

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 14, 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 – November 14, 2023

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members: Kimberly McPhail, J. Lawrence Buffaloe, Bruce R. Sykes, Cheryl C. Hudson, and M. Stan Crumpler attended the November 14, 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 November 14, 2023, Eastover Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Council Member Cheryl Hudson 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 Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was unanimous for approval.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Tracy Williams, 2716 James Dail Road, Mr. Roger Holmes, 1688 Rock Hill Road, and Representative, Ms. Diane Wheatley, signed up to speak.

Mr. Tracy Williams introduced himself and stated that he is opening a barbershop in Eastover. He stated that he has waited for the best opportunity to come back to Eastover and open his business. Mr. Williams said he is excited to be back in Eastover and looks forward to serving the community.

Mr. Roger Holmes stated that he wanted to bring the Council's attention to the number of blue bag newspapers that are being left in people's yards. He stated that the bags contain several newspapers and should be considered littering. Mr. Holmes asked the Council to look into this matter and find a solution.

Representative Diane Wheatley presented the Council with a \$450,000 check for infrastructure.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Consider approval of the Town Council Meeting Minutes for October 10, 2023.**
- 2. Consider approval of the Closed Session Town Council Meeting Minutes for October 10, 2023.**
- 3. Consider approval of the September 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 seconded by Council Member Brian Pearce. The vote was unanimous for approval.

VI. DISCUSSION AGENDA:

Agenda Item #1:

Repeal Speed Limit for Beard Road

Mr. Ronald Autry stated that before the speed limit on Beard Road could be reduced a certification of municipal declaration needs to be signed. Once the declaration is approved and signed then the Department of Transportation can begin the process of changing the speed limit on Beard Road.

After some discussion Mayor McLaurin asked the Council to approve or disapprove the certification of municipal declaration. Council Member Brian Pearce made a motion to approve the certification of municipal declaration. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #2:

Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 2024-01

This budget amendment will increase department expenses for travel and schools. Mr. Autry stated that when the Fiscal Year 2024 budget was prepared, he had not known the clerk would be going to Municipal School.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment 2024-01. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bruce Sykes. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #3:

Amphitheater Rental Agreement

Mr. Autry informed the Council that there was some discrepancy in the rental agreement for the amphitheater. After some discussion among the Council, it was decided that Mr. Autry and Mr. Donlad Hudson would reword the agreement and bring it back to the Council at the next meeting, December 12, 2023.

Agenda Item #4:

Clerk's Certificate of Sufficiency, Set Public Hearing for December 12, 2023

Mr. Ronald Autry stated that the Town Clerk, Ms. Elizabeth Bass, has signed the Clerk's certificate of sufficiency for the annexation of the Christopher L. Hudson property located off of Goldsboro Road.

Council Member Stan Crumpler made a motion to recuse Council Member Cheryl Hudson from this matter. Council Member Brian Pearce seconded the motion. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

After some discussion, Council Member Bruce Sykes made a motion to approve the Public Hearing date for December 12, 2023, to annex GIS # 0479-59-6055, Christopher L. Hudson, 9.15 acres into the Town of Eastover. Council Member Stan Crumpler seconded the motion. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

Agenda Item #5:

Award Pickle Ball Contract for Coating Courts

North State Resurfacing submitted a bid to resurface the 4 existing pickleball courts and to add two additional courts. This bid includes mobilization, fencing, net post foundations, surface preparation, surfacing, playing lines, install new posts with external wind reel, and provide and install six new pickleball courts. The total price is \$49,850.00.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve North State Resurfacing for coating the pickle ball courts. Council Member Bruce Sykes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #6:

Award Bid for Sale of Manufactured Home at 3484 Beard Road

Mr. Autry stated that the Town received one sealed bid. The bid was opened at 11:00am on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at the Eastover Town Hall. He stated the bid was from Kimber Group, LLC, for \$27,500.00. The Kimber Group will be responsible for removing the home and all clean up due to the move.

Council Member Bruce Sykes made a motion to approve Kimber Group, LLC., for the purchase of the mobile home located at 3484 Beard Road. Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

VII. RECEIVE MAYOR'S UPDATE:

- The Eastover Community Watch and the Eastover Civic Club have joined together. The Eastover Civic Club meets the first Thursday of every month.
- A work session is required for January 2023
- The Town will host the mayor's coalition meeting on May 3, 2024

VIII. RECEIVE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE.

- The Council has received a request from a resident wanting the speed limit on Middle Road reduced to 35.
- A budget needs to be established so that bands can start performing at the amphitheater. The Council would like to ask town businesses for donations for sponsorship of concerts. The Council directed Council Member Stan Crumpler to continue looking and schedule future concerts.
- Falcon Children's home has invited the Council to come and visit for Harvest Train November 21, 2023

IX. RECEIVE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S UPDATE.

- Advertisement for the Maintenance position will be submitted to the newspaper in November
- License plate reader has been installed and tested, the camera takes a clear picture of the license plate
- The automatic gate at the ballpark now has the safety fire key installed
- Fayetteville Cumberland Parks and Recreation are using district tax proceeds for capital improvements around Fayetteville
- The Town is waiting on bids for the radar speed limit signs
- ARP expenditures will be discussed at the January work session
- The Town is waiting to get a bid on the Eastover Community Park signs

X. CLOSED SESSION

A motion for closed session was made by Council Member Bruce Sykes. The motion was seconded by Council Member Brian Pearce. The vote was unanimous 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 8:55 p.m. The motion was second by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Town of Eastover

Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor

Attest: _____, Town Clerk
Elizabeth S. Bass