

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting  
Tuesday, November 3, 2009, 7:00 p.m.  
Eastover Community Center**

**Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Presiding Council Members: Lawrence Buffaloe, Willie Geddie, Cheryl Hudson, Donald Hudson, Benny Pearce, and Sara Piland**

**MINUTES OF MEETING – November 3, 2009**

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members Lawrence Buffaloe, Donald Hudson, Sara Piland, Willie Geddie, and Benny Pearce were in attendance at the November 3, 2009 Eastover Town Council Meeting. Council Member Cheryl Hudson was absent. A quorum was present at the Town Council Meeting. Also in attendance was Mr. Matt Rooney from the Cumberland County Joint Planning & Inspections Department, Mr. John Jackson, Town Attorney, Mr. Thomas Taylor, Interim Town Manager, and Ms. Jane Faircloth, Town Clerk.

**I. Call to Order:**

Mayor Charles McLaurin called the November 3, 2009 meeting of the Eastover Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

Mayor McLaurin asked Council Member Sara Piland to read a poem written by Father Dennis O'Brien, titled "The Soldier", to honor our military men and women past and present. Mayor McLaurin stated that November 11, 2009 is "Veterans Day" and we should always remember the sacrifice our military make each day to keep our country safe and free.

**II. Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin gave the invocation and led the attendees in The Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Approval of Agenda:**

Council Member Donald Hudson made a motion that the Agenda be approved as stated. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The motion was carried unanimously.

**IV. APPOINTMENT OF CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

Mayor Charles McLaurin officially appointed twelve individuals to the Eastover "Citizens Advisory Committee". Seven of the twelve appointed to the Citizens Advisory Committee were present at the meeting. Mayor McLaurin presented each with a document that asked for information to be turned into the Town Clerk. Each person present gave a brief bio of themselves. The individuals that spoke are as follows: Mr. Mac Williams, Mr. Richard Autry, Mr. Kim Nazarchyk, Ms. Helen Crumpler, Mr. Greg Lawrence, Ms. Eloise Talley, and Ms. Judy McLaurin. Members appointed, that were not present are as follows: Mr. Howard Piland Jr., Mr. Don Price, Mr. Chris Hudson, Mr. Mark Fisher, Mr. Wesley McLaurin,

Mr. Henry Tew, and Mr. Kevin Hall.

Mayor McLaurin thanked each member present for their willingness to serve on this committee for the good of the town and community.

#### **V. Public Comments:**

There was one public announcement. Mr. Morgan Johnson, Chairman of the Eastover Sanitary District announced that a Special Board Meeting would be held on Thursday, November 5, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. at the Yarborough Law Firm. The purpose is for commendation proceedings against the few that do not want water.

#### **V. Consent Agenda:**

1. Consider approval of the October 6 2009 Town Council Minutes.
2. Consider approval of the September 30, 2009 Financial Report.

Mr. Taylor stated that a Budget Amendment needs to be made to correct the shortage in account code 10-420-54 Insurance & Bonds in the Financial Report. He stated that the amount would be greater than the <\$107.75> shown, as the Health Insurance bill has not been received nor paid to the League.

Council Member Sara Piland made a motion to approve the Agenda with the Budget Amendment as stated. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Benny Pearce. The motion was carried unanimously.

#### **VI. Discussion Agenda:**

##### **Agenda Item #1:**

##### **Presentation by Mr. Jay Barr concerning a walking-trail at Eastover Ball Park.**

Neither Mr. Jay Barr, nor Mr. Henry Bowden was present for the presentation.

##### **Agenda Item #2:**

##### **Presentation by Mr. Matt Rooney and Mr. Thomas Taylor concerning the development plan for commercial district.**

Mr. Matt Rooney from the Cumberland County Planning & Inspections Department gave a presentation concerning the proposed development plan for a commercial district. Mr. Rooney stated that he had looked at other towns, looking at proximity in town. He stated that he feels that this is a five step plan. He stated that the first three steps have already been started.

#1: Mr. Rooney stated that we will be looking at similar sized towns in North Carolina. There are about 65 towns in NC that are similar in population. He stated that he considered the proximity of towns to other Municipalities, such as within a mile of a big town or city (i.e.

Fayetteville).

#2: Similar to population size to Eastover. He stated there were about 20 towns that have participated in the "Main Street Program" of which Eastover applied. He stated that he has visited approximately 15 of these towns. He stated we will be looking at any ordinance changes that they may have adopted.

#3: Mr. Rooney stated this would involve an examination of your existing policies and land use plans. He stated that he and Mr. Taylor had spent some time reviewing maps, but will hold that until a later date.

#4: Mr. Rooney stated that the 4<sup>th</sup> step would be to present some alternatives to the Council. He stated that it is your choice to do this at a mid-month meeting or your regular meeting.

#5: Mr. Rooney stated that having a work shop or visioning session that would affect property owners. He stated that given the time of year with the holidays he did not know if the Board wanted a set a date at this time.

Mr. Taylor stated that one of the things Mr. Rooney and I will be working on is to define the specific locations on the map. He stated the second part is, how deep off Dunn Road do we go, typically we will try to follow property lines and what do you want in respect to the roadway, tree planting, sidewalks, landscaping, size of signs. Mr. Taylor stated that writing the ordinance to include all of these things, and then must be rolled into the county ordinance. Mr. Taylor stated that once the ordinance is written, we must advertise for a public hearing. Once you have held the public hearing the Council is free to adopt the ordinance. Council Member Sara Piland stated that she wants something of substance with alternatives presented to the Eastover citizens, prior to any public hearing. Mr. Matt Rooney agreed with Council Member Piland. Mr. Rooney stated that each Town has its own unique things.

Council Member Sara Piland stated that she would like to have a meeting this month as we need to get started on this. All Council Members agreed to meet on November 17, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. at the Eastover Town Hall. Council Member Donald Hudson made a motion to hold a Special Town Council Meeting on November 17, 2009, at 3:30 p.m. at the Eastover Community Center. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Willie Geddie. The vote was unanimous.

## **VII Receive Mayors Update:**

Mayor McLaurin stated that Attorney John Jackson will be out of state November 11<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup>, and November 26<sup>th</sup> through December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Mr. Jackson will be on a hunting trip.

Mayor McLaurin stated that Mr. David Lawrence, UNC School of Government is retiring on November 17, 2009. They are asking for a donation for a Professorship. The Board may want to consider this on the 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mayor McLaurin stated that the new "Citizens Advisory Committee" will help plan the new Town Hall Building and the design of a town flag. Mayor McLaurin stated he has some ideals for the flag, but would like the "Citizens Advisory Committee" input. The Town values your opinion.

**VIII. Receive Council Members Updates:**

There were no updates by the Council Members.

**IX. Receive Town Managers Update:**

Mr. Taylor informed the Council that the Mayor’s Coalition Meeting will be held in the Town of Falcon on Friday, at 8:00 a.m. The Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and I are planning to attend.

Mr. Taylor stated that Attorney Jackson has completed the draft Civic Club Agreement. It must go first to the Executive Council for review, and then to the Civic Club for review or revisions.

Mr. Taylor stated that Mr. Vick has agreed to be the Design Firm for the new Town Hall Building. Mr. Taylor stated that the contract is in Attorney Jackson’s office and Mr. Vick has agreed to terms of the contract. This could be discussed at the November 17, 2009 Special Town Council Meeting.

Council Member Benny Pearce asked Mr. Taylor about the status of the street lights. Mr. Taylor stated that he had talked with Mr. David Vencill today. He stated that Mr. Vencill said that the paperwork was sent to DOT in April 2009. Mr. Taylor stated that the street lights would be wired for decorations. Council Member Sara Piland stated that the Civic Club was going to pay for the banners to go on the light poles.

**X. Consider a motion to adjourn.**

Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Sara Piland. The vote was unanimous.

**Town of Eastover**

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**Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor**

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