

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 12, 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/Frederick A. Williams**

MINUTES OF MEETING – December 12, 2023

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members: Kimberly McPhail, J. Lawrence Buffaloe, Bruce R. Sykes, Cheryl C. Hudson, Frederick A. Williams, and M. Stan Crumpler attended the December 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, and Mr. Ronald Autry, Town Administrator. Ms. Elizabeth S. Bass, Town Clerk, was absent from the meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Charles McLaurin called the December 12, 2023, Eastover Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin gave the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

III. OATH's OF OFFICE.

Mayor and New Council Members.

Oath administered to Mayor Charles McLaurin & Council Members Fred Williams, Cheryl Hudson, and Stan Crumpler

Judge Talmadge Baggett administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Charles McLaurin. He also administered the Oath of Office to Council Members: Frederick A. Williams, Cheryl C. Hudson, and M. Stan Crumpler.

IV. NOMINATIONS:

Mayor Pro Tem

Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to nominate Council Member Cheryl Hudson as Mayor Pro Tem. Council Member Bruce Sykes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Charles McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove the agenda as stated. Council Member Cheryl Hudson asked to add Discussion Agenda Item #4: Moving of mobile homes within the town limits of Eastover. Council Member Stan Crumpler made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kim McPhail. The vote was unanimous for approval.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Timothy Tucker, 1655 Holloman Drive, Fayetteville, N.C. 28312, signed up to speak.

Mr. Timothy Tucker told the Council about an opportunity to rent the land behind the Simple Clinic to SICC Logistics. The Town property would have approximately 25-30 vans in the lot. The vans will be used as delivery vans helping Amazon make deliveries. Mr. Tucker stated that the company would pay the town between \$500-\$750 a month, depending on the contract. The company is looking to start this venture in approximately 8 months and last for 6 months. Mr. Tim Tucker would be the contact for this project. Mayor Charles McLaurin told Mr. Tucker that the Council will discuss this matter and get back in touch with him.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Consider approval of the Town Council Meeting Minutes for November 14, 2023.**
- 2. Consider approval of the Closed Session Meeting Minutes for November 14, 2023.**
- 3. Consider approval of the October 2023 Financial Reports.**
- 4. Consider approval of Resolution #2023-03, Eastover's 2024 Observed Holiday Dates.**
- 5. Consider approval of Resolution #2023-04, Town Council Meeting Dates for 2024.**

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 Stan Crumpler made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as stated. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was unanimous for approval.

VIII. DISCUSSION AGENDA:

Agenda Item #1:

Public Hearing Concerning Annexation

Deferred to January 9, 2024, Town Council Meeting

Agenda Item #2:

Resolution 2023-05: Municipal Accounting Services, Cybersecurity, and Technical Assistance Memorandum of Agreement

Mr. Ronald Autry stated that this was a new resolution for the \$450,000 park grant. This resolution will need to be adopted before the monies can be received.

Council Member Bruce Sykes made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-05: Municipal Accounting Services, Cybersecurity, and Technical Assistance Memorandum of Agreement. Council Member Cheryl Hudson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #3:

Work Session Date: Proposed for Thursday, January 4, 2024, at 6:30pm, Eastover Town Hall

Mr. Ronald Autry stated that the Council requested a work session meeting prior to the 1st Town Council meeting in January 2024. After a brief discussion, Council Member Stan Crumpler made a motion to have the work session on Thursday, January 4, 2024, at 6:30 at Eastover Town Hall, 3876 Dunn Road. Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item: #4:

Moving of mobile homes within the town limits of Eastover

Council Member Cheryl Hudson stated that a resident made her aware that a mobile home was believed to be moved and did not meet the permit requirements or the N.C. General Statute requirements. She stated that the Cumberland County Planning & Inspection Department was made aware of this situation a year ago, but nothing was done. Council Member Hudson would like every Council Member to read through the packet that she presented to them at this meeting. The matter will be discussed at the January 4, 2024 work session meeting.

IX. RECEIVE MAYOR'S UPDATE:

- Volleyball courts have been removed
- Splash pad bathrooms will be open year round
- New streetlights are needed down Dunn Road and Baywood Road
- Approximately 130 people attended the nativity at park
- Cement poured for new bathrooms and concession stand at the ballpark
- Need to discuss about emergency management/mutual aid
- New Year's Eve Flea Drop at the community Building on December 31, 2023, from 10pm-12am
- Thanked Council Member Frederick Williams for being on the Council

X. RECEIVE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE.

- Building for maintenance at the ballpark needs to be similar to a house.
- The design for Eastover Ballpark Sign has been completed. Need to get permits from the County.

Council Member Stan Crumpler made a motion to approve the sign for the Eastover Ballpark. Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

- Council Member Williams thanked the Council for receiving him with open arms and thanked all those in the audience for attending his swearing-in ceremony. He thanked the voters, his family, and friends.
- Fire and Recreational tax sheets were given to the Council for information purposes

XI. RECEIVE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE.

- None

XII. CLOSED SESSION

A motion for closed session was made by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bruce Sykes. The vote was unanimous for approval.

XIII. 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 8:25 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