

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 8, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Eastover Community Center**

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

MINUTES OF MEETING – August 8, 2023

Mayor Pro Tem Cheryl C. Hudson, Council Members: Kimberly McPhail, Bruce R. Sykes, C. Brian Pearce, and M. Stan Crumpler attended the August 8, 2023, Eastover Town Council Meeting. Mayor Charles G. McLaurin and Council Member J. Lawrence Buffaloe were 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 Pro Tem Cheryl Hudson called the August 8, 2023, Eastover Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Council Member Brian Pearce gave the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

In recognition of the death of former Council Member Benny Pearce, Council Member Bruce Sykes switched Council seats with Council Member Brian Pearce so he could finish his term out sitting in his father's chair.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem Cheryl Hudson 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 Brian Pearce. The vote was 5-0 for approval.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Eastover Fire Department Chief, Mr. Scott McKenzie signed up to speak.

Chief McKenzie stated that the Halloween haunted trail would not be possible this year. He said the expense of everything needed is too great at this time. He said that the Eastover Fire Department is looking at some alternative projects.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Consider approval of the Town Council Meeting Minutes for July 11, 2023.**
- 2. Consider approval of the Special Town Council Meeting for July 17, 2023.**
- 3. Consider approval of the June 2023 Financial Reports.**

Mayor Pro Tem, Cheryl Hudson asked the Council if they had any questions concerning the Consent Agenda. There were none. Mayor Pro Tem, Cheryl Hudson asked for a motion to approve/disapprove the Consent Agenda as stated.

Council Member Stan Crumpler made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as stated. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Bruce Sykes. The vote was 5-0 for approval.

VI. DISCUSSION AGENDA:

Agenda Item #1:

CASE NO. REV-23-0007: APPLICANT IS REQUESTING A REVISION TO THE ARMSTRONG ELEMENTARY SITE PLAN TO PLACE A CLASSROOM HUT ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS. THE HUT WILL BE 24'x32' AND ADD 768 SQ FT TO THE PROPERTY

Mr. Timothy Doersam and Mr. Christopher Portman, Planners for Cumberland County Planning, and Inspections presented this case to the Council. Mr. Doersam stated that Case No. REV-23-0007 is a site plan review. He said that Armstrong Elementary School wants to place a 24'X32' classroom hut onto the back portion of the school. This hut would hold approximately 20 students and 1-2 teachers at any given time during class sessions.

The hut itself would not be connected to any well or septic system that services Armstrong Elementary School. The site plan indicates that the hut would be located approximately 109' from a restroom that the students and faculty would use.

Mayor Pro Tem Hudson asked the Council if they had any questions concerning Case REV-23-0007. There were none. Mayor Pro Tem Hudson asked for a motion to approve/disapprove Case REV-23-0007.

Council Member Brian Pearce made a motion to approve Case REV-23-0007. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Bruce Sykes. The vote was 5-0 for approval.

Agenda Item #2:

Split Rail fencing fronting the new Soccer Field, New Bathrooms and along parking lot on Southside with approximately 600 ft. Cost: \$ 7,227.05.

After some discussion the Council decided that there were other items that needed completing first. They would re-visit the fencing later.

VII. RECEIVE MAYOR PRO TEM'S UPDATE:

- The House on the Bullock Property has everything included for office space. There is plenty of land for the existing home and the new shelter.
- Rivermist did a fantastic job for the 1st concert at the Eastover Amphitheater. Council Member Stan Crumpler stated that there were lots of volunteers. The Council has not heard any negative comments about the concert. Council Member Crumpler stated that he is hoping to have more concerts.
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VIII. RECEIVE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE.

- The Council would like to get the tag reading cameras
- The dumpster at the ballpark needs to have a gate around it
- Need to look into purchasing the skid for the gator so the Fire Department will have access to it during Town functions
- The new sign at the ballpark will be the same size as the Eastover Town Hall sign
- The Council received a Thank you note from Ms. Joanne Pearce for the flowers sent to Council Member Benny Pearce's' funeral

IX. RECEIVE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE.

- The fence for the playground at the splash pad has been ordered. It should be in place in 4-6 weeks
- The Pickle Ball Courts should be facing North to South. Only need to add 2 more courts to have enough for a tournament.
- Lebanon Baptist Church would like to use th stage a the end of August for a church service. They will furnish everything they will need

- The Council needs to decide if they are going to rent the stage or not and set guidelines if they are going to rent it. A work session is needed.

X. CONSIDER A MOTION TO ADJOURN.

Mayor Pro Tem Cheryl Hudson asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Bruce Sykes at 7:55 p.m.
The motion was 2nd by Council Member Brian Pearce. The vote was 5-0 for approval.

Town of Eastover

Cheryl C Hudson, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest: _____, Town Clerk
Elizabeth S. Bass