

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting  
Tuesday, December 10, 2019 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 ☐ Lee P. Hedgecoe**

**MINUTES OF MEETING – December 10, 2019**

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members: Cheryl C. Hudson, J. Lawrence Buffaloe, Bruce R. Sykes, Kimberly F. McPhail, and M. Stan Crumpler were in attendance at the December 10, 2019, Eastover Town Council Meeting. Council Member Lee Hedgecoe was absent from the meeting. A quorum was present at the Town Council Meeting. Also in attendance were: Ms. Jaime Walters, Planning and Inspections, Mr. Ronald Autry, Interim Town Manager, and Ms. Elizabeth Bass, Town Clerk.

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Charles McLaurin called the December 10, 2019 Eastover Town Council meeting to order at 7:02 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. OATHS OF OFFICE:**

**Mayor and New Council Members.**

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin administered the oath of office to newly elected Council Member Brian Pearce.

Eastover Town Clerk Elizabeth Bass administered the oath of office to re-elected Council Members Cheryl C. Hudson, Kimberly F. McPhail and M. Stan Crumpler.

Eastover Town Clerk Elizabeth Bass administered the oath of office to re-elected Mayor Charles G. McLaurin.

#### **IV. NOMINATIONS:**

##### **Mayor Pro Tem and Oath of Office.**

Mayor Charles McLaurin asked for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe nominated Cheryl Hudson for Mayor Pro Tem with no other nominations; the Mayor asked that nominations be closed. Motion was made by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Stan Crumpler. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Mayor McLaurin administered the oath of office to Mayor Pro Tem Cheryl Hudson.

- **Deputy Jason Wells was recognized for his service to the Town of Eastover and presented with a gift certificate. Deputy Wells introduced Deputy Darling-Wenger who has been assigned to patrol the Town of Eastover.**

#### **V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Mayor Charles McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove the Agenda less Item #1 which is deferred until January 14<sup>th</sup> council meeting. Council Member Stan Crumpler made a motion to approve the Agenda as stated. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Bruce Sykes. The vote was unanimous for approval.

#### **VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

#### **VII. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1. Consider approval of the Minutes for the November 12, 2019 Town Council Meeting.**
- 2. Consider approval of the October, 2019 Financial Reports.**
- 3. Consider approval of Resolution #2019-04, Town Council Meeting Dates for 2020.**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was unanimous for approval.

### **VIII. DISCUSSION AGENDA:**

#### **Agenda Item #1:**

**Presentation by Mr. David Maxwell from McFadyen & Sumner CPAs, PA concerning Fiscal Year 2019 Audit for the Town of Eastover.**

Rescheduled for January 14, 2020 Town Council Meeting.

#### **Agenda Item #2:**

#### **Draft of the Overlay Amendment for Highway 13 Node**

Council Member Stan Crumpler stated that Council Members Cheryl Hudson, Bruce Sykes and himself met with several planning staff members and discussed the possibilities of issues that could arise in the I-95/I-295 Highway 13 Node area. One issue is tracts of land that lays between Dunn Road and I-95 that is purple on the zoning map is zoned Heavy Industrial which allows almost anything. Also, the commercial area, that is a gateway coming into the Town of Eastover, that possibly some things should be limited that goes in this area. Jaime Walters with the planning staff spoke about items they looked at in preparing a draft titled Town of Eastover North Entrance Corridor Overlay.

A motion was made to accept the draft of the Town of Eastover Northern Entrance Corridor Overlay by Council Member Stan Crumpler and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was unanimous for approval.

#### **Agenda Item #3:**

#### **January Planning Meeting Dates**

Interim Town Manager Autry recommended the week of January 20<sup>th</sup> for the meeting. After lengthy discussion, it was agreed upon to hold the planning meeting on Thursday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January at 5:00 pm.

**Agenda Item #4:**

**Consider approval of Resolution #2019-05, Eastover's 2020 Observed Holiday Dates**

Interim Town Manager Autry discussed that the Town usually adopted the holiday schedule of Cumberland County or the State of North Carolina.

A motion was made to adopt the 2020 Holiday Dates as presented with observing July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday on Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup> and Monday December 28<sup>th</sup> as the 3<sup>rd</sup> day normally observed for Christmas Holiday. A motion was made by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Bruce Sykes. The vote was unanimous for approval.

**IX. RECEIVE MAYOR'S UPDATE:**

- Mayor McLaurin stated some topics for the planning meeting in January would include: Ball park expansion, Fire Dept., I-95 expansion referencing traffic and sewerage upgrades, street lights and Christmas decoration receptacles and potential new decorations

**X. RECEIVE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE:**

- Council Member Bruce Sykes stated the Pickle Ball Courts at the Eastover Ballpark would be stripped by Monday December 9, 2019. There will be 4 courts. The fence posts for the court will be in the ground this week. Hopefully the 10 foot fence will be in place by the end of the year.
- The Volleyball Courts will be dug by Thursday; the contract is already lined up.

**XI. RECEIVE TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE:**

- Interim Town Manager submitted a proposal for pressure washing and painting the outside of the Community Center for a cost of \$1,250.00. A motion was made to approve the quote of \$1,250.00 to pressure wash and paint the Community Center by Council Member Cheryl Hudson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by council Member Bruce Sykes. The vote was unanimous for approval.

**XII. CONSIDER A MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Bruce Sykes at 8:05p.m. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Kim McPhail. The vote was unanimous for approval.

**Town of Eastover**

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**Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_, **Town Clerk**  
**Elizabeth S. Bass**