

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 5, 2013, 7:00 p.m.
Eastover Community Center**

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

MINUTES OF MEETING – February 5, 2013

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members Willie Geddie, Sara Piland, Cheryl Hudson, Donald Hudson, Lawrence Buffaloe and Benny Pearce were in attendance at the February 5, 2013, Eastover Town Council Meeting. A quorum was present. Also in attendance were Attorney John Jackson, Mr. Kim Nazarchyk Town Manager, and Ms. Jane Faircloth Town Clerk.

I. Call to Order:

Mayor Charles McLaurin called the February 5, 2013 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 Benny Pearce asked all in attendance to have a moment of silent prayer, and then Boy Scout Troop #745 led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Agenda:

Council Member Benny Pearce made a motion to approve the Agenda as stated. The motion was 2nd by Cheryl Hudson. The vote was unanimous for approval.

IV. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Mayor McLaurin asked the Boy Scout Troop #745 from Salem United Methodist Church to come forward and introduce them, and tell something about them. The scouts were Joshua Hamilton, Christin Tew, Jacob Jayne, and Mitchell Pilon. They stated that they were trying to earn a Communication Badge. Mrs. Lisa Jayne the Merit Badge Counselor was also present.

Council Member Benny Pearce stated that this Boy Scout Troop #745 has also worked at the Avesboro Battle Ground on numerous occasions. Mr. Pearce stated that he is very proud of these young boys for all the work they do.

V. Consent Agenda:

1. Consider approval of the January 7, 2013 Minutes.
2. Consider approval of the December 31, 2012 Financial Report.

Council Member Sara Piland made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The vote was unanimous for approval.

VI. Discussion Agenda:

Agenda Item #1:

Presentation by Kelly Bah, Executive Director of Sustainable Sandhills.

Ms. Bah briefed the Council on the Air quality in Cumberland County and EPA's Ozone Advance Program. She stated that Ozone Advance is a collaborative effort by EPA, states, tribes, and local governments to encourage emission reductions in ozone attainment areas, to help them continue to meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS).

Ms. Bah explained what participation entailed and they are as follows:

(1) Build upon Early Action Compact Program and other initiatives to move quickly toward implementing steps that may reduce ozone levels and increase public awareness.

(2) Develop a "path forward" within a year.

(3) Implement path forward measures/programs as soon as possible.

(4) Informal status check-ins at least annually.

Ms. Bah stated that strategies as follows are just a beginning.

- Plan and implement car charging stations for electric car.
- Natural gas stations.
- Increase urban reforestations.
- Adopt a green building standard.
- Increase local food consumption and support.
- Increase use and knowledge of public transportation.
- Create renewable energy plan.
- Create plan for turning wood waste into energy.
- Increased bike/walking paths.
- Increase and support green businesses.
- Composting program and many more.

Ms. Bah presented a sample Resolution for the Town to consider and sign or prepare our own Resolution stating that the Town of Eastover fully supports the Ozone Advance Programs

as approved by the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners and will participate in the development and implementation of an Action Plan, which will reduce ground-level ozone concentrations in preparation for the upcoming 2016 8-hour ozone standard.

Council Member Sara Piland made a motion to approve the Resolution by Cumberland County, and FAMPO for Air Quality Control. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Donald Hudson. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #2:

Discussion of Sales Tax Disbursement.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that the Mayor had received a letter from the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners stating that the sales tax distribution agreement among the county and each of the municipalities expires at the end of the current fiscal year. He further stated that G.S. 105A-472 provides that any action by the County Commissioners to change the method of distribution from the current per capita method to the ad valorem method must be taken in the month of April. He stated the Commissioners have a deadline, and want to get it in place by the date of the second meeting of the Board of Commissioners on April 15, 2013. Mr. Nazarchyk stated that the Commissioners letter also stated that under the existing agreement, the county obligated to maintain the per capita method of distribution and each municipality agreed that if it annexed it would reimburse all the other parties and each municipality agreed that if it annexed it would reimburse all the other parties fifty percent (50%) of the amount of the sales tax revenue lost to them under the per capita method as a result of the annexation. Mr. Nazarchyk stated that the County is proposing that we continue with an agreement that increases the annexation reimbursement percentage from 50% to 60% with other terms remaining as established in the existing agreement.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that the Charter for the Town of Eastover states that June 30, 2013 our agreement ends as it was and incorporation not annexation. The area (Koenig Property) annexed by the Town of Eastover had no houses on the land when annexed.

Council Member Sara Piland stated that she, Council Member Benny Pearce and Mr. Mac Williams agreed to put a clause in the law until the agreement expires June 30, 2013 for our incorporation. She stated that the termination date of June 30, 2013 is State Law. She asked that we put the County on notice that we have met our obligation by law.

Attorney John Jackson stated that G.S. 8.5 ends obligation. Mr. Jackson stated that Lee County is going Ad Valorem, just for our information.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that there will be a Mayor's Coalition Meeting in Hope Mills on Feb 21, 2013 to discuss this issue.

Agenda Item #3:

Discuss Strategic Planning Training

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that there will be two Strategic Planning Sessions for Elected Officials to be held March 7, 2013 in Ashville, NC and March 18, in Greenville, NC at a cost of \$180.00 per person, duration 1 day. He also stated that we must register within the next two weeks.

Council Member Sara Piland stated that for those who have never attended a Strategic Planning Course, she would advise them to do so. It is a very beneficial course, and can walk you through a strategic cycle of planning, implementing and evaluating results. Participants will recognize how components of the planning and evaluation process link together, clarify roles and responsibilities for each step in the planning, performance measurement, budgeting and evaluating process. Council Member Piland recommended that all elected officials attend the course. Council Member Piland stated that Greenville would be more cost effective, as we could travel in same day.

Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion that the Town pays for the Strategic Planning Course for the Council Members, Mayor, Town Manager and Town Clerk, if they wanted to attend. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Benny Pearce. The vote was unanimous for approval.

VII. RECEIVE MAYOR'S UPDATE.

Mayor McLaurin stated that the stones for the Community Building will be delivered soon.

Mayor McLaurin stated that the land acquisition for the school property is in the works. He stated that Attorney Jackson will meet this week concerning the acquisition.

Mayor McLaurin stated the Mr. Chuck Furr has started the project on Dunn Road.

Mayor McLaurin stated that he and Council Member Willie Geddie read to the children at Armstrong Elementary School last week.

VIII. RECEIVE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE.

None.

IX. RECEIVE TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that the NC League of Municipalities is asking for \$100.00 to help with attorney fees to fight Duke and Progress Energy Wholesale Rate Increase.

Council Member made a motion for the Town Manager to authorize payment of \$100.00 to help with attorney fees for the NC League of Municipalities. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that the Decoration Committee had decided to select the two loop bows for the town wreaths. He stated that the 33% discount is good only until March 15, 2013.

He has been assured that the bows will last from 5 to 7 years at a cost of \$4,677.00.

Council Member Sara Piland made a motion for the Town Manager to purchase the 4 loop bows at a cost of \$4,677.00. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The vote was unanimous for approval.

X. CONSIDER A MOTION TO ADJOURN.

A motion to adjourn was made by Lawrence Buffaloe 8:12 p.m. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Town of Eastover

Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor

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