

Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 2, 2010, 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 – March 2, 2010

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members Lawrence Buffaloe, Donald Hudson, Sara Piland, Willie Geddie, and Benny Pearce were in attendance at the March 2, 2010 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. Kim Nazarchyk, Town Manager, and Ms. Jane Faircloth, Town Clerk.

I. Call to Order:

Mayor Charles McLaurin called the March 2, 2010 meeting of the Eastover Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

II. Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance:

Town Manager, Kim Nazarchyk 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 2nd by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The motion was carried unanimously.

IV. Public Comments:

There was no public comments.

V. Consent Agenda:

1. Consider approval of the February 2, 2010 Town Council Minutes.
2. Consider approval of the February 16, 2010 Town Council Minutes.
3. Consider approval of the January 31, 2010 Financial Report.

Council Member Sara Piland made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as stated. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Willie Geddie. The motion was carried unanimously.

VI. Discussion Agenda:

Agenda Item #1:

Briefing by Mr. Morgan Johnson, Chairman Eastover Sanitary District.

Mr. Morgan Johnson gave the Town Council an update on the Eastover Sanitary District water projects. Mr. Johnson stated that the Local Government Commission (LGC) is meeting tonight to approve the water projects. He stated that there are four contracts amounting to eight million dollars and will be approved at the Preconstruction Conference on March 24, 2010 at the Eastover Community Center. Mr. Johnson said the ground breaking ceremony will be held on March 30, 2010 and the residents receiving water will get an invitation to attend. The keynote speaker will be Congressman Mike McIntyre, and Mayor Charles McLaurin will also be asked to speak at the ceremony.

Agenda Item #2:

Case No. 10-011: Consideration of the Jacob Adam Allen Property, Zero Lot Line Subdivision Review – County Subdivision Ordinance; Zoning: R6A; Acreage: 1.47 +/-; Location: 4167 & 4171 Dunn Road, (Eastover).

Mr. Matt Rooney of the Cumberland County Planning & Inspections Department stated that the property owner wishes to withdraw Case No.10-011 at this time.

Agenda Item #3:

Case No. 10-012. Consideration of the Alonza & Gwendolyn Edwards Property, Group Development Review – County Subdivision; Zoning: R40A; Acreage; 2.01 +/-; Location: 2280 & 2290 Tom Geddie Road. (Eastover).

Mr. Matt Rooney from the Cumberland County Planning & Inspections Department briefed the Town Council on Case No. 10-012. Mr. Rooney stated that the developer is requesting approval of a placement of a manufactured home on the property, which currently has an existing home and two accessory structures. He stated that the property has 249.18 feet of road frontage along SR 1721 (Tom Geddie Road). Mr. Rooney said this property has Eastover Sanitary District's water available along the front of the property within the right-of-way of US HWY 301 (Dunn Road), sewer will be provided by a septic system. He stated that the property owners are planning two principal structures on the lot. Mr. Rooney stated that the staff conditionally approved Case No. 10-012, subject to the conditions contained on the condition sheet.

Council Member Sara Piland made a motion to approve Case No.10-012 as presented by Mr. Rooney subject to the conditions. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Donald Hudson. The motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #4:

Presentation by Mr. Kim Nazarchyk briefed the Council concerning the development plan for a commercial district.

Mr. Kim Nazarchyk stated that he is now in the process of preparing a list of businesses we would like to have in our downtown district. He stated that he is also looking at other towns and reading their ordinances, zoning, and designs, and looking at the ones we have. Mr. Nazarchyk stated that he hopes to; (1) recommend the businesses we want in the downtown district to the Council; (2) decide what type of zoning we may want; (3) to strengthen the codes that the County already has in place.

Agenda Item #5:

Consider approval of “Proclamation” to designate March 8-14, 2010 as “Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Awareness Week”.

Mayor Charles McLaurin asked for a motion to approve the Proclamation declaring March 8-14, 2010 as “Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week”.

Council Member Willie Geddie made a motion to approve the proposed Proclamation. Council Member Sara Piland 2nd the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Council Member Willie Geddie read the Proclamation to the Town Council and attendees. Mr. Geddie stated that the local MS Society would be holding a fund raiser for Multiple Sclerosis Research and a walk for MS in May 2010 at the Kiwanis club property (on Fort Bragg Road). He stated that he would love to have a group of people from Eastover to walk and represent the Town.

Agenda Item #6:

Discuss Travel Policy.

Mr. Kim Nazarchyk briefed the Town Council on the proposed Travel Policy and Procedures. He stated it is written simply, it is functional, and the IRS standards and goals are applied.

Council Member Sara Piland made a motion to approve the Travel Policy & Procedures Manual as written. Council Member Benny Pearce 2nd the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

VII. Receive Mayors Update:

Mayor McLaurin stated that Ms. Judy McLaurin designed the flag for the Town of Eastover. He stated that he wants the Town to reimburse Ms. McLaurin for her expenses incurred on this project. The council agreed that Ms. McLaurin should be reimbursed.

Mayor McLaurin stated that he and Mr. Nazarchyk rode around Eastover and found lots of trouble spots that need to be cleaned up.

Mayor McLaurin stated that Heritage Day will be held at the Eastover Ball Park this year. He stated that the Town will be a sponsor. He said the ballpark was built in 1970.

Mayor McLaurin stated that the walking trail at the Eastover Ball Park will be completed the 1st week in April.

Mayor McLaurin stated that Deputy Dave Ables is back as a Deputy in Eastover. Deputy Terrance Martin was promoted and is now the Deputy for Wade, Falcon and Godwin. He stated that he wanted to send a letter of commendation to the Sheriff's office for Deputy Martin, as he has done an outstanding job for Eastover.

Mayor McLaurin stated that there is a group of BRAC people coming to Fayetteville from Atlanta, GA (FORCES Command) to see all the areas around Fayetteville. He stated that these are the people who may possibly move here with FORCES Command. Mayor McLaurin stated that perhaps Howard Piland Jr. could make a video of Eastover to hand out to the people as they visit Eastover.

Mayor McLaurin stated that he had been at J. W. Seabrook Elementary School today reading Dr. Seuss books to kindergarten students. He stated he enjoyed it very much.

Mayor McLaurin stated that the "Citizens Advisory Committee" will meet following the Town Council meeting this evening.

VIII. Receive Council Members Updates:

None.

IX. Receive Town Managers Update:

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that we will be getting an upgrade to our CitiPak Software from Southern Software this year or possibly in the next fiscal year. The cost for training and upgrade will be approximately \$2,700.00. He stated that he feels this is something we need to do since we have already invested in this software.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that the Department of Transportation (DOT) has signed off on the street lights. Mr. David Vencill of Progress Energy has got to get more poles, and this should happen quickly.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that Mr. Cecil Combs from the Cumberland County Department of Planning & Inspections will contact the owners of property that need to be cleaned up. He stated that they are going to start on areas located on Dunn Road first. He stated that they are also going to be concentrating on abandoned vehicles in yards.

Council Member Benny Pearce stated that the fire department has an agreement which must be signed by property owners when their property is burned for training purposes. He asked if the Town could have wording added to that agreement notifying the property owner

they had a specific amount of time to clean-up debris, before the Town would get involved.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that County Ordinances already covered this, but would investigate to determine if we could include this language. Attorney John Jackson encouraged having both husband and wife sign the agreement if property was jointly owned.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that the new doors and exit lights have been installed in the Eastover Community Center. The Community Center now meets the Fire Marshall's Code.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that the School Board Facilities Committee had approved the lease agreement for the property behind the Community Building, and it would go to the School Board meeting on March 9, 2010 for a final vote. He stated that he anticipates no objection to the lease. Mr Nazarchyk stated that the initial term is for 3 years, and automatically renewable annually after that. He said these terms are standard in the School Board agreements.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that the Sales Tax revenue will be greatly reduced per Howard Abner of the Cumberland County Finance Office. This will result in reduced revenues for all towns.

X. Consider a motion to adjourn.

Council Member Donald Hudson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Benny Pearce. The vote was unanimous.

Town of Eastover

Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor

Attest: _____, **Town Clerk**
Jane F. Faircloth