

**Town of Eastover – Work Session Meeting
Tuesday, February 27, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
Eastover Town Hall**

**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☐ Frederick A. Williams**

MINUTES OF MEETING – February 27, 2024

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members: Kimberly F. McPhail, Bruce R. Sykes, Cheryl C. Hudson, J. Lawrence Buffaloe, Frederick A. Williams, Bruce R. Sykes, and M. Stan Crumpler attended the February 27, 2024, Work Session Meeting. Also, in attendance was Mr. Donald Hudson, Town Attorney, Mr. Ronald Autry, Town Administrator, and Ms. Elizabeth S. Bass, Town Clerk.

Mayor Charles McLaurin called the February 27, 2024, Work Session meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Ronald Autry suggested several ARP Fund Expenditures:

- **Maintenance Building:**
 1. Concrete for building
 2. Driveway for Parking lot
 3. Landscape
 4. All accessory items (ie: furniture, security cameras)
 5. Electrical for building
 6. Bathroom
- **Basketball Court:**
 1. Asphalt
 2. Fencing
- **Fencing Around Ball Park**

After some discussion the Council stated that they would also like to add a dog park to this list.

Mr. Autry stated that the FY 2024-2025 Budget is currently being discussed. He said that the last budget included approximately \$1,000,000.00 sales tax funds. The County will be changing the way sales tax is distributed in FY 2026. He said that the Town is going to lose around \$600,000.00 when this happens. Eastover Fire department is wanting the Town to raise the fire tax rate to \$.15 versus the \$.10 rate. The council stated that reevaluations will be conducted this year and they believed that for now, the tax rate should not be increased.

Mr. Autry stated that the first \$450,000 grant was spent as follows:

- Picnic Shelter-\$150,000
- Bathrooms-\$300,000

Eastover Ballpark Grant:

- Scoreboards-\$26,000
- PA System-\$5,400
- Playground Equipment-\$73,000
- Pickle Ball Court Expansion-\$96,000

The 2nd \$450,000 grant is being spent as follows:

- Baseball Field Work on Drainage-\$100,000
- Ball Park Signs-\$25,000
- Security Cameras-\$25,000
- Park Maintenance Building-\$300,000

Council Member Bruce Sykes made a motion to adjourn at 7:30p.m. Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Town of Eastover

Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor

Attest: _____, Town Clerk
Elizabeth S. Bass