

Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 12, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
Eastover Community Center

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

MINUTES OF MEETING – May 12, 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 May 12, 2026, Eastover Town Council Meeting. A quorum was present at the Town Council Meeting. Mayor Charles G. McLaurin was absent from the meeting; however, he provided a written waiver of notice prior to the May 12, 2026, 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 May 12, 2026, Eastover Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Council Member Kimberly McPhail 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 Bruce Sykes made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lisa Sessoms-Lewis. The vote was 5-0 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 advocated for approving state retirement benefits Eastover Fire Department, noting zero net cost to the town and alignment with trends in nearby areas

like Four Oaks. Supported motions and emphasized benefits for retention amid declining volunteer numbers.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Consider approval of the Town Council Meeting Minutes for April 14, 2026.**
- 2. Consider approval of the March 2026 Financial Reports.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Crumpler asked the Council if they had any questions concerning the Consent Agenda. There were none. Council Member Kim McPhail made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as stated. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bruce Syke. The vote was unanimous for approval.

VI. DISCUSSION AGENDA:

Agenda Item #1:

Correct Cash Disbursement of Powell Bill Funds

A motion to rescind last month's cash disbursement is required per Southern Software. Budget Amendment 2026-02 will replace the cash disbursement.

A motion to rescind the cash disbursement was made by Council Member Bruce Sykes and seconded by Council Member Lisa Sessoms-Lewis. The vote was 5-0 for approval.

A motion to approve Budget Amendment 2026-02 was made by Council Member Lisa Sessoms-Lewis and seconded by Council Member Kim McPhail. The vote was 5-0 for approval.

Agenda Item #2:

Set Budget Workshop Date

Budget workshop scheduled for Tuesday, May 26th at 6 p.m. with fire department representatives.

VII. RECEIVE MAYOR'S UPDATE:

- Ms. Shirley had surgery and is home recovering.

VIII. RECEIVE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE:

- Facility issues at the ballpark: volleyball use conflicting with pickleball courts, lack of signage/enforcement, and lighting experiments for safety.
- Miscellaneous concerns including trash, Knox boxes, gun shooting, leashed dogs, and privacy fence installation on purchased property.
- Event planning for fall festival and 20th anniversary celebration
- Automatic door locks for park facilities to deter misuse.
- Privacy Fence placed on Bullock Property. Council Member Bruce Sykes was recused from the vote. Council member Lisa Sessoms-Lewis made a motion to approve the privacy fence. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kim McPhail. The vote was 4-0 for approval.
- Council member Bruce Sykes will be retiring from Allegra at the end of May 2026.
- FAMPO meeting on May 27th canceled

IX. RECEIVE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE:

- The amphitheater bathrooms and picnic shelter are being rented. Suggest using auto locks that could cost about \$3,000 a door
- Budget workshop scheduled for May 26. Revenue projections from property valuations, recreation taxes, fire department funding, and local option sales tax

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. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kim McPhail. The vote was 5-0 for approval.

Town of Eastover

Charles G McLaurin, Mayor

Attest: _____,
Elizabeth S. Bass, Town Clerk