

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 13, 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 x☐ Lee P. Hedgecoe**

MINUTES OF MEETING – August 13, 2019

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members: Cheryl C. Hudson, J. Lawrence Buffaloe, Lee P. Hedgecoe, Bruce R. Sykes, Kimberly F. McPhail, and M. Stan Crumpler were in attendance at the August 13, 2019, Eastover Town Council Meeting. A quorum was present at the Town Council Meeting. Also in attendance were: Attorney Tim Smith and Ms. Elizabeth Bass, Town Clerk.

I. Call to Order:

Mayor Charles McLaurin called the August 13, 2019 Eastover Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

II. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:

Council Member Stan Crumpler gave the Invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Recognition In Memory Of Town Manager Mr. Kim Nazarchyk:

Mayor McLaurin recognized Gail Nazarchyk and Family, and asked them to come forward for the presentation of a plaque in memory and recognition of Town Manager, Mr. Kim Nazarchyk's 10 years of service to the Town of Eastover. Mayor McLaurin then asked other Council Members and staff to add any comments they wished to make. They all stated how hard Mr. Nazarchyk worked and how much he loved the Town of Eastover. They stated they were glad have worked with Mr. Nazarchyk and how proud they were to call them the Town Manager. They said he was meant to be Eastover's Town Manager that no one will be able to serve the Town of Eastover like he has.

IV. Approval of Agenda:

Ms. Elizabeth Bass asked the Council to omit Agenda Item #2. Mr. Walker Brittain was not available to speak to the Council; he will be back for the September Town Council Meeting. Ms. Bass also asked to add #6 on the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Charles McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove the Agenda with corrections. Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to approve the Agenda with corrections. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Kimberly McPhail. The vote was unanimous for approval.

V. Public Comments:

None.

VI. Consent Agenda:

- 1. Consider approval of the Minutes for the June 11, 2019 Town Council Meeting.**
- 2. Consider approval of the Minutes for the July 9, 2019 Town Council Meeting.**
- 3. Consider approval of the Minutes for the July 30, 2019 Special Town Council Meeting.**
- 4. Consider approval of the May, 2019 Financial Reports.**
- 5. Consider approval of the June, 2019 Financial Reports.**
- 6. Hire Mr. Ronald Autry as Interim Town Manager, for 24 Hours per week, Tuesday-Thursday, 8am-5pm with a 1 hour lunch, at \$40.00 an hour with no benefits.**

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 Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was unanimous for approval.

VII. Discussion Agenda:

Agenda Item #1:

Eastover Central Elementary School Principal, Ashley Porter

Mr. Ashley Porter said he was sorry to hear about the loss of Mr. Kim Nazarchyk. He said he was a true gentleman and would leave a void. Mr. Porter said he gives his condolences to the Town on behalf of Eastover Central Elementary School.

Mr. Porter said he apologizes for not being able to make the June Town Council Meeting. He said the school welcomed Teachers back on Monday, August 12th. Mr. Porter stated the students would start back on August 26th. He said that everyone was looking forward to a wonderful school year. Enrollment is at about 385 students. Mr. Porter said with the teachers, staff, and parent involvement he believes this will be an excellent school year.

Mr. Porter thanked the Council for all their support and said he appreciated the Council. Mayor McLaurin said he was proud of Eastover Central Elementary for their accomplishments and told Mr. Porter to keep up the good work.

Agenda Item#2:

Mr. Walker Brittain, Free Food Pantry

Rescheduled for September 10, 2019 Town Council Meeting

Agenda Item #3:

Mr. Danny Matthews, Eastover Fire Department

Mr. Matthews stated that the Eastover Fire Department is a changing environment. The Board added two new members, Chris Johnson and Frank Moody. The Board also appointed a New Fire Chief, Scott MacKenzie. Mr. Matthews said his goal was to change the Board from 5 members to 7.

Mr. Matthews said he knows the Eastover Fire Department missed the budget negotiations with the Town of Eastover but would like to have a meeting with the Council for next year's budget.

The Eastover Fire Department has an ISO rating of 6 allowing the residents of the Town of Eastover to have a discount on their homeowners insurance. The small businesses have an ISO rating of 5, allowing them to have an insurance discount as well.

The Eastover Fire Departments total budget is \$517,000. The rescue boat is 16 years old and needs updating. The call volume has risen 10%. They had to purchase equipment so the

firemen would be prepared for an active shooter situation. They need to hire another person to meet county requirements. The Eastover Fire Department just does not have the funds to continue with the volume of activity they are receiving.

Agenda Item #4:

Crawford Designs

Mr. Dale Crawford presented the final master plan for the Eastover Ballpark, to the Council. He stated that since the ballpark has been rezoned construction can resume. Mr. Crawford told the Council that the walking trail will need to get approval from the Corp of Engineers because part of it could be considered wetlands.

Mr. Crawford said that the Town could apply for a grant to help with the cost of the walking trail. He said he and his firm would be able to apply for this grant if the Council so desires. This Grant would be a 50/50 match. Mr. Crawford said the grading for the new field, walking trail, and the bridge over the wetlands on the walking trail will have an approximate cost of \$500,000.

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove Crawford Designs to apply for the Grant. Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to allow Crawford Designs to pursue applying for the grant for the Eastover Ballpark. Council Member Bruce Sykes 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #5:

Mr. Michael Gibson, Fayetteville Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Gibson presented the Council with a reconciliation of the funds used for the improvements on the ballpark. The reconciliation shows what funds have been used and what funds are still available to be used.

Mr. Gibson stated he was glad to know the master plan of the Eastover Ballpark renovations had been completed. He said that now Parks and Rec would be able to complete the tennis courts and volleyball court.

Since the zoning has been completed, getting permits will now be easier to obtain. The new time frame for the completed tennis courts is 60-70 days, depending on paving availability, but should be by Thanksgiving of 2019. The bathrooms need a grinder pump and has already been contracted with Wade Hardin to finish. The bathrooms should be completed in about 1 ½ weeks.

Agenda Item #6:

Signer for BB&T Accounts

Town Clerk, Ms. Elizabeth Bass asked the Council to consider adding a new signer on the checking accounts. Ms. Bass stated there are currently four signers on the accounts, the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and 2 Council Members; however one Council Member is deceased. Ms. Bass suggested Council Member Bruce Sykes, due to the locality of the Council Members' personal residence.

A motion to approve Council Member Bruce Sykes as a signer on The Town of Eastover's Deposit/Checking Accounts was made by Council Member Lee Hedgecoe. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Stan Crumpler. The vote was unanimous for approval.

VIII. Receive Mayor's Update:

- Mayor McLaurin stated Memorial Donations in honor of Mr. Kim Nazarchyk so far total \$2,560.00.
- Heritage Day is on Saturday September 28th.
- North Carolina Litter Sweep is from September 14-28.

IX. Receive Town Council Update:

- A handicap parking space is needed at the Eastover Splash Pad. Mr. Michael Gibson will be contacted to make this available.

X. Receive Town Managers Update:

- Mr. Ronald Autry is the New Interim Town Manager and will start on Tuesday August 20th.

XI . 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 8:25 p.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