

Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 3, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Eastover Community Center

x Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Presiding.
Council Members: x Cheryl C. Hudson, J. Lawrence Buffaloe,
x M. Stan Crumpler, **x** Bruce R. Sykes, **x** Kimberly F. McPhail,
and C. Brian Pearce

MINUTES OF MEETING – January 3, 2023

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members: Kimberly McPhail, Cheryl C. Hudson, Bruce R. Sykes, and M. Stan Crumpler attended the January 3, 2023, Eastover Town Council Meeting. A quorum was present at the Town Council Meeting. Council Members J. Lawrence Buffaloe and C. Brian Pearce were absent from the 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 January 3, 2023, Eastover Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Council Member Kimberly McPhail 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. Mr. Ronald Autry stated that discussion agenda items 1-4 needed to be deferred until the February 14, 2023, Town Council Meeting. He said that Mr. Donald Hudson, Town Attorney, was sick and had not been able to prepare the policies.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve the agenda and defer agenda items 1-4 until the February 14, 2023, Town Council Meeting. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Stan Crumpler. The vote was 5-0 for approval.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

NONE.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Consider approval of the Town Council Meeting Minutes for December 13, 2022.**
- 2. Consider approval of the November 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 2nd by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The vote was 5-0 for approval.

VI. DISCUSSION AGENDA:

Agenda Item #1:

Eligible Use Policy

Deferred to February 14, 2023, Town Council Meeting.

Agenda Item #2:

Nondiscrimination Policy

Deferred to February 14, 2023, Town Council Meeting.

Agenda Item #3:

Allowable Cost Policy

Deferred to February 14, 2023, Town Council Meeting.

Agenda Item #4:

Project Grant Ordinance

Deferred to February 14, 2023, Town Council Meeting.

Agenda Item #5:

Ballpark Playground Equipment

Mr. Ronald Autry told the Council that the Eastover Ballpark Association has received a bid for playground equipment. The total cost of the equipment is quoted as \$68,621.20. An Eastover Ballpark Association representative, Mr. Henry Bowden, told the Council the quote includes the equipment, surfacing, and installation. He stated that this playground would be for small children and that a 4-foot fence would be placed around the playground.

After a brief discussion Mayor McLaurin asked for a vote to approve or disapprove the Eastover Ballpark Association to purchase playground equipment from GameTime c/o Cunningham Recreation for \$68,621.20.

Council Member Stan Crumpler made a motion to approve the Eastover Ballpark Association to purchase playground equipment from GameTime c/o Cunningham Recreation for \$68,621.20. Council Member Kimberly McPhail 2nd the motion. The vote was 5-0 for approval.

Agenda Item #6:

Discussion on ARP Funds

Mr. Ronald Autry stated that he now has clarification on how to spend the ARP funds. He stated that the Town can be reimbursed for the purchase of the new Town Hall, storage building behind the town hall, security cameras at the park, the stage at the park, etc.

The Council decided to continue this discussion at the work session.

VII. RECEIVE MAYOR'S UPDATE:

- The Flea Drop was successful. The mayor thanked Ms. Susan Baggett and Mr. Fred Williams for making it a success.
- Eastover Town Clerk, Ms. Elizabeth Bass will be the Secretary/Treasurer for the Mayors Coalition starting on February 3, 2023.
- Need to address the issue of dog feces on the walking trail at the Eastover Ballpark.
- The American flag/POW flag at the Eastover Ballpark need to be taken down and replaced.
- People are dumping residential trash in the dumpster at the Eastover Ballpark. This is an issue that also needs to be addressed.
- The bridge at Talley Woodland Park needs to be removed.
- A mayors' meeting has been called for January 6th to discuss the Sales Tax Agreement.

VIII. RECEIVE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE.

- The Silk fence at the Eastover Ballpark needs to be removed.

IX. RECEIVE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE.

- None

X. CONSIDER A MOTION TO ADJOURN.

Mayor Charles McLaurin asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Bruce Sykes at 7:45 p.m.
The motion was 2nd by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The vote was 5-0 for approval.

Town of Eastover

Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor

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