

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting  
Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 7:00 p.m.  
Eastover Community Center**

**□ Mayor Pro Tem, Cheryl Hudson, Presiding.  
Council Members: x□ J. Lawrence Buffaloe,  
x□ M. Stan Crumpler, □ x Bruce R. Sykes, x□ Kimberly F. McPhail,  
and x□ Frederick A. Williams**

**MINUTES OF MEETING – January 14, 2025**

Mayor Pro Tem Cheryl Hudson, Council Members: Kimberly McPhail, J. Lawrence Buffaloe, Frederick A. Williams, Bruce R. Sykes, and M. Stan Crumpler attended the January 14, 2025, Eastover Town Council Meeting. Mayor Charles G. McLaurin 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 Pro Tem Cheryl Hudson called the January 14, 2025, Eastover Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

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

Town Administrator, Mr. Ronald Autry gave the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Mayor Pro Tem Cheryl Hudson asked for a motion to approve/deny the agenda as presented. Council Member Kim McPhail made a motion to approve the agenda as stated. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

***Members of the public may address the Town Council on items not listed on the printed agenda. Please state your name and address and observe the three (3) minute time limit. The total comment period will be 15 minutes or less. Citizens should sign up with the Clerk to speak prior to the start of the meeting.***

Mr. Danny Matthews, President, Eastover Fire Department Board of Directors.

Mr. Danny Matthews informed the Council that there had been a fire on Limestone Street behind Lebanon Baptist Church. He said that twenty-one firefighters from Eastover Fire Department responded to the fire, which is the most firefighters that the department has had to

respond to one fire. Mr. Matthews stated that there were ten mutual aid apparatuses available ranging from the City of Fayetteville Fire Department, Wade Fire Department, Godwin Fire Department, Falcon Fire Department, and some others. Thirty-five people were on scene to assist in any way possible.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1. Consider approval of the Town Council Meeting Minutes for December 10, 2024.**
- 2. Consider approval of the Closed Session Minutes for December 10, 2024.**
- 3. Consider approval of the November 2024 Financial Reports.**

Mayor Pro Tem Hudson asked the Council if they had any questions concerning the Consent Agenda. There were none. Mayor Pro Tem Hudson asked for a motion to approve/deny the Consent Agenda as stated.

Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as stated. The motion was seconded by Council Member Stan Crumpler. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

**VI. DISCUSSION AGENDA:**

**Agenda Item #1:**

**Summer Concerts**

Council Member Stan Crumpler stated that there are four concerts booked for the summer of 2025. He will have a meeting with Mr. Richard Walker concerning concessions. The Dates of the concerts are as follows:

- May 3, 2025- Thomas Road Band- 6pm-9pm
- June 14, 2025- Rivermist- 7pm-10pm
- July 12, 2025- North Tower- 7pm-10pm
- August 23, 2025- Jim Quick and Coastline- 7pm-10pm

The Council stated that Avery Pickett would be marketing the concerts for the Town.

## **Agenda Item #2:**

### **Flea Drop 2026**

Mayor Pro Tem Hudson stated that there were approximately three hundred people that attended this year's Flea Drop. She stated that everything went well. Council Members McPhail, Sykes, and Buffaloe attended and helped make things go smoothly. Mayor Pro Tem Hudson thanked the Eastover Fire Department and the Eastover Ballpark Association for their cooperation at this event.

Mayor McLaurin and Mr. Roanld Autry, Town Administrator were unwell and in the hospital. Mayor Pro Tem Hudson asked the residents to keep them in prayer.

Mayor Pro Tem Hudson stated that she believed having the Flea Drop was beneficial to the Town of Eastover. She stated she would like the local churches to get involved with the upcoming Flea Drop.

Mayor Pro Tem Hudson asked the Council for a vote to have the Town continue planning for this year's Flea Drop. Council Member Buffaloe made a motion for the Town to start planning for this year's Flea Drop. Council Member Sykes seconded the motion. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

## **Agenda Item #3**

### **Discussion of Ballpark Maintenance Building**

Mr. Ronald Autry stated the price of the original proposed maintenance building was too expensive. He suggested removing the office building, lowering the floor elevations, and using concrete. With these changes the cost would be \$450,000-\$500,000, which is available in the grant and budget.

After some discussion Council Member Stan Crumpler made a motion to move forward with the maintenance building plan changes. Council Member Bruce Sykes seconded the motion. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

## **VII. RECEIVE MAYOR PRO TEM'S UPDATE:**

- Mayor Pro Tem Hudson stated that Mayor McLaurin would hopefully be home soon.
- Mr. Herman Britt, Eastover Resident, stated that he had been to see Mayor McLaurin and he should be coming home January 15, 2025, if the doctors approve. He has lost a lot of weight and will have rehabilitation twice a day.

**VIII. RECEIVE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE:**

- Council Member Bruce Sykes stated that the Eastover Ballpark Signs are up however, the letters are falling off due to the weather conditions. He stated once the temperature rises, he will be able to have them permanently in place.

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

- The playground equipment has arrived. It is at the park.
- The front part of the dog park has been fenced in. The rest of the fencing should be done by January 31, 2025.
- The Town received a letter from Cumberland County Planning and Zoning about a violation in the Town limits. They stated they would not be enforcing this because the Town of Eastover has no agreement with them. The council instructed Mr. Autry to request a meeting with Cumberland County Commissioners.

**X. Closed Session: IN ACCORDANCE WITH GS 143-318.11(a)(3)-ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE**

Council Member Bruce Sykes made a motion to go into closed session. Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe seconded the motion. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

**XI. CONSIDER A MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Mayor Pro Tem Hudson asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe at 8:05 p.m. The motion was second by Council Member Bruce Sykes. The vote 6-0 for approval.

**Town of Eastover**

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**Cheryl C. Hudson, Mayor Pro Tem**

**Attest: \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk**  
**Elizabeth S. Bass**