

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Eastover Community Center**

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

MINUTES OF MEETING – April 11, 2023

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members: Kimberly McPhail, J. Lawrence Buffaloe, Bruce R. Sykes, Cheryl C. Hudson, and M. Stan Crumpler attended the April 11, 2023, Eastover Town Council Meeting. Council Member C. Brian Pearce was absent from the 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 April 11, 2023, Eastover Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Town Administrator, Mr. Ronald Autry 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 Stan Crumpler. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Phil Izzell, 3089 Emerywood Road, Eastover NC.

Mr. Phil Izzell thanked the Council for paving Meadow-View Terrace roads. He said having the roads paved is a blessing. Mr. Izzell said after 34 years of living there with a dirt road he is grateful to have it paved. He stated that it is nice to drive on, a plus for the neighborhood and helps improve the property value. He thanked the Council again for everything they have done to get it paved and let them know the residents were grateful.

Mayor McLaurin thanked Mr. Izzell for coming and speaking to the Council. He stated that it was nice to hear from the residents.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Consider approval of the Town Council Meeting Minutes for March 14, 2023.**
- 2. Consider approval of the February 2023 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 Bruce Sykes. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

VI. DISCUSSION AGENDA:

Agenda Item #1:

Steve Oliverio, Project Manager, Bartlett Engineering & Surveying, PC See Exhibit C

Moved to May 9, 2023 Town Council Agenda.

Agenda Item #2:

Budget Amendment 2023-04 -Transferring funds from ARP Fund to General Fund

Mr. Ronald Autry stated that this Budget Amendment will move the ARP funds into the General Fund. The spending restrictions on ARP funds have changed therefore the funds can be used for multiple allocations. The report for the ARP funds must be sent in April 2023. Mr. Autry said this amendment had to be approved before he could move the funds.

Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2023-04 to transfer funds from the ARP account into the General Fund. Council Member Stan Crumpler 2nd the motion. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

Agenda Item #3:

Discuss Investment Possibilities

Mr. Ronald Autry stated that First Citizens bank has contacted him and offered the Town a 2-year Certificate of Deposit at 4% interest for 1 year for 2 million dollars. He stated that the Town has accessible funds in the NC Capital Management Account.

After some discussion, Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve or disapprove opening a Certificate of Deposit with First Citizens Bank for 2 million at 4% interest for 1 year. Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to approve opening a CD at First Citizens Bank for 2 million dollars for 1 year at 4% interest. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

VII. RECEIVE MAYOR'S UPDATE:

- Mayor McLaurin, Council Member Cheryl Hudson, Mr. Ronald Autry, and Mr. Donald Hudson attended a meeting with Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks and Recreation. The new interlocal agreement is ready to be reviewed, and can be voted on at the May 9, 2023, Town Council Meeting.
- Eastover Ballpark opening day was a success.
- Community Watch is going well. Mayor McLaurin Thanked Deputy R. Green for everything he does for the Town of Eastover.
- There has been some vandalism at the Eastover Ballpark.
- Splashpads open May 1, 2023.

VIII. RECEIVE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE.

- Representative, Ms. Diane Wheatley has submitted the paperwork for the Town of Eastover to receive funding.
- The Town can hire a representative to write a grant to get funds to clean out the canals and ditches.
- Parking at the Eastover Ballpark is an issue. People are parking on the circle and on the walking trail. Need to investigate having cars towed.
- The new PA system is here and in working order.
- The new John Deere Gator is here.

IX. RECEIVE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE.

- The representative for the traffic cameras hasn't stated specifics. He is asking for possible dates to set up a meeting to give a demo.
- The council needs to decide if they want to put "Walk at your own risk" signs on the walking trail.
- The code enforcement officer has had several good responses. Repairs are being done, the trailers off Beard Road have been removed, however, Mr. Smith has not responded.
- The Department of Transportation has sent a letter letting the Town know that they will be realigning Rockhill Road and Dunn Road. The funding will be in place May 17th.
- The lights for the Pickle Ball Court have been installed. Waiting for the timer to be installed.
- The final price for the bathrooms should be received by the end of the week. The shelter is set to be installed in May.
- Grade is set for the soccer field; the irrigation price has been received and sprigging should start in May.
- Some residents of Meadowview Terrace have had some issues with the paving project.

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 8:04 p.m.
The motion was 2nd by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

Town of Eastover

Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor

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