

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 10, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
Eastover Community Center**

**x☐ Mayor Pro Tem M. Stan Crumpler, Presiding.
Council Members: x☐ Bruce R. Sykes, x☐ Kimberly F. McPhail,
x☐ Frederick A. Williams, x☐ Lisa Sessoms-Lewis, and x☐ E. Wayne Beard**

MINUTES OF MEETING – February 10, 2026

Mayor Pro Tem Stan Crumpler, Council Members: Kimberly McPhail, Frederick A. Williams, Lisa Sessoms-Lewis, Bruce R. Sykes, and E. Wayne Beard attended the February 10, 2026, 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. Ronald Autry, Town Administrator, Mr. Donald Hudson, Town Attorney, and Ms. Elizabeth Bass, Town Clerk.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pro Tem Stan Crumpler called the February 10, 2026, Eastover Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Mayor Pro Tem Crumpler asked for a motion to approve/deny the agenda. Council Member Lisa Sessoms-Lewis made a motion to amend the agenda by adding Agenda Item 2: Budget Ordinance 2026-01. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kim McPhail. 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.

None.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Consider approval of the Town Council Meeting Minutes for January 13, 2026.**
- 2. Consider approval of the December 2025 Financial Reports.**

Mayor Pro Tem Crumpler asked the Council if they had any questions concerning the Consent Agenda. There were none. Council Member Bruce Sykes made a motion to approve item 1 on the Consent Agenda as stated. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lisa Sessoms-Lewis. The vote was 6-0 for approval. Council Member Lisa Sessoms-Lewis made a motion to approve item 2 on the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fred Williams. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

VI. DISCUSSION AGENDA:

Agenda Item #1:

PUBLIC HEARING: CASE NO. ZON-25-0059: Rezoning request from C(P) Planned Commercial District to R7.5 Residential District or to a more restrictive zoning district for the southern 0.79 acres of a lot comprising 1.80 acres; located at the southeastern corner of Dunn Rd and Eastgate St; submitted by Lori Epler (Agent/Applicant) on behalf of Wingate Properties, LLC (Owners).

Mayor Pro Tem Stan Crumpler opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Timothy Doersam, Planner II, MPA, CZO, Cumberland County Department of Planning & Inspections, stated that the owner requests a rezoning from C(P) Planned Commercial District to R7.5 Residential District. The owner intends to develop the property for single-family residential dwelling units. Mr. Doersam showed detailed maps and zoning requirements to the Council. He stated that the Planning and Inspections staff as well as the Cumberland County Planning and Zoning staff recommended approval.

Ms. Lori Epler signed up to speak for Case No. ZON-25-0059. She said this is currently a residential area so the proposed dwellings would be comparable to the existing houses. This request will allow the property to be in the same zoning as the existing structures.

After some discussion, Council Member Fred Williams made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bruce Sykes. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Crumpler made a motion to approve the rezoning request from C(P) Planned Commercial District to R7.5 Residential District and finds that:

1. Approval is an amendment to the adopted, current Eastover Area Land Use Plan and that the Town Council should not require any additional request or application for amendment to said map for this request.

2. The character of the surrounding area changed with the area-wide amendment to the Commercial Core Overlay District boundaries approved by the Town Council in October 2025.
3. The subject property abuts an existing established residential neighborhood assigned the R7.5 zoning designation and the Suburban Density Residential land use designation. Staff also find that the request is reasonable and in the public interest as it is compatible to and in harmony with the surrounding land use activities and zoning.

Council Member Bruce Sykes seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Agenda Item #2:

Budget Amendment 2026-01: Fund Concerts, Etc.

Mr. Autry stated that a new line item was created in the budget. It will be used for concerts and other events. He said this budget amendment would decrease Appropriation to Fund Balance by \$12,000.00 and fund the Concerts, etc. account by \$12,000.00.

Council Member Lisa Sessoms-Lewis made a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2026-01. Council Member Kim McPhail seconded the motion. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

VII. RECEIVE MAYOR'S UPDATE:

None.

VIII. RECEIVE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE:

- Mayor Pro Tem Crumpler stated that a motion needed to be made to allow for landscaping at the new maintenance building. Mayor Pro Tem Crumpler made a motion to approve landscaping for the new maintenance building for the spring of 2026. Council Member Bruce Sykes seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 6-0 vote.
- Council Member Williams asked about the Christmas Lights that were still up on Dunn Road. He was informed that the lights had been removed.
- Council Member Williams stated that he is now the representative for FAMPO for the Town of Eastover with Mayor McLaurin and Council Member Crumpler being alternates. He said all three of them attended a meeting on Feb. 4th with James Graham from FAMPO.

IX. RECEIVE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE:

- Moving forward with pouring the concrete at the new maintenance building. The garage doors have been installed. Duke Energy will be installing a new pole to set up the electricity.

- There are currently two contractors drawing diagrams for the new multipurpose building. Once they are finished, we will be able to apply for permits.
- Met with the Assistant County Manager, Ms. Faith Phillips, about the renovations at the old concession stand at the ballpark. She will let the Town know what the County is able to assist with as soon as possible.

X. CONSIDER A MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Mayor Pro Tem Crumpler asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Bruce Sykes at 7:37pm. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kim McPhail. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

Town of Eastover

M. Stan Crumpler, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest: _____,
Elizabeth S. Bass, Town Clerk