

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting  
Tuesday, October 10, 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 – October 10, 2023**

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members: Kimberly McPhail, J. Lawrence Buffaloe, Bruce R. Sykes, Cheryl C. Hudson, and M. Stan Crumpler attended the October 10, 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 October 10, 2023, Eastover Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

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

Council Member Kimberly McPhail 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 seconded 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 September 12, 2023.**
- 2. Consider approval of the Special Town Council Meeting Minutes for September 26, 2023.**
- 3. Consider approval of the August 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 seconded by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

**VI. DISCUSSION AGENDA:**

**Agenda Item #1:**

**Case # DEV-0067-23: APPLICANT IS REQUESTING APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY PLAN CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 22.39 +/- ACRES; LOCATED AT CORNER OF BAYWOOD RD. AND JAMES DAIL RD., ZONED RR FOR 22 LOT RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION; SUBMITTED BY 4D SITE SOLUTIONS (AGENT) ON BEHALF OF TRAP PROPERTIES, LLC (OWNER).**

Mr. Christopher Portman stated that the applicant is requesting approval of a preliminary plan containing approximately 22.39 +/- acres; located at the corner of Baywood Road and James Dail Road. It is zoned RR for a 22-lot residential subdivision. The applicant must connect to public water.

After some discussion Mayor McLaurin asked the Council to approve or disapprove Case No. DEV-0067-23. Council Member Stan Crumpler made a motion to approve Case No. DEV-0067-23. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

**Agenda Item #2:**

**Tony Porter, Code Enforcement Officer**

Mr. Porter stated that he had received fifteen junk debris complaints. Of those twelve have been corrected and he is currently working on the other three. He has been able to get residents to move ten vehicles and two vacant RV's. There have been two houses, two mobile homes, and a shed removed by their owners. There are five houses in the process of demolition or repair, he will be posting the advertisement in the newspaper for 30 days.

**Agenda Item #3:**

**Ballpark Timer Gates**

Mr. Autry has received two bids for the ballpark timer gate. The first is from Acme Fence Company for \$10,715.00 and the second is from R&K Fence Company for \$10,600.00. Acme Fence Company is the one that installed the Town of Wade's timer gate.

After some discussion, Mayor McLaurin asked for a vote to choose one of the companies to install the timed gate for Eastover Ballpark. Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to accept Acme Fence Company to install the Ballpark Timer Gates. Council Member Stan Crumpler seconded the motion. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

**Agenda Item #4:**

**Manufactured Home (Sell/Keep)**

The Council discussed selling the manufactured home or keeping it. After some conversation, the Council decided selling the home would be more beneficial to the Town of Eastover.

Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to sell the manufactured home. Council Member Stan Crumpler seconded the motion. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

Council Member Bruce Sykes made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-01 for the sale of the Manufactured Home. The motion was seconded by Stan Crumpler. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

**VII. RECEIVE MAYOR'S UPDATE:**

- Lebanon Baptist Church will be using the stage on December 10, 2023, with a rain out date of December 16, 2023, for Nativity in the park.
- Trash was dumped at the Ballpark-the violator was identified and charges will be pressed
- Community Watch leader resigned. Community watch meets the second Monday of each month
- Firehouse Dance Studio will have a recital at the Eastover Ballpark Amphitheater on October 30, 2023. Food trucks will be present
- The fan at the front of the community building needs to be replaced-Mr. Fred Williams will replace the fan
- The plaque in remembrance of Mr. Kim Nazarchyk needs to be installed; the donations in his remembrance were used to purchase the new picnic tables at the new shelter by the amphitheater at Eastover Ballpark.

The Council presented an amphitheater rental agreement. After some discussion, Mayor McLaurin asked for a vote. Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to accept the Rental Agreement as presented. Council Member Bruce Sykes seconded the motion. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

**VIII. RECEIVE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE.**

- Representative Diane Wheatley, NC House of Representatives, was able to help the Town of Eastover receive another \$450,000.00 grant for:
  1. \$100,000.00 for Drainage
  2. \$300,000.00 for New Building
  3. \$30,000.00 for cameras
  4. \$20,000.00 for new signs
- There have been two bad accidents off of beard road and at the Eastover North Entrance/Exit. Need to put an automated speed limit recognition sign at this spot. Beard Road needs to have Curve warning signs.
- The Department of Transportation was asked to wait on the Rockhill Road construction until the construction on Murphy Road is completed.
- The intersection of Baywood Road and Dunn Road needs some traffic control-the NC DOT engineer has been asked to look into it and will be letting the Town know what he discovers.

**IX. RECEIVE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE.**

- The contractor for the pickle ball court is waiting for a quote for asphalt. The council stated they would rather have concrete. Mr. Autry will be letting the contractor know that the Council decided to use concrete
- The bleachers for the Pickle Ball Courts need to be assembled
- The Town has received an annexation request for property located off of Hwy 13 beside the truck stop. Council Member Cheryl Hudson recused herself from this discussion because the property belongs to her husband.

The property is zoned commercial. There are two lots, one lot is located in the limits of Town of Eastover and the other lot is not. The second lot is the one being requested for annexation.

After some discussion, Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-02: Directing the Clerk to Investigate a Petition Received under G.S. 160A-31. Council Member Bruce Sykes seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 for approval.

**X. CLOSED SESSION**

A motion for closed session was made by Council Member Bruce Sykes. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. 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 8:24 p.m. The motion was second 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**