

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

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

MINUTES OF MEETING – July 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 July 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 July 11, 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 adding discussion item #3: Foster and Foster Agreement. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Stan Crumpler. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Consider approval of the Town Council Meeting Minutes for June 13, 2023.**
- 2. Consider approval of the May 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 Kim McPhail made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as stated. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

VI. DISCUSSION AGENDA:

Agenda Item #1:

PUBLIC HEARING:

ZON-23-0011: Text Amendment to the Eastover Commercial Core Overlay Ordinances to update and revise standards associated with permissible and prohibited uses located within the Commercial Core; submitted by Town of Eastover (applicant).

Mayor McLaurin opened the public hearing.

After some discussion, Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to close the Public Hearing. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if they had any questions concerning Case ZON-23-0011. There were none. Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove Case ZON-23-0011.

Council Member Kim McPhail made a motion to approve Case ZON-23-0011. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Bruce Sykes. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

Agenda Item #2:

Award Contract for Eastover Ballpark Bathrooms

Mr. Roanld Autry stated that Haywood Builders has submitted a bid for \$261,215.97. After some discussion, Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve Haywood Builders for the Eastover Ballpark Bathroom Bid. Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe 2nd the motion. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

Agenda Item #3:

Foster and Foster Actuarial Agreement

Mr. Ronald Autry stated that this agreement is to audit the retirement services of the staff of the Town of Eastover. This agreement meets the requirements of the general statutes.

Council Member Stan Crumpler made a motion to approve the Foster and Foster Actuarial Agreement. Council Member Cheryl Hudson 2nd the motion. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

VII. RECEIVE MAYOR'S UPDATE:

- The blue bags with papers in them are unsightly. It is becoming a litter issue
- The tables and benches at the Eastover ballpark will be shipped no later than the 1st of next week (July 17th)
- The Town of Eastover needs to invite the Daily Record to come and do news coverage

VIII. RECEIVE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE.

- The grass at the Ballpark needs mowing, need to discuss a pay rate for a part time position and get a job description. The Council called or a special meeting scheduled on Monday, July 17th at 8:30am to discuss this matter
- Mr. Lee Spruill and Mr. Louis Wood with Cumberland County and Fayetteville parks and Recreation Advisory Board stated that they have not received an amount of what the county is receiving from all towns. They suggested that the towns on the east side of the river should form a committee for Parks and Recreation
- Ms. Diane Wheatley stated she was still working on getting funds for the Town of Eastover Ballpark

IX. RECEIVE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE.

- WIFI has been installed at the Eastover Community Building
- The Code Enforcement officer has been sending several letters out for properties in violation
- Need 10 feet of sod for the picnic shelter area at the Eastover Ballpark
- The trenches in Meadowview are being washed out when it rains. Highland paving will charge \$5,250.00.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to have Highland Paving repair the trenches in Meadowview. Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe 2nd the motion. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

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 7:44 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