

# Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 1, 2008, 7:00 PM

Eastover Community Center

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Presiding

Council Members: Lawrence Buffaloe, Willie Geddie, Cheryl Hudson, and Donald Hudson  
Benny Pearce, and Sara Piland

## MINUTES OF MEETING – April 1, 2008

Mayor Charles McLaurin called the April 1, 2008 Meeting of the Eastover Town Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Council members Cheryl Hudson, Donald Hudson, Lawrence Buffaloe, Willie Geddie were in attendance. Council members Sara Piland and Benny Pearce did not attend as they were in attendance at the Cumberland County Joint Planning Board. Attorney John Jackson was also not in attendance of the Town Council Meeting.

**Invocation:** The invocation was given by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe led the attendees in The Pledge of Allegiance.

**Welcome:** The Mayor welcomed all in attendance.

**Public Comments:** There were five public speakers at the Town Council meeting. The speakers were as follows: Ms. Tonita Stephenson (dog Issue in Tranquil Acres), Mr. Jim Caldwell, Mid-Carolina Council of Governments (membership), Mr. John Weeks, Eastover Gardens Special Care Facility (Endorsement), Mr. Matt Rooney, Cumberland County Planning & Inspections Department (Ref: Case 08-034 – Mr. Kyle A. Kirby- Eastover Air Ranch property), and Ms. Emilie E. Helms, Air Quality Coordinator for the Fayetteville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.

### **Consent Agenda:**

1. A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Council Member Cheryl Hudson, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Donald Hudson. The motion was carried unanimously.
2. A motion to approve the March 4, 2008 minutes was made by Council Member Donald Hudson, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The motion was carried unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the March 20, 2008 minutes, Special Meeting for the purpose of receiving land use information from Planner Matt Rooney was made by Council Member Donald Hudson, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Public Speaker:** Ms. Tonita Stephenson spoke to the Town Council concerning loose and vicious dogs in Tranquil Acres. One particular dog is constantly getting loose threatening and attacking people as they walk near 2062 Dunn Road. This dog has bitten one individual and the Cumberland County Animal Control took the animal for several days. The dog is again at 2062 Dunn Road with the owner. The owner of the dog is not receptive to constraints of the dog. People in the neighborhood have filed complaints with the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office and Cumberland County Animal control. Ms. Stephenson stated that Mr. Larry Philpot called her on 1 April 2008 concerning the dog problem. Mr. Philpot is researching information to alleviate this situation. Ms. Stephenson wanted to know if the Town of Eastover could enforce laws on animal control or fine people with vicious animals. Mayor Charles McLaurin stated that Eastover is under the same ordinance and regulations as Cumberland County and that we all want a safe neighborhood. Mayor McLaurin stated that an animal must be contained and once it steps off the individual's property it must be on a lease. The Council Members agreed.

**Public Speaker:** Mr. John Weeks of Nubbing Hill Health Care Inc. requested the Town of Eastover write a letter of endorsement to the Cumberland County Board of Adjustments for his plans to open the Eastover Gardens Assisted Living Facility, which will be located at 3017 Dunn Road in Eastover, NC. Mr. Weeks stated that they had closed on the property and has to get Cumberland County permits to open the facility, as it had not been open in a year. The facility will be opened as a "Special Care" facility for the care of Alzheimer's or Dementia related clients only. The Mayor and Council Members agreed to endorse this facility.

**Public Hearing:** Mr. Matt Rooney from the Cumberland County Planning & Inspections Department presented to the Council information concerning Case No. 08-034. Kyle A. Kirby Property (Subdivision Review- County Subdivision Ordinance); Zoning: RR; Total Acreage: 2.56+/-; Location: Southeast side of Orville Street and across from Tailwinds Court, South East of Final Approach Drive. Mr. Rooney stated that the 2.56 acreage would be subdivided into 2 lots per the condition sheet listed in Exhibit C. Mr. Kirby made a statement that he was not present to speak, was there only to answer questions if needed. The Board asked if he was aware of restrictions and covenants of the Air Ranch. Mr. Kirby stated that he was aware of such. A motion was made to approve Case No. 08-034 by Council Member Donald Hudson, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Willie Geddie. The motion was carried unanimously.

### **Discussion Agenda:**

**Item #1:** Mr. Jim Caldwell spoke to the Town Council concerning the Resolution requesting membership in Mid-Carolina Council of Governments. Mr. Caldwell requested that the Town of Eastover Council meet with the Mid-Carolina Council of Governments on April 24, 2008. He stated that membership is open to any town in the region, and Eastover is in the Region with other s (i.e. Cumberland, Harnett and Sampson Counties). They are chartered under the State Laws of North Carolina. Membership dues are paid each fiscal year and based on population @ .24 cents per capita. A motion was to approve membership by Council Member Donald Hudson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. No membership documentation was presented or signed at the Council Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Item #2:** Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to make a Resolution to adopt the Cumberland County Sales Tax Referendum. Council Member Buffaloe stated that Cumberland County Commissioners support the increase in sales tax and will benefit Eastover. There was no formal resolution presented for signature. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Donald Hudson. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Item #3:** Ms. Emilie E. Helms of the Fayetteville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization spoke to the Town Council concerning Air Quality Control. Requested the Council sign a Proclamation supporting Air Quality Awareness Week, April 28-May 4, 2008. Ms. Helms stated we needed to work together as a county to improve air quality. Ms. Helms stated that she was present to have Eastover sign the Proclamation for Air Quality Control. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Donald Hudson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Item #4:** The Town Council discussed street lighting and a possible contract with Progress Energy. Council Member Cheryl Hudson stated that she had spoken with Progress Energy concerning street lighting. Progress Energy wanted to know how many lights and where they would be located. Council Member Cheryl Hudson suggested that we have a starting point such as intersections along Highway 301 and concentrated housing areas. Council Member Willie Geddie suggested that streetlights be placed on each boundary entrance as well as the main intersections of the town. A committee of Council Members Willie Geddie, Cheryl Hudson and Mayor Charles McLaurin was appointed to prepare a proposal package or recommendation. A motion was made by Council Member Willie Geddie and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Cheryl Hudson to adopt this proposal. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Item #5:** Council Member Cheryl Hudson (Financial Officer) stated that she had reprogrammed funds and determined that we do have funds to pay a Town Clerk, 20 hours not to exceed 32 hours per week, to include pay for State/County holidays. The hours of operation would be 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Monday through Thursday and on Friday if needed. Mayor Charles McLaurin asked if Ms. Faircloth would accept the position and she stated yes, but would have to give a two-week notice to her current employer. Council Member Cheryl Hudson stated that she had received a call from the North Carolina Department of Revenue and informed that we were not eligible for State funds since we did not include the four services in our budget submission. Council Member Cheryl Hudson stated that she had prepared a revised budget, as the original submission did not include all services (i.e. Police protection and street lighting). The revised budget includes all services. A motion to adopt this proposal was made Council Member Donald Hudson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Item #6:** The Mayor proposed that the Town Council approve a Resolution in Support of our Military Personnel. We should honor the men and women who serve our country. The Mayor requested a Resolution in support of our military be prepared and signed. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Council Member Donald Hudson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Item #7:** The Town Council discussed selecting a recipient of the "Rick Glazier Living Legacy of Leadership Award". The Mayor and Council members stated that the honor should go to a deserving individual, as the recipient of this prestigious award.

**Item # 8:** The Mayor discussed the Clean-up Campaign for Heritage Day to be held May 3, 2008. He stated that he had been to the Department of Transportation and picked up orange vests, gloves and garbage bags to clean up the town. The Mayor suggested that all Eastover volunteers clean a mile. Suggested that the council set dates prior to Heritage Day for clean up. Council Member Willie Geddie stated that if everyone would clean up a ½ half mile in each direction of there homes- that would be a good start. The Mayor suggested that volunteers meet on Saturday April 19 and Saturday April 26, at 8 AM at the Eastover Community Building to pick up items for the Clean-up Campaign. A motion was made by Council Member Donald Hudson to accept this recommendation, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Cheryl Hudson.

**Motion to Adjourn at 8:30 PM:** Mayor Charles G. McLaurin requested motion to adjourn. Motion made by Council Member Cheryl Hudson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Donald Hudson. The motion was approved unanimously.

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Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk  
Jane F. Faircloth