

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 14, 2021, 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 – September 14, 2021

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members: Kimberly F. McPhail, Bruce R. Sykes, J. Lawrence Buffaloe, C. Brian Pearce, Cheryl C. Hudson, and M. Stan Crumpler attended the September 14, 2021, Eastover Town Council Meeting. A quorum was present at the Town Council Meeting. Also, in attendance were Mr. Tim Smith, Town Attorney, and Ms. Elizabeth S. Bass, Town Clerk.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Charles McLaurin called the September 14, 2021, 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 2nd by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was unanimous for approval.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. David Wilkes, President of the Fayetteville Running Club and Ms. Katherine Nickell, Eastover North resident, signed up to speak to the Council.

Mr. Wilkes stated that the Veterans Run is on schedule and there are several participants. He said that the course is 22 miles long and the roads will be blocked by

volunteers and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Deputies will also be involved. He said the parachute drop should be around 10:00am or 10:30am. Mr. Wilkes stated that there would be food trucks and ax throwing. He stated that he hoped to make this an annual event. He thanked the Council for their involvement.

Ms. Katherine Nickell stated that she loved being in Eastover but had some concerns about trash and boarded up businesses and houses. She asked the Council what they were doing to bring new businesses into Eastover and what are they doing to keep the Community vibrant.

The Council told Ms. Nickell they had voted on an ordinance to be able to regulate solid waste management and abandoned, nuisance, junked motor vehicles. The Council also stated that they were unaware of the businesses she was speaking of but would be looking into those. The Council stated that they were trying to get new businesses to the Eastover community, but the surveys showed that the traffic in Eastover is not sufficient to attain new businesses. The Council said they are also in the process of updating the Commercial Core Overlay to help attract new businesses.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Consider approval of the Minutes for the August 10, 2021, Town Council Meeting. See Exhibit A.**
- 2. Consider approval of the July 2021 Financial Reports. See Exhibit B.**

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 2nd by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The vote was unanimous for approval.

VII. DISCUSSION AGENDA:

Agenda Item #1:

Update Commercial Core Overlay Signage Requirements See Exhibit C.

The Commercial Core Overlay needs to be updated to allow governmental and municipal signs erected by or on behalf of a governmental body to post a legal notice, identify public property, convey public information, and direct or regulate pedestrian or vehicular traffic are exempt from regulation under this ordinance.

Council Member Stan Crumpler made a motion to approve updating the Commercial Core Overlay Signage Requirements. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Bruce Sykes. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #2:

Budget Amendment 2022-01: Increase Capital Outlay fund for purchase of new Town Hall sign. See Exhibit D.

This amendment will allow the Capital Outlay account to be increased by \$40,000.00. The General Fund will remain in balance. This will allow enough funds to purchase the new Town Hall Sign.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2022-01. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Kim McPhail. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #3:

Purchase Tractor, Mower, and Loader Bucket per state contract price See Exhibit E.

The Town is in the process of starting a maintenance department to maintain the Community Building, Talley Woodland Park, Eastover Ballpark, and the Gateway sign areas. The Town can purchase a Tractor with a mower, and loader bucket for approximately \$42,000.00. once the Council approves the purchase the tractor can be ordered, because of covid it will take approximately 6-9 months to receive.

After some discussion, Mayor McLaurin asked for a vote approve or disapprove the purchase of the tractor, mower, and loader bucket. Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve the purchase of the tractor, mower, and loader bucket. Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #4:

Update on meeting with County Manager

Mayor McLaurin, Council Member Stan Crumpler, Council Member Bruce Sykes, and Mr. Ronald Autry met with Ms. Amy Cannon, Cumberland County Manager concerning several items:

- The Town wants to join the Dixie Youth league for Baseball and Softball. Ms. Cannon said she would set up a meeting for the Council to talk to Mr. Michael Gibson with Fayetteville Cumberland Parks and Recreation.
- An engineering firm in Raleigh has sent some letters to Eastover Residents declaring they will be cleaning out the canals in Eastover and surrounding areas. The canals have

a lot of debris from Hurricane Florence. The letter stated that the firm will not be responsible for any damages caused. Ms. Amy Cannon stated she would be looking into this matter to see why the letter specifically states the firm will not be responsible for damage.

- They spoke about Fleahill Drainage issues and stated concerns over the debris causing flooding issues.

VII. RECEIVE MAYOR'S UPDATE.

- A community First Responder Appreciation will be held during the months of September and October. Council Member Kim McPhail made a motion to cater a supper for the Eastover Fire Department. Council Member Cheryl Hudson 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.
- The Veterans Suicide Awareness run is September 18th at Eastover Ballpark.
- The work on the Pavilion should start the week of September 20th.

VIII. RECEIVE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE.

- Council Member Brian Pearce stated that Covid seems to be slowing down. He said ages between 0-35 are the most affected.
- Council Member Cheryl Hudson Thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers while her and her family had Covid.
- Council Member Kim McPhail stated that a resident may be selling golf carts from their home and wanted to have a letter sent to them letting them know they are in violation.
- Council Member Stan Crumpler stated the setback for the Storage units need to be checked to make sure they are in compliance.
- Council Member Bruce Sykes stated that his daughter will be getting married in November.

IX. RECEIVE TOWN ADAMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE.

No Comment.

X. CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH GS 143-318.11(a)(3)-ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE

A motion to go into closed session was made by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Bruce Sykes. The vote was unanimous.

XI. CONSIDER A MOTION TO ADJOURN.

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Cheryl Hudson at 8:10p.m. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Bruce Sykes. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Town of Eastover

Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor

Attest: _____, Town Clerk
Elizabeth S. Bass