

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 1, 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 – June 1, 2010**

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members Donald Hudson, Sara Piland, Willie Geddie, Cheryl Hudson, Lawrence Buffaloe, and Benny Pearce were in attendance at the June 1, 2010 Eastover Town Council Meeting. Council Member Sara Piland became ill prior to the meeting and was excused from the meeting. A quorum was present at the Town Council Meeting. Also in attendance were 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 June 1, 2010 meeting of the Eastover Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

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

Council Member Cheryl Hudson gave the invocation and led the attendees in The Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Approval of Agenda:**

Council Member Benny Pearce made a motion that the Agenda be approved with Item #1 on the Discussion Agenda deleted, as Mr. Johnson was unable to attend. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Donald Hudson. The motion was carried unanimously.

**IV. Public Comments:**

There were no public comments.

**V. Consent Agenda:**

1. Consider approval of the May 4, 2010 Town Council Minutes.
2. Consider approval of the May 18, 2010 Special Town Council Meeting.
3. Consider approval of the April 30, 2010 Financial Report.

Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as stated. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The motion was carried unanimously.

## **VI. Recognition:**

Mayor McLaurin recognized Bruce & Kathy Sykes for their donation of the first town flag. He presented a certificate of appreciation to Mr. & Mrs. Sykes.

Mayor McLaurin recognized the Boy Scout Troop #745 which is working on their Merit Badge. There were ten Scouts and two Scout Leaders in attendance.

## **VII. Discussion Agenda:**

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

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

Mayor McLaurin stated that Mr. Morgan Johnson would not be present at the meeting. This item was deleted from the June 1, 2010 Agenda.

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

#### **Briefing by Mr. Richie Hines, District Engineer for the NC Department of Transportation.**

Mr. Hines briefed the Town Council concerning future projects that will affect our Town and community. He stated that one of the long range plans is the widening of Middle Road and Underwood Road. He stated that there is no funding and no environmental study has been done on this future project. He said the widening will be 30 feet from center, plus another 10 feet and another 10 feet in reserve, a total of 50 feet.

Mr. Matt Rooney from the Cumberland County Planning & Inspections Department stated that he would do a follow-up on this future project.

Council Member Benny Pearce informed Mr. Hines about a dangerous intersection at Dobbin Holmes Road and Middle Road. Mr. Hines stated that he would mention this to Mr. Lee Jernigan at the Department of Transportation.

### **Agenda Item #3:**

#### **Public Hearing: Discussion and approval of Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.**

Mr. Kim Nazarchyk, Town Manager presented the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 to the Town Council. He stated that the proposed budget for fiscal year July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011 is \$1,204,500. He stated that this is a 5.4% (\$69,400) less than budget adopted for previous year. He said this mainly is a result of decreased Local Option Sales Tax.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that we have six sources of revenue for the Town. Three of those provide 98% of total estimated income. The revenue taxes are as follows:

**Ad Volorem Tax:** Mr. Nazarchyk stated the value is \$279,899,940, an increase of \$5.3M from last year. The Town's tax rate will remain at \$0.205 per \$100 evaluation, and this will equate to approximately 45% of our total budget. He stated estimating an overall 93% collection rate; property taxes will provide \$540,800 in revenue for the Town. He stated after passing on 52.0% to the Fire Department, 1.5% to Cumberland County for collecting, and 24% to Parks & Recreation, the Town will keep \$129,792 (24%).

**NC Franchise Tax:** Mr. Nazarchyk stated that there Franchise Tax is based on historical data and is 5% less than budget for previous year.

**Local Option Sales Tax:** Mr. Nazarchyk stated we budgeted \$135K less than last year, equal to anticipated income this year. He stated that approximately 42% of this will be passed on to other municipalities in /Cumberland County, about \$221K.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that expenses allocated to Administration and the five services provided by the Town are as follows:

**Administration:** Mr. Nazarchyk stated the Administration category includes a merit increase for the Clerk and two part-time employees, and includes funding for a 20 hour part-time administrative assistant. Mr. Nazarchyk stated that this also includes increased budget for utilities and rent for office expansion, and anticipated building maintenance and repair.

**Zoning and Planning:** No increase in cost.

**Police:** Mr. Nazarchyk stated this includes an additional \$20,800 for expanded coverage (852 hours, 104 days, 14.5 weeks)

**Street:** Mr. Nazarchyk stated that this includes lighting and electrical outlets for holiday lighting.

**Fire Department & Parks & Recreation:** Mr. Nazarchyk stated that the Eastover and Vander Fire Departments, and Parks & Recreation would receive funding at current levels.

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Donald Hudson made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was unanimously approved.

Council Member Benny Pearce made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget Ordinance for the Town of Eastover. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The motion was carried unanimously.

#### **Agenda Item #4:**

##### **Approval of Budget Amendment No. 2010-04.**

Mr. Kim Nazarchyk stated that the Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 2010-04 is to amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Administration 10-420-00	10,580	
Fire Department 10-530-00	11,100	
Parks & Recreation 10-620-00	5,120	
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,800</b>	

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that this would result in a net increase of \$21,300 in the expenditures of the General Fund. He stated that to provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will be increased.

<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Property Taxes Current Year 10-301-00	20,000	
Taxes 1 <sup>st</sup> Prior Year 10-301-01	500	
Tax Penalties & Interest 10-317-00	800	
NC Beer & Wine Tax 10-350-00	5,500	
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,800</b>	

He stated that the total General Fund Budget with amendment is \$1,380,400.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve Budget Amendment No. 2010-04. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Donald Hudson. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item #5:**

**Update on Woodland Park.**

Mayor McLaurin thanked Mr. Daniel West for all the hard work he has done on Woodland Park. Mr. West stated that he has put two picnic tables at the park.

**Agenda Item #6:**

**Discussion concerning Town Hall plans.**

No discussion was held concerning the Town Hall plans, because all Council Members were not present.

**Agenda Item #7:**

**Discussion concerning the "Citizens Advisory Committee".**

Mayor McLaurin stated the Council should contact Mr. Mark Fisher, President of the Citizens Advisory Committee to discuss the plans for future projects.

**VIII. Receive Mayors Update:**

Mayor McLaurin stated that the Eastover Civic Association did not have a final figure on profits made on Heritage Day.

Mayor McLaurin thanked the Boy Scout Troop 745 for raising the American Flag on Heritage Day.

**IX. Receive Council Members Updates:**

Council Member Benny Pearce thanked the Boy Scouts Troop 745 for the work they do at the Averagesboro Battle Ground.

**X. Receive Town Managers Update:**

Mr. Kim Nazarchyk stated that we had received the 2009-2010 Contract from McFadyen & Sumner CPAs to audit the Town of Eastover.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that there are some dead limbs on trees at the Community Center that need to come down.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that our Fund Balance at the end of June 2010 should be where the Local Government Commission (LGC) requires it to be.

Attorney John Jackson congratulated Mr. Nazarchyk for getting the budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 approved on schedule and getting it passed early in June.

**XI. Consider a motion to adjourn.**

Council Member Benny Pearce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The vote was unanimous.

**Town of Eastover**

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**Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor**

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