

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 13, 2018 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 Randy P. Lee,
x Bruce R. Sykes, and x Lee P. Hedgecoe**

MINUTES OF MEETING – February 13, 2018

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members: Cheryl C. Hudson, J. Lawrence Buffaloe, M. Stan Crumpler, Bruce R. Sykes, Randy P. Lee, and Lee P. Hedgecoe were in attendance at the February 13, 2018, Eastover Town Council Meeting. A quorum was present at the Town Council Meeting. Also in attendance was Attorney Tim Smith, Mr. Kim Nazarchyk, Town Manager, and Ms. Elizabeth Bass, Administrative Assistant.

I. Call to Order:

Mayor Charles McLaurin called the February 13, 2018 Eastover Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

II. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:

Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe gave the Invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Agenda:

Mayor Charles McLaurin asked the Council if they had any questions concerning the Agenda.

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove the Agenda as stated.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve the Agenda as stated. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Lee Hedgecoe. The vote was unanimous for approval.

IV. Public Comments:

None.

V. Consent Agenda:

- 1. Consider approval of the Minutes for the January 9, 2018 Town Council Meeting.**
- 2. Consider approval of the December, 2017 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 2nd by Council Member Stan Crumpler. The vote was unanimous for approval.

VI. Discussion Agenda:

Agenda Item #1:

Mr. Ashley Porter, Eastover Central Elementary School Principal.

Mr. Porter thanked the Mayor and Council Members for giving him the opportunity to come and speak to them. He said he and his staff truly appreciate the support the Eastover Town Council gives Eastover Central Elementary School.

Mr. Porter stated he was notified in early December by the Department of Public Instruction that Eastover Central was nominated to receive the National Blue Ribbon Award for Exemplary High Performance. This nomination is given by the Department of Education in Washington, DC. The Blue Ribbon Award is given in two categories: Title 1 is for schools that have a 40% free/reduced lunch, they receive federal funding. Several Cumberland County Schools have won this type of the National Blue Ribbon Award over the past two decades. The National Blue Ribbon Exemplary High Performance Award has not been received by a Cumberland County School before.

Mr. Porter said he was notified in mid-January that Eastover Central Elementary School is a national finalist. Eastover Central is 1 in 9 schools to be a finalist. Mr. Porter stated the school must have their completed application into the Department of Education in Washington, DC by March 30, 2018. Mr. Porter stated even if they don't win the award, it truly is an honor to be 1 in 9 schools in the state to be nominated.

Mayor McLaurin and the Council congratulated Mr. Porter. Mr. Porter stated it is definitely the staff and faculty that make Eastover Central a School of Excellence.

Agenda Item #2:

Resolution to accept ownership of roads in Eastover North, Section Two.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated this Resolution is about taking over the roads in Section Two of Eastover North. He said the roads have been in place since 2015 but there was a Title issue and on advice of the Attorney the Town had to wait 2 years. He said the Resolution will contain two streets, Eastover North Drive and Slade Drive. Mr. Nazarchyk stated they are less than ¼ mile total. The streets do meet Department of Transportation (DOT) standards and Cumberland County Subdivision Standards.

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove the Resolution for the addition of existing public streets to the system of Eastover, North Carolina.

Council Member Randy Lee made a motion to approve the Resolution for the addition of existing public streets to the system of Eastover, North Carolina. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #3:

Presentation of Yard Maintenance Contract Bids.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated he submitted requests from several companies for bids on yard maintenance for the community building lot and Tally Woodland Park. The contract would be for 10 months of the year and in November and December would involve leaf removal. The contract will also cover the maintenance on the gateway signs. Mr. Nazarchyk stated that based on the responses received, Cardinal Landscaping was the lowest bid at \$10,990.

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove Cardinal Landscaping's bid for yard maintenance.

Council Member Lee Hedgecoe made a motion to approve Cardinal Landscaping's bid for yard maintenance. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Bruce Sykes. The vote was unanimous for approval.

VII. Receive Mayor's Update:

- Eastover's Community Watch had the Cumberland County Sheriff's K-9 unit attend the meeting. Deputy Chris Cox brought his dog to the meeting and gave a demonstration of the dog's capabilities. The meeting was very informative.
- Eastover's Community Watch would like to have a candidate's forum for the Sheriff's election. The primary is scheduled for May 8th. If a second primary is needed it will be in June or July. Eastover's Community Watch is not sure if they can do a forum before May 8th.
- On September 8th, the Eastover Civic Club will be having the Heritage Day Celebration at the Eastover Ballpark. The first planning meeting for this event will be held on February 20th at the Eastover Community Building.
- There have been a lot of comments from community residents about changing the speed limit by Eastover Central Elementary School. Mayor McLaurin stated he has received a lot of complaints and asked the Town Manager, Kim Nazarchyk, to look into this matter.
- Ballpark Road should be paved within the next 2-3 weeks. After it is completed, there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony.

VIII. Receive Town Council Update:

- Council Member Randy Lee's Fibrosis in his lungs has weakened his immune system. The doctors believe he will gradually get worse. Council Member Lee Hedgecoe said a prayer for Council Member Randy Lee.

IX. Receive Town Managers Update:

- March starts the Budget Process. Planning Sessions will be on same day as the Council Meetings, starting at 5 p.m. Please let Mr. Nazarchyk know if you would like anything special discussed at the Planning Sessions.

X. Consider a Motion to Adjourn:

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Lee Hedgecoe at 7:28 p.m. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was unanimous for approval.

_____, **Administrative Assistant**
Elizabeth S. Bass

Town of Eastover

Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor

Attest: _____, **Town Clerk**
Jane F. Faircloth