

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting  
Tuesday, October 13, 2020 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 – October 13, 2020**

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members: Cheryl C. Hudson, J. Lawrence Buffaloe, Kimberly F. McPhail, C. Brian Pearce, Bruce R. Sykes, and M. Stan Crumpler were in attendance at the October 13, 2020, Eastover Town Council Meeting. Also in attendance were: Mr. Tim Smith, Town Attorney, Mr. Ronald Autry, Interim Town Manager, Ms. Elizabeth S. Bass, Town Clerk, and Ms. Kelly McCorquodale, Deputy Town Clerk.

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Charles McLaurin called the October 13, 2020 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:**

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 Stan Crumpler. The vote was unanimous for approval.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

**V. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1. Consider approval of the Minutes for the August 11, 2020 Town Council Meeting.**
- 2. Consider approval of the Minutes for the August 25, 2020 Special town Council Meeting.**
- 3. Consider approval of the Minutes for the September 8, 2020 Town Council Meeting.**
- 4. Consider approval of Minutes for the September 8, 2020 Special Town Council Meeting.**
- 5. Consider approval of the July, 2020 Financial Reports.**
- 6. Consider approval of the August, 2020 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 Bruce Sykes. The vote was unanimous for approval.

**VI. DISCUSSION AGENDA:**

**Agenda Item #1:**

**Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 2021-01 Amend General Fund. Move Funds from 10-420-90 Appropriation to Fund Balance to 10-620-52 Eastover Park in the amount of \$150,000.00.**

Mayor McLaurin recognized Interim Town Manager, Mr. Ronald Autry. Mr. Autry addressed the Council and explained that currently there was \$157,700.00 in the Appropriation Account 10-420-90. If the Council chooses to take \$150,000.00 from the Appropriation Account and move the funds to The Eastover Ball Park account 10-620-52, that would give the Town a balance of \$400,000.00 towards the Ball Park Project. Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if they had any questions or concerns. There were none.

Mayor McLaurin then asked for a motion to approve or disapprove Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 2021-01. Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 2021-01. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Stan Crumpler. The vote was unanimous for approval.

**Agenda Item #2:**

**Award Contract for Paving of Ballpark Parking Lot/Walking Trail.**

Mayor McLaurin recognized Interim Town Manager, Mr. Ronald Autry. Mr. Autry addressed the Council and informed them that he only received two bids for the paving job to be performed on the Ball Park Walking Trail. Highland Paving placed a bid of \$85,660.50, and Johnson Bros. Utility and Paving Co., Inc. placed a bid of \$78,797.06. After a brief discussion, the Mayor asked for a motion.

Council Member C. Brian Pearce made a motion to approve Johnson Bros. Utility and Paving Co., Inc. the contract. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was unanimous for approval.

**Agenda Item #3:**

**Name Change from Town Manager to Town Administrator: Per the change in the Form of Government the title of Town Manager needs to be formally changed to Town Administrator.**

Mayor McLaurin addressed the Council about changing the title of Town Manager to Town Administrator. Town Attorney, Mr. Tim Smith stated that this is only a formality. Mr. Autry would still be under the same obligations that he was under as Town Manager only now the Council will have a more active role. The Council had a short discussion and then, Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve or disapprove Mr. Ronald Autry as Town Administrator for the Town of Eastover. Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve Mr. Ronald Autry as Town Administrator for the Town of Eastover. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was unanimous for approval.

**Agenda Item #4:**

**Eastover Community Building: Discussion on Renting the Community Building.**

Mayor McLaurin addressed the Council about renting the Community Building. The Council discussed the state and local compliances set by Governor Cooper. The Council stated that the Town would be unable to enforce the current guidelines for renting the Community Building during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve or disapprove renting the Community Building. Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to disapprove renting the Community Building to the general public until January of 2021. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member C. Brian Pearce. The vote was unanimous for approval.

**Agenda Item #5:**

**Discussion on status of Eastover Ball Park Project.**

Mayor McLaurin recognized Mr. Talmage Baggett, Eastover Sanitary District Manager. Mr. Baggett greeted the Council and gave a brief explanation of the water and sewer installation processes and fees for the Eastover Ball Park Project.

The Mayor and Council then discussed other improvements to be made for the Park Project to include:

1. Lights on the Walking Trail
2. Lighting of the Pickle Ball Court
3. New or updated Fence for the Ball Field
4. Distinct property line marked
5. Different size Shelters

**VIII. RECEIVE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE:**

Mayor McLaurin addressed the Council and asked for any new updates they would like to share. Council Member Bruce Sykes recognized Ms. Diane Wheatley candidate for North Carolina House of Representatives District 43. Ms. Wheatley approached the podium and gave a brief overview about her up and coming election.

**IX. RECEIVE TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE:**

- Deputy Clerk Kelly McCorquodale will be taking a new clerks class December 10, 2020. Admission fee is \$125.00.
- The Town of Fuquay-Varina has scheduled a public hearing to be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 6:30 pm in Fayetteville at the Cross Creek Mall location. The Town is requesting an average day transfer of approx. 4 million gallons of water a day from the Cape Fear River basin to the Neuse River basin.
- Town Administrator, Mr. Ronald Autry will be having his knee replacement surgery Monday October 26, 2020.

**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 8:32p.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**