

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting  
Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 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 C. Brian Pearce**

**MINUTES OF MEETING – May 9, 2023**

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members: Kimberly McPhail, J. Lawrence Buffaloe, Bruce R. Sykes, Cheryl C. Hudson, C. Brian Pearce, and M. Stan Crumpler attended the May 9, 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 May 9, 2023, Eastover Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

**II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Pastor, Fred Williams 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 Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Brian Pearce. The vote was unanimous for approval.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Danny Matthews, President, Eastover Fire Department Board of Directors, and Ms. Cathy Ryals, resident, Jimree Avenue.

Mr. Matthews told the Council that the Eastover Fire Department Fire Chief, Deputy Chief and other firemen are attending a graduation. He stated that Eastover Fire Department is a member of the Cumberland County junior fire fighter's association and

tonight is their graduation. The Eastover Fire Department has 3 volunteers that have completed this program and are graduating. He then thanked the Council for their time and support.

Ms. Cathy Ryals stated that she is representing the neighborhood of Tranquil Acres. She said that they have become aware that a business has bought a home in the neighborhood and is planning on having elderly care or halfway house. The neighbors are against this and have a covenant that states this is not allowed.

The Council stated that the Town follows Cumberland County, and this is an allowable use. The Town Attorney, Mr. Donald Hudson, informed Ms. Ryals that this would be a civil dispute and they would need to contact an attorney if their covenant is valid.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1. Consider approval of the Town Council Meeting Minutes for April 11, 2023.**
- 2. Consider approval of the March 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 Bruce Sykes 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.

**VI. DISCUSSION AGENDA:**

**Agenda Item #1:**

**Steve Oliverio, Project Manager, Bartlett Engineering & Surveying, PC**

Mr. Oliverio stated that he was there to represent a commercial retail business. He stated that the company would like to develop the lot located at 3361 Dunn Road. The development group is very cautious. He stated this will be a dollar type business.

The Council informed Mr. Oliverio that he would need to proceed with Planning and Zoning. They said the case would be brought before them after he completed the process and at that time, they would be able to make suggestions and comments.

**Agenda Item #2:**

**John And Linda Sanderson: Building for a restaurant.**

Mr. John Sanderson addressed the Council. He informed them that he would be building a building for a restaurant off of Murphy Road. He stated that he and Ms. Linda Sanderson would just be the building managers and the restaurant would be run by someone else. Mr. and Ms. Sanderson stated that it would be approximately 1 year before it was completed.

**Agenda Item #3:**

**Interlocal Agreement for Services and Facilities**

**Agenda Item #4:**

**Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 2023-06: Increase Dept. Materials & Supplies, Bank Charges/Fees, Eastover Ballpark, and Capital Outlay**

**Agenda Item #5:**

**FY 2024 Budget Proposal Items**

**Agenda Item #6:**

**Amendment to Commercial Core Overlay**

**Agenda Item #7:**

**Breakfast for Mayors Coalition**

**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 17<sup>th</sup>.
- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

**Town of Eastover**

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**Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor**

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