Ordinance.

Mid Carolina Council of Government is supposed to hire a code enforcement officer in the month of July. Mid Carolina Council of Government will then contract out the code enforcement officer to the small towns.

Council Member Crumpler made a motion to approve the Town Administrator to investigate having a company write code enforcement. Council member Lawrence Buffaloe 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

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

1. North Carolina is #3 in population growth
2. Drainage: DOT working on Murphy Road may cause drainage issues. Need to be ahead of this

**VIII. RECEIVE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE.**

1. A mobile home was moved with no permit and all setbacks are wrong. Asked Mr. Hudson to see what the Town can do
2. There are tractor trailers still on Beard Road. The Town needs to send the owner a letter to remove them
3. The Council thanked Ms. Diane Wheatley for getting the grant for the Eastover Ballpark Association.

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

None.

**X. CLOSED SESSION- Attorney Client Privilege GS143-318.11 (a) (5)**

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to go into closed session. Council Member Bruce Sykes 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

A motion to come out of closed session was made by Council Member Stan Crumpler. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Sykes. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

A motion to have the town attorney to draw up the offer to purchase contract for 3484 Beard Road for \$220,000.00 and have it signed by the Town Mayor; Charles McLaurin was made by Cheryl Hudson. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Kim McPhail.

A motion to approve Budget Amendment 2023-01 to improve Capital Outlay-10-620-76 \$230,000 and decrease Appropriation to fund balance-10-420-90 \$230,000 was made by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. Council Member Bruce Sykes 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

**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 8:35 p.m.  
The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

**Town of Eastover**

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**Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor**

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