

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Eastover Community Center**

xMayor 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 – September 12, 2023

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members: Kimberly McPhail, J. Lawrence Buffaloe, Bruce R. Sykes, Cheryl C. Hudson, and M. Stan Crumpler attended the September 12, 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 September 12, 2023, Eastover Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Council Member Bruce Sykes 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 2nd by Council Member Kim McPhail. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Consider approval of the Town Council Meeting Minutes for August 8, 2023.**
- 2. Consider approval of the July 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 Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

VI. DISCUSSION AGENDA:

Agenda Item #1:

Town Cameras

Mr. Ronald Autry stated that the town could lease 5 license plate reader cameras for \$3,000.00 apiece, totaling \$15,000.00. The cameras could be leased for 2-5 years. Cumberland County Sheriff Department would have to be agreeable because once the information is gathered the department would have to assemble the information.

After some discussion the Council decided to discuss this further at the Special Town Council Meeting on September 26th.

Agenda Item #2:

Stage Rental Requirements

Mr. Ronald Autry stated that the community is inquiring about renting the stage. He said that guidelines needed to be set to start renting the stage. The Council also needs to decide if the Town's sound system can be used for people renting the stage.

After some discussion the Council decided to discuss this further at the Special Town Council Meeting on September 26th.

Agenda Item #3:

Town Maintenance position Applications

Mr. Ronald Autry stated that he provided a description of the job for a maintenance position as exhibit E. He asked that the Council look over the description and see what needed to be added or deleted.

After some discussion the Council decided to discuss this further at the Special Town Council Meeting on September 26th.

Agenda Item #4:

Split-Rail Fence at Park

Mr. Autry stated that he has received 3 bids for the Fencing to enclose the back parking lot. The are as follows:

- **Seegars-\$7,145.00**
- **Professional-\$8,400.00**
- **R&K-\$7,227.05**

After a brief discussion, Mayor McLaurin asked for a vote to approve one of the 3 bids received. Council Member Stan Crumpler made a motion to approve R&K Fencing for the project. Council Member Cheryl Hudson 2nd the motion. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

VII. RECEIVE MAYOR’S UPDATE:

- Need to speak with ESD (Eastover Sanitary District) about getting sewer to tranquil acres
- Metronet is scheduled to start putting lines in around September/October 2024
- Pickle Ball courts need to be moved, need to look at adding more courts
- The Newly acquired property needs to either be added to the ballpark for zoning purposes or the zoning will need to be changed
- Community Watch needs 4 magnetic signs for vehicles. They also need yard signs with heavy duty posts. The Council agreed to purchase these items.

VIII. RECEIVE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE.

- A comprehensive study needs to be completed for the Town of Eastover. FAMPO (Fayetteville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization) has stated that they have various Federal and State funds available. A comprehensive study will allow the town to be able to apply for this funding
- A no soliciting policy needs to be established for the Town

- The speed of vehicles on Beard Road, Hwy 301/Dunn Road, and Middle Road seems to be out of control. The Council would like to reduce the speed limit from 45 to 35. The Town would also like to get a radar speed sign

IX. RECEIVE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S UPDATE.

- Water samples have been taken from the well at the ballpark. Once the results are received then the permit for the bathrooms can be applied for.

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 8:24 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