

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting
Monday, June 4, 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 – June 4, 2013

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members Sara Piland, Cheryl Hudson, Donald Hudson, Lawrence Buffaloe, Willie Geddie, and Benny Pearce were in attendance at the June 4, 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 June 4, 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 Cheryl Hudson asked all in attendance to have a moment of silent prayer, and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Agenda:

Council Member Donald Hudson 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:

None.

V. Consent Agenda:

1. Consider approval of the March 13, 2013 Minutes.
2. Consider approval of the April 2, 2013 Minutes.
2. Consider approval of the April 9, 2013 Minutes.
3. Consider approval of the March 31, 2013 Financial Report.

Council Member Donald Hudson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as so

stated. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Sara Piland. The vote was unanimous for approval.

VI. Discussion Agenda:

Agenda Item #1:

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

Mr. Morgan Johnson gave an update on to the Council on the Eastover Sanitary District (ESD). He stated that Operations & Maintenance, Administration, Collecting & Billing now have six months experience under their belt. He stated that the Director Connie Spell is doing an exceptional job. He stated that their part-time person is going to be full-time now, and they are going to hire another part-time person. Mr. Johnson said that Connie Spell serves as Director and Budget Officer, and the Finance Officer is Mr. Bob Tucker from Cumberland County. These two individuals have prepared a great budget for the Eastover Sanitary District which included no pay raises at this time for employees; cost of water utility new Tap fee is now \$1750.00; Tank maintenance in the amount of \$10,000; \$70,000 for interconnect with PWC in the event of a catastrophe. Mr. Johnson stated that they have a budget of 11.8 million for fiscal year 2014. He said there will be no price increase and no change in Dunn charges. He stated that a Public Hearing: Fiscal Year 2014 Budget will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. at the Eastover Community Center.

Mr. Johnson stated that ESD physically has 2440 (82%) water customers, and 428 out of 523 sewer hook ups.

Agenda Item #2:

2. PUBLIC HEARING: Fiscal Year 2014 Budget (June 1, 2013 – July 31, 2014)

Mayor Charles McLaurin **opened** the Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014)

Mayor McLaurin asked the Clerk if anyone had signed up to speak for or against Fiscal Year 2014 Budget. The Clerk replied no.

Mayor McLaurin asked if there were any further discussions among the Council. Mr. Nazarchyk stated that we would have the five basic services, Fire, Street lighting, Police, Administration and Planning & Zoning. He stated the Eastover Tax rate will remain at 20.5 cents per \$100 evaluation. There will be a 2% Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) for all employees. He also stated that 8% of revenue will be put toward a Reserve Account for a Town Hall.

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to **close** the Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2014 Budget.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to **Close** the Public Hearing. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Sara Piland. The motion was unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to **approve or disapprove** the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget and Amendment for the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget (June 1, 2013 – July 31, 2014).

Council Member Sara Piland made a motion to approve the FY2014 Budget and Amendment as stated. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The motion was unanimously approved by Council.

Agenda Item #3:

Consider Audit Contract for Fiscal Year 2013

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that we have had a good working relationship with McFadyen & Sumner CPAs PA. Mr. David Maxwell, CPA of the McFadyen & Sumner CPAs PA Firm is our Auditor. The cost of the Audit has increased \$500.00 over last year, but feels sure they will earn these funds, as the State requires much more than the past.

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve or disapprove the Contract.

Council Member Benny Pearce made a motion to approve the Contract with McFadyen & Sumner CPAs PA Firm to do the Audit for the Town of Eastover for Fiscal Year 2013. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The motion was unanimously approved by Council.

Agenda Item #4:

Consider Cumberland County Sheriff's Contract for FY2014.

Mr. Nazarchyk briefed the Council on the FY2014 Sheriff's Contract for a Deputy for the Town of Eastover. He stated that the dedicated Deputy will be on duty from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and Saturday and Sunday will be covered by a different Deputy. He also stated that he budgeted for additional coverage when needed. The contract cost is \$1,200.00 over last year's contract. He stated that he recommends the Council approve the contract as stated.

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve or disapprove the contract with the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office for Fiscal Year 2014.

Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to approve the contract with the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office for Fiscal Year 2014. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Donald Hudson. The motion was unanimously approved by Council.

Agenda Item #5:

Consider a Resolution for a Capital Reserve Account.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that he plans to establish a specific account for \$900,000 for a Town Hall which will be approximately 4,500 square feet. Funds applied to this account will be specified only for a Town Hall, or other Capital purposes if amended. These funds are restricted for a specific purpose only. Mr. Nazarchyk stated that \$85,000 per year will be added to this account.

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve or disapprove establishment of a Capital Reserve Account.

Council Member Sara Piland made a motion to approve the establishment of a Capital Reserve Account. The motion was approved by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The motion was unanimously approved by Council.

VII. RECEIVE MAYOR'S UPDATE.

Mayor McLaurin stated that he had officially heard that WALMART is not coming to Eastover. He said that this is a dead issue.

Mayor McLaurin stated that he wants the Ballpark Committee to meet and work with the Ballpark to resolve issues.

Mayor McLaurin stated that Armstrong School had planned to have the 5th Grade "Crossing Over" ceremony at the Talley Woodland Park; however weather issues have changed their plans. It will be held Friday at 11:00 a.m. in the school Gymnasium.

Mayor McLaurin stated that two picnic tables have been donated to the Town. He stated that they will be put on top of the hill of Talley woodland Park, on the school grounds.

Mayor McLaurin stated that he would like for some of the Council to visit some Towns and see their Town Halls. He said we could get some ideas from this trip. Council Member Sara Piland stated that Archer Lodge has already built a Town Hall, and they have only been a Town a few years. She stated that they got a low interest rate loan through the Local Government Commission (LGC). Ms. Piland stated that she would like to see a History Room/Library in our Town Hall.

Mayor McLaurin stated that he wants the signage to keep off the flower garden and plaque for the Community Center purchased. The Town Manager is going to take care of this.

Mayor McLaurin asked the Town Manager with the consent of the Council to check into getting welcome signs at the two main entrances on HWY 301, and Middle Road entrance.

VIII. RECEIVE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE.

None.

IX. RECEIVE TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that he had completed the Request for Qualification (RFQ) for the water run-off.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that he would keep the original Advisory Committee and add new people interested with as many as 30 to 35 people. The Advisory Committee will serve as an advisor to the Architect for the proposed Town Hall. The Committee should be completed by the last day of August. He stated that we could put an advertisement in the newspaper and put out flyers of anyone interested in being on the Committee.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that he had talked with the owner of the brick house on the corner of School Street. He stated that he talked with the wife this visit, and she was more receptive to the idea of giving an easement to the Town. He stated that he feels good about getting the easement.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that a Special Meeting will be held on June 18, 2013 to discuss Goal Setting. The meeting will be held Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. at the Eastover Community Center.

X. CONSIDER A MOTION TO ADJOURN.

A motion to adjourn was made by Cheryl Hudson at 7:55 p.m. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Town of Eastover

Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor

Attest: _____, Town Clerk
Jane F. Faircloth