

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 14, 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 X☐ C. Brian Pearce**

MINUTES OF MEETING – February 14, 2023

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members: Kimberly McPhail, C. Brian Pearce, Cheryl C. Hudson, J. Lawrence Buffaloe, Bruce R. Sykes, and M. Stan Crumpler attended the February 14, 2023, Eastover 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 February 14, 2023, 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 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. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was unanimous for approval.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

NONE.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Consider approval of the Town Council Meeting Minutes for January 3, 2023.**
- 2. Consider approval of the Town Council Work Session Meeting Minutes for February 7, 2023.**
- 3. Consider approval of the December 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 Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as stated. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Brian Pearce. The vote was unanimous for approval.

VI. DISCUSSION AGENDA:

Agenda Item #1:

Eligible Use Policy

This policy will give specific expenditure requirements for eligible projects according to the American Rescue Plan.

Town Attorney, Mr. Donald Hudson, stated that the Council needed to decide on Pg 3 under Article III #2 if the Mayor or a Council Member will give a 2nd approval for expenditure request. He also stated that on Pg 4 under Article III #3 the Council needed to decide if the Council Members will require approval and if a budget amendment will be required before approval.

After some discussion Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if they had any questions concerning the Eligible Use Policy. There were none. Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to or not to require a Council Member to give a 2nd approval, to require or not require Council approval, and to or not to require a Budget Amendment before approval.

Council Member Brian Pearce made a motion to amend Page 3 under Article III #2 to add the mayor as a 2nd to approve expenditure requests and to amend Page 4 under Article III #3 to require Council approval and a budget amendment to be required before approval. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Bruce Sykes. The vote was unanimous for approval.

A motion was made by Council Member Brian Pearce to approve the Eligible Use Policy with the stated amendments. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #2:

Nondiscrimination Policy

Mr. Donald Hudson stated that this was a standard nondiscrimination policy. He said it is basically the same policy that is used for the general fund only this will be for the American Rescue Plan Fund.

Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if they had any questions concerning the Nondiscrimination Policy. There were none. Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve or disapprove the Nondiscrimination Policy.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve the Nondiscrimination Policy. Council Member Bruce Sykes 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #3:

Allowable Cost Policy

Mr. Ronald Autry stated that the allowable Use police specifies what projects the American Rescue Plan funds can be spent on.

Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if they had any questions concerning the Allowable Cost Policy. There were none. Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve or disapprove the Allowable Cost Policy.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve the Allowable Cost Policy. Council Member Brian Pearce 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #4:

Project Grant Ordinance

Mr. Ronald Autry stated that the Project Grant Ordinance specifies the amount of money that will be spent for the American Rescue Plan on projects. He stated that is Ordinance is a requirement of the American Rescue Plan.

Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if they had any questions concerning the Project Grant Ordinance. There were none. Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve or disapprove the Project Grant Ordinance.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve the Project Grant Ordinance. Council Member Stan Crumpler 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #5:

Sound system purchase

Council Member Stan Crumpler stated that Exhibit H (\$13679.50 is the total cost for a sound system to be used at the Eastover Ballpark Stage. He stated that an IPAD will need to be purchased separately. The IPAD will control the sound system. Council Member Crumpler also stated that a Policy will need to be adopted stating the specific uses of the sound system.

After a brief discussion, Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if they had any other questions concerning the purchase of the sound system. There were none. Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve or disapprove the purchase of the sound system.

Council Member Bruce Sykes made a motion to approve the purchase of the sound system. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to add Agenda Item #7: Conflict of Interest Policy. Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #6:

Trailer purchase

Council Member Stan Crumpler stated that Exhibit I is how the trailer looks. The flat part is 16 foot long on the flat bed and the beaver tail on the back will be 2 ft long, this also includes ramps. This trailer will have a winch also.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to accept the Master Tow invoice for the 12K trailer as presented. Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #7:

Conflict of Interest Policy

Mr. Hudson stated that this is a standard policy about how to deal with conflicts of interest. The purpose of the policy is to establish conflict of interest standards that will involve the Town of Eastover, concerning the American Rescue Plan funds.

Council Member Brian Pearce made a motion to approve the Conflict of Interest Policy. Council Member Cheryl Culbreth 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

VII. RECEIVE MAYOR'S UPDATE:

- A resident would like to hold a concealed carry class at the community building.
- At the ballpark property: Trees need to be removed, need to discuss what to do with the two metal buildings on the property.
- The Town could possibly put a community center on that property.
- Need to be thinking about rezoning the Eastover Ballpark Property.
- Ms. Lizzie Oliver will be turning 106. Her family will have a drive by birthday celebration for her.
- On Thursday February 16, 2023 Mayor McLaurin and Mayor Jackie Warner will meet with the Chair and Vice Chair of the County commissioners concerning the Sales Tax Agreement.
- Picnic tables need to be ordered for the shelter. The money received in memory of Kim Nazarchyk will be used to purchase these. A plaque will be installed stating that the picnic tables are in his memory.

VIII. RECEIVE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE.

- Council member Stan Crumpler would like feedback concerning purchasing the mayor's warehouse. Mayor McLaurin recused himself from the discussion. It was discussed to build a building on the new property.
- Council Member Bruce Sykes is working on the new sign for the Eastover Community Park.

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 7:36 p.m. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Brian Pearce. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Town of Eastover

Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor

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