

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 8, 2021 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 – June 8, 2021

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members: Cheryl C. Hudson, Kimberly F. McPhail, C. Brian Pearce, Bruce R. Sykes, J. Lawrence Buffaloe and M. Stan Crumpler were in attendance at the June 8, 2021, Eastover Town Council Meeting. Also, in attendance were Mr. Tim Smith, Town Attorney, Mr. Ronald Autry, Interim Town Administrator, Ms. Elizabeth S. Bass, Town Clerk, and Ms. Kelly McCorquodale, Deputy Town Clerk.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Charles McLaurin called the June 8, 2021, Eastover Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Council Member Brian Pearce 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 Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to approve the agenda as stated. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Brian Pearce. The vote was unanimous for approval.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. David Wilks, Ms. Tamara Hardee, and Chief Scott McKenzie signed up to speak to the Council.

Mayor Charles McLaurin asked David Wilks to approach the podium. Mr. Wilks introduced himself and explained he was the President of the Fayetteville running club and

that they are raising money for organizations to help with veteran suicide awareness. Mr. Wilks said he is planning a 22-mile marathon on September 18, 2021, at 7:00 A.M. and would like to use the Eastover Ball Park as the main location. The runners will be escorted by a Veteran Motorcycle group and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office will control traffic. There will also be volunteers at every intersection. Mr. Wilks has already received permission from the North Carolina Department of Transportation for the marathon.

Mr. Wilks explained that there will be Food Truck vendors, Parachute Jumpers, and other activities. He said the money that will be raised will go to organizations to help with suicide awareness. Mr. Wilks explained that there will be an Expo center at the Eastover Recreation Center the night before the race and Salem Methodist Church is participating by hosting a spaghetti dinner.

Ms. Tamara Hardee approached the podium to speak to the Council. Ms. Hardee introduced herself and explained she lost her boyfriend to suicide in 2016. Due to his death, Ms. Hardee became an active member of veteran suicide prevention. She stated that there are 336 deaths per day by suicide or overdose in the United States and of those deaths, 80 are veterans.

The Council Members expressed their support and explained how it would be an honor for the organization to use the Eastover Ball Park as their main location. The Council also stated that they could use the towns lot across from the Community Building for parking. Mayor McLaurin then asked if there were anymore questions or concerns. There were none.

Mayor McLaurin then asked for a motion to approve or disapprove the Marathon being held at the Eastover Ball Park on September 18, 2021. Council Member Kimberly McPhail made a motion to approve the Marathon to be held at the Eastover Ball Park on September 18, 2021. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Mayor McLaurin recognized Fire Chief Mr. Scott McKenzie from the Eastover Fire Department. Chief McKenzie gave the Council the call reports and asked the Council about using the back parking lot of the Eastover Ball Park on July 12, 2021 for their upcoming ISO rating evaluation. The Council unanimously agreed on them using the parking lot.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Consider approval of the Planning Session Minutes for the May 11, 2021 Planning Session Meeting.**
- 2. Consider approval of the Minutes for the May 11, 2021 Town Council Meeting.**
- 3. Consider approval of the Closed Session Minutes for May 11, 2021.**

4. Consider approval of the April 2021 Financial Reports.

5. Revisions to Article VIII. Overlay District.

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 Stan Crumpler. The vote was unanimous for approval.

VII. DISCUSSION AGENDA:

Agenda Item #1:

CASE NO. 21-051. REQUEST FOR A GROUP DEVELOPMENT REVIEW, COUNTY SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE AND EASTOVER SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENTS; ZONING R6A; TOTAL ACREAGE: 0.63 AC. +/-; LOCATION: 1716 EASTOVER ST; SUBMITTED BY ALEXANDER HURLEY (DEVELOPER). (EASTOVER)

Mayor McLaurin recognized Council Member Stan Crumpler. Mr. Crumpler explained that this case is a request for a group development review to combine two residential structures on one lot. Council Member Crumpler said all the setbacks must be met. After a brief discussion, Mayor McLaurin asked if there were any questions or concerns. There were none.

Mayor McLaurin then asked for a motion to approve or disapprove the Case No. 21-051. Council Member Stan Crumpler made a motion to approve the Case No. 21-051. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Brian Pearce. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #2:

Public Hearing: Presentation of Fiscal Year 2022 Budget (July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022).

Mayor McLaurin opened the Public Hearing.

Mayor McLaurin recognized Interim Town Administrator, Mr. Ronald Autry. Mr. Autry explained that the Town maintained its current tax rate of \$0.205 per \$100 valuation and will do so again for the FY2022. The Town will still provide the basic services such as fire and police protection, parks and recreation services, streetlights, zoning, and street

maintenance. The Town is proposing an additional \$100,000 for the continued support of the needs of the Eastover Fire Department. The town has also set money back for improvements to the Eastover Ball Park.

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

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve or disapprove Fiscal Year 2022 Budget. Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve Fiscal Year 2022 Budget. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Stan Crumpler. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #3:

Cumberland County Sheriff Contract FY 2022.

Mayor McLaurin recognized Interim Town Administrator Mr. Ronald Autry. Mr. Autry said that we do not have the contract in hand, so we will have to discuss this contract for the next meeting.

Agenda Item #4:

Haigh, Byrd, and Lambert FY2021 Audit Contract.

Mayor McLaurin recognized Interim Town Administrator, Mr. Ronald Autry. Mr. Autry stated that the Audit Contract is the same as it was last year, that there were no changes.

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve or disapprove FY 2021 Audit Contract for Haigh, Byrd, and Lambert. Council Member Brian Pearce made a motion to approve FY 2021 Audit Contract for Haigh, Byrd, and Lambert. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Stan Crumpler. The vote was unanimous for approval.

VII. RECEIVE MAYOR'S UPDATE.

- Discussed forming a baseball/softball league
- Updated the Council about the clearing of the trees and clean up around the walking trail
- Would like to schedule a meeting with the Eastover Ball Park Association
- Stated that the Council needed to be thinking of ways to spend Powell Bill monies.

VIII. RECEIVE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE:

- The Ball Park grass needs water

IX. RECEIVE TOWN ADAMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE:

- Town Attorney, Mr. Tim Smith requested to go into closed Session to discuss the Court Case with The Eastover Vape Shop.

X. Closed Session In accordance with the GS 143-317.11(a)(3)-Attorney Client Privilege

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to go into closed session. Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous 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 8:15 p.m. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The vote was unanimous approval.

Town of Eastover

Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor

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