

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 6, 2008, 7:00 PM**  
**Eastover Community Center**  
**Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Presiding**  
**Council Members: Lawrence, Willie Geddie, Cheryl Hudson, Donald Hudson,**  
**Benny Pearce, and Sara Piland**

**MINUTES OF MEETING – May 6, 2008**

Mayor Charles McLaurin called the May 6, 2008 Meeting of the Eastover Town Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Council Members Cheryl Hudson, Donald Hudson, Lawrence Buffaloe, Willie Geddie, Sara Piland and Benny Pearce were in attendance. Attorney John Jackson and Mr. Matt Rooney of the Cumberland County Joint Planning Department was also in attendance at the Town Council Meeting.

**Invocation:** Council Member Cheryl Hudson gave the invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Council Member Cheryl Hudson led the attendees in The Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

**Consent Agenda:**

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda (i.e. Agenda, April 1, 2008 Minutes, and April 15, 2008 Minutes) was made by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Sara Piland. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Discussion Agenda:**

**Item #1:**

Mr. Jim Konneker from the Local BRAC Project Committee gave a presentation on how BRAC will impact our community and Town. He is here to answer your questions concerning the request for funding of the next three annual budgets, and also to tell us about the two divisions of BRAC. The first is the Regional Task Force (RTF); it is responsible for planning efforts, regional planning, and preliminary to be established in June 08. We are a volunteer group of 200 people, to market to the families of the Armed Forces and the Defense and Federal Contractor's and their families who will be transitioning into our areas. These companies/contractors wish to be closer to Fort Bragg. The total number of population growth is estimated to be 25,600 people to transition into our areas between the years 2006 to 2013. This will also create additional jobs due to the additional spending. The projected population to come to Cumberland County alone is 12,000.

The Committee initially conducted a market research study that targeted individuals and families that matched our target demographic. This included written surveys and focus groups. The individuals and families will have a “Score Card” when deciding where to move. Cumberland County/Fayetteville has to win every point on the Score Card to be considered. The top criteria is (1) Safety, social comfort; (2) Proximity, accessibility, (3) Affordability (time and hard cost), (4) Flexibility (choice, variety, quantity), (5) Quality. Cumberland County/Fayetteville must win on the following fronts: (1) Housing, (2) Healthcare, (3) Public Safety, (4) Entertainment, (5) Education, (6) Transportation, (7) Hospitality. With the help of the Republic we have developed a Value Statement. Mr. Konneker read the Value Statement to the Town Council, (i.e., we welcome our military families to our neighborhoods and we will watch over your families when you are not here, etc.), and stated that a Colonel echoed that statement in today’s paper. We will officially launch campaign on May 26, 2008 on Glory Days, and invites us to participate in the campaign. Mr. Konneker stated that Eastover would receive an official invitation to Glory Days.

Mr. Konneker reported that Forces Command (FORSCOM), and the U.S. Army Reserve Command (USARC) must be here in 2011, as that is the Legislative date. In the spring of 2010 they will be running parallel Head Quarters (HQ) (Ft. Bragg, NC and Ft. McPherson, GA) until the final move to Fort Bragg.

The External Marketing Campaign will launch to the world on July 5, 2008. These innovative campaigns will inform the target audiences and hopefully land them in Cumberland County. To fund this effort it will cost \$500,000 and has been has been funded by Cumberland County, City of Fayetteville, Public Works Commission and Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. As we launch our external campaign there will be advertising opportunities for individual businesses. We would appreciate your consideration for our request for funding, as we anticipate participation of the seven communities in Cumberland County.

Council Member Sara Piland stated that we do not have the \$5,000 at this time, as we are not fully funded yet. Mr. Konneker reported that Attorney John Jackson stated that the Town of Linden gave 1.6% of their budget. Mr. Konneker stated that 100% of our participation was better than the amount. The Mayor thanked Mr. Konneker for his presentation to the Town Council.

**Item #2:**

Council Member Cheryl Hudson gave a briefing on the Budget Amendment 01-2008, for year 2007 to 2008 to the Town Council. Council Member Cheryl Hudson stated that the Budget Ordinance Amendment be changed as follows: Increase Police Department \$4,250.00, Street Department \$4,250.00, Fire Department \$4,691.00, Parks & Recreation \$615.00, and to decrease Administration <\$8,113.00>, Zoning & Planning <\$2,500.00>, Contingency <\$3,193.00>. The total Increase and decrease of the Amended Budget is \$13,806.00. This will result in a net increase of \$0.00 in the expenditures of the General Fund. The total General Fund Budget with Amendment is \$350,327.00. Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve the Amended Budget so it could be forwarded to the Clerk of the Governing Board and to the Department of Revenue, Raleigh, NC. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Sara Piland. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Item #3:**

Council Member Cheryl Hudson presented an overview to the Mayor and Town Council concerning the General Liability Insurance and Public Official Liability Insurance offered by the North Carolina League of Municipalities. Council Member Cheryl Hudson stated that this is where most agencies in NC get their coverage. The coverage proposal is a follows: General Liability, \$250.00; Public Officials

Liability \$2,924.00; Crime Coverage (Bonds) \$586.00, a total insurance premium of \$3,760.00. Council Member Cheryl Hudson stated that she has this covered in the 07-08 Budget and that we need to complete the Proposal Acceptance Form, Adopt and sign the Resolution, review and sign all Interlocal Agreements. Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to accept the Insurance offered by the North Carolina League of Municipalities so we the Town can be covered by insurance. Also, to give the Mayor the authority to execute this Agreement/Resolution .The motion was 2nd by Council Member Donald Hudson. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Item #4:**

Council Member Sara Piland made a motion to hold a Special Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. at the Eastover Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to have a Budget Work Session on the 2008-2009 Town Budget, and discuss Planning and Land Use. Council Member Sara Piland requested that most of the session is devoted to the 2008-2009 Town Budget. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Item #5:**

Council Member Benny Pearce discussed the contract between the Town of Eastover and the Eastover Volunteer Fire Department. Council Member Pearce stated that Attorney John Jackson had reviewed this contract and approved. Council Member Benny Pearce discussed the proposed contract between The Town of Eastover and the Eastover Volunteer Fire Department. Attorney John Jackson stated that this contract mirrors the Town of Stedman contract, and that the contract is legally sufficient. The President of the Eastover Fire Department, Mr. Herman Britt requested that the Chief and the Committee wanted to review the contract, prior to it becoming final. Council Member Benny Pearce stated it is only a proposed contract and would consider any changes they proposed. A motion to approve the proposed contract, so the proper authorities may sign it, was made by Council Member Benny Pearce. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Item #6:**

Council Member Benny Pearce discussed the contract between The Town of Eastover and the Vander Volunteer Fire Department, which covers all of Rock Hill Road. A portion of Rock Hill Road is in the Town of Eastover but in the Vander Fire Department District. This contract originated with our Attorney John Jackson and we do have a signed contract from the Vander Volunteer Fire Department. Therefore, this is a final contract, not a proposed contract. This contract is pending the Mayor's signature. The Town Clerk stated that she had the original for the Mayor's signature. The Mayor stated that we are the only Municipality that has two fire services to serve them. A motion was made to approve the Vander Fire Department contract by Council Member Benny Pearce. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Sara Piland. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Item #7:**

The Mayor requested that the Town Council approve payment of the parade town banners, for float used on Heritage Day. Mayor McLaurin stated that he did not know the cost yet as he had not received a bill. The Town Council decided to table and reconsider the request until a bill is received. A Motion to table and reconsider was made by Council Member Sara Piland. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe.

**Item # 8:**

Attorney John Jackson requested that the Town Council consider approval of the voluntary annexation petition by developer John Koenig. Mr. Jackson stated that he had received a formal petition from Mr. Koenig's Attorney Richard Wiggins. This started around the first of the year. Mr. Koenig purchased this property in two tracks that became a subdivision. The plat shows that multiple plots (approximately 5 acres) overlaid over the Fayetteville and Eastover lines. The owner wants to pay taxes to one place not split between two areas. The discussion was that the voluntary annexation be conditional, as we are limited on that side of town by the Legislative Act. Senator Tony Rand and Representative Rick Glazier indicated it would be appropriate to present this action to the Legislature as an amendment to the Town to include that area, if the Town wanted to proceed with this action. The nature of that type of thing is a presentation of Annexation Petition showing the builder, plus the description of that area to be annexed.

What would happen according to the statute, the Town Council would consider a Resolution directing the Clerk to investigate a petition and certify it for sufficiency, back to you. Then at that point you would have the necessary information if you wanted to proceed. One other aspect is that the Town of the City of Fayetteville, Mr. Kyle Sonenburg indicated that we needed something in writing and saw no problem with this. Mr. Jackson stated that the net would be if houses were build on these lots there would be increased revenue.

Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe asked if it was footage, and Council Member Cheryl Hudson stated it was a parcel of land. Council Member Sara Piland stated that Mr. Koenig purchased two parcels of land. The 1<sup>st</sup> parcel of land is in the Town of Eastover and the 2<sup>nd</sup> parcel of land plat was overlaid between the Fayetteville and Eastover lines. There is no question that it will have to be approved by the Legislature. Council Member Sara Piland stated that we should be very careful, and in no way give the City of Fayetteville the perception that we are intruding into that 15 year no annexation area. Council Member Sara Piland stated that she would have preferred that Mr. Koenig as the petitioner of this action, have petitioned the City of Fayetteville and secured approval. At that time we would react to that Annexation Petition and approval from the City of Fayetteville.

Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe wanted to know if we could entertain a motion to consider this upon approval from the City of Fayetteville. Mr. John Jackson stated that both Representative Glazier and Senator Rand are in agreement that the City of Fayetteville would not object. Mr. Jackson stated that he was not advocating anything; he was bringing this to us for a decision. Council Member Sara Piland just wanted to be sure that the City of Fayetteville approved. Council Member Sara Piland stated that the Town of Eastover should not incur any expense for this, that the petitioner should bear the cost.

Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to table this request until approval from the City of Fayetteville is obtained and they send a letter to us for final approval. Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe stated that we do not need to convey that we are not interested in this property, but that we need written intent from petitioner and approval from the City of Fayetteville. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Benny Pearce. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. John Jackson asked the Mayor if he wanted him to write a letter to the City of Fayetteville and express what was discussed in the meeting. The Mayor approved this action.

**Mayor's Update:**

Mayor McLaurin stated that Heritage Day was a good day for everyone.

Mayor McLaurin stated that Council Member Sara Piland would take on the Street Maintenance issue. We will not have this anytime soon but we will look at the form they sent to us.

Mayor McLaurin stated that the Seal of Eastover is still not completed. We are trying to get the Copula on The Town Seal.

**Council Members Update:**

Council Member Sara Piland stated It is very important that everyone come out Thursday, May 8, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. to the Cumberland County Chamber of Commerce Town Hall Meeting, to be held at the Eastover Community Building. This meeting concerns "Dreams for your Town". Eastover is hosting this event and would like a good showing. Other people from other municipalities will also be at this meeting as it is open to any resident of Cumberland County.

Council Member Sara Piland stated that the Float in the Heritage Day Parade was wonderful, could really tell that our Mayor is an Artist.

**Motion to Adjourn at 8:00 PM:**

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin requested a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Benny Pearce, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Sara Piland. The motion was approved unanimously.

Town of Eastover

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Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor

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