

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

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

MINUTES OF MEETING – March 10, 2026

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members: Kimberly McPhail, Frederick A. Williams, Lisa Sessoms-Lewis, Bruce R. Sykes and M. Stan Crumpler attended the March 10, 2026, Eastover Town Council Meeting. Council Member E. Wayne Beard was absent from the meeting; however, he provided a written waiver of notice prior to the March 10, 2026, Town Council 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 Charles McLaurin called the March 10, 2026, Eastover Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Council Member Stan Crumpler gave the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/deny the agenda. Council Member Bruce Sykes made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kimberly 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.

Mr. Josh Ballard, Cumberland Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisor, Mr. Danny Matthews, Eastover Fire Department Board, and Mr. Johnny Pounders, President of the Eastover Ballpark Association signed up to speak.

Mr. Josh Ballard stated that several of the Council Members had spoken to him concerning the canal issues in the Town of Eastover. He said that the first step would be to re-establish the Flea Hill Drainage District. Mr. Ballard said there are a few programs that the Town could apply for to help with this matter. He stated that his office would be glad to get involved in helping with these issues.

Mr. Danny Matthews stated that the Fire Department has new Fire Chief, Mr. Ricky Kennedy. He gave an update on the Eastover Fire Department calls and responses for the month of February.

Mr. Johnny Pounders introduced himself as the new President of the Eastover Ballpark Association. He thanked the Council for their support of the Eastover Ballpark Association.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Consider approval of the Town Council Meeting Minutes for February 10, 2026.**
- 2. Consider approval of the January 2026 Financial Reports.**

Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if they had any questions concerning the Consent Agenda. There were none. Council Member Lisa Sessoms-Lewis made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as stated. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bruce Sykes. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

VI. DISCUSSION AGENDA:

Agenda Item #1:

Maintenance Contract

Mr. Ronald Autry said the contract with Cardinal Landscaping expired in December 2025. Cardinal Landscaping has been doing the maintenance work for the town's various properties and the gateway signs for a very long time. He said the new contract will be the same as the 2025 contract with no changes. The total amount of the contract is \$12,536.01.

After some discussion, Council Member Stan Crumpler made a motion to approve Cardinal Landscaping 2026 Maintenance Contract. Council Member Lisa Sessoms-Lewis seconded the motion. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

VII. RECEIVE MAYOR'S UPDATE:

- Tally Woodland Park gazebo needs to be repaired
- The plaques for the picnic tables for Mr. Kim Nazarchyk need to be placed on the tables

- Town development is needed in all small towns
- Eastover Ballpark opening day is April 18, 2026
- Land is needed for restaurants/commercial activity
- The Town's 20-year celebration will be in July 2027
- Community Watch will be every month on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00pm. Topics are needed
- A committee needs to be formed to help with the pickleball courts

VIII. RECEIVE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE:

- Fall Festival meeting will be held on March 11, 2026
- Council Member Lisa Sessoms-Lewis thanked everyone for sending her to the Municipal Government class and stated she was grateful to be able to attend.
- Eastover Civic Club had a spectacular attendance of 56 people

IX. RECEIVE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE:

- Working on getting the Vander fire district moved to the Eastover Fire District
- Maintenance Building has been inspected and approved. Waiting on Power Lines
- Multipurpose Building-working on plans to get permit
- Septic tank has been installed with additional drain lines
- No response from the County about the money to renovate the old concession stand
- Code Enforcement will be sending a final notice to home on Limestone.
- Zoning issues arising in residential areas

X. CONSIDER A MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Bruce Sykes at 8:05 pm. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kim McPhail. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

Town of Eastover

Charles G McLaurin, Mayor

Attest: _____,
Elizabeth S. Bass, Town Clerk