

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 06, 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 – August 6, 2013

Mayor Charles McLaurin, Council Members Sara Piland, Cheryl Hudson, Lawrence Buffaloe, Willie Geddie, Donald Hudson, Benny Pearce were in attendance at the August 06, 2013, Eastover Town Council Meeting. A quorum was present. Also in attendance were Mr. Kim Nazarchyk Town Manager, the Town Clerk Jane Faircloth, Administrative Assistant Debra Schmidt, Attorney Thomas Neville, Mr. Matt Rooney and Patricia Speicher from the Cumberland County Planning & Inspections Department.

I. Call to Order:

Mayor Charles McLaurin called the August 06, 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 Sara Piland asked all in attendance to have a moment of silent prayer, and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Charles McLaurin stated the “Eastover All Stars” Ball Team would not be present at this time and they will be recognized at a later date. Mayor Charles McLaurin turned over the meeting over to Mr. Kim Nazarchyk.

Mr. Kim Nazarchyk introduced the new part time administrative assistant for the Town of Eastover, Mrs. Debra Schmidt. She is a retired Federal Employee with 37 years of service, and 1 1/2 years with the Clerk of Court, Cumberland County. She has been in Fayetteville for many years and experience in extensive budget and long range strategic planning. She will learn the things that the Clerk does and learn the FMS accounting system. She will join us in the Town Council meetings and Board of Adjustments meetings.

Mayor Charles McLaurin introduced Attorney Tom Neville from Linden who is representing Attorney John Jackson tonight in his absence.

III. Approval of Agenda:

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

IV. Public Comments:

Mayor Charles McLaurin asked the Clerk if there were any speakers for public comments. The Clerk stated we have 3 people signed up to speak. All public comments were relating to Community Watch.

Speaker #1: Mr. Michael Mason, 2774 Gobbler Lane, Eastover, NC, stated they are experiencing quite a bit of thefts and has been a lot of home break-ins in our area. He handed out a call report from the Sherriff's Department by address which contained the street, call time and nature of dispatch. He said this report is handed out at the community watch. It is in alphabetical number and shows the problem addresses. He solicited proposals from the Town Council. Mayor Charles McLaurin stated that the problem is that these individuals are repeat offenders, punished again and again and it is like a revolving door. Mr. Michael Mason stated to disregard 3406 Dunn Road, there are a lot of calls at that address but it is just a cell phone tower. Mayor Charles McLaurin asked about the 550 area on I-95. Mr. Michael Mason said don't know what the code is but one is a wreck, looks like they are making stops at this location and the number of calls. The codes are 911, emergency calls, and hang-ups.

Speaker #2: Mr. Randy Lee, 4225 Dunn Road, Eastover, NC discussed the neighborhood watch program and commended Michael Mason for stepping up and ensuring citizens are aware. He stated that we need to step up to protect our citizens and property. He presented a recommendation to the Town Council to consider the "COPS" (Citizens on Patrol) Program. It is a nationwide program for officers and does routine safety checks. He feels that we can implement this program to fight the criminals. This program will require manpower. We could request a petition for residences to donate a good used vehicle to patrol. Have cops use their own vehicles with magnetic signs indicating they are on patrol. Use golf cart to patrol the area at very low costs and get neighborhood involvement. They can be licensed and titled. Set up schedules for each six members, log in all contacts, and have volunteers work closely with our deputy

Speaker #3: Ms. Gertrude Hammond, 1004 Ashbury, Eastover, NC, is the representative for the Eastover Community Watch Program and Welcome Committee. She is here to share her ideas for the welcome committee. She stated she wants ideas on what the community welcome package should look like. She recommended support from the Town Council considering an additional link to the Eastover website and individual page, welcome letter signed by the mayor with some crime fighting and safety ideas. She would like to tap into resources in the Town Hall for new members. Michael Mason has offered to provide information on what houses are selling in the community. She was asking for additional support on how to make this welcome package a success.

V. Consent Agenda:

1. Consider approval of the July 11, 2013 Minutes.
2. Consider approval of the June 30, 2013 Financial Report. See Exhibit B.

Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as so stated. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Donald Hudson. The vote was unanimous for approval.

VI. Discussion Agenda:

Agenda Item #1:

1. Briefing by Mr. Danny Matthews, Eastover Fire Department (EFD)

Mr. Danny Matthews said the Eastover Fire Department (EFD) Board of Elections will be held in May 2014. He also stated that the EFD provides response and mitigation to emergency situation in the Town of Eastover. He stated that EFD responded to over 1099 calls in the past 12 months and has an annual budget of \$452,000. The station is manned 24 hours a day with a minimum of 2 firefighters, with a manning of 3 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Rescue operations are handled with 1 heavy rescue vehicle, 1 light rescue vehicle and a boat for water operations. They provide free blood pressure checks and give out free smoke detectors. To support their firefighters they have a fire fighters fund which is mandated by the NC State Department Firefighters Association. Funds for support functions are generated from donations, sell of cans, and on site vending machine proceeds. Tax dollars are strictly for fire and emergency response. Mayor Charles McLaurin thanked him for a great service the firemen provided during his fire.

Agenda Item #2:

2. Discussion of "Citizens Advisory Committee" for the Town Hall.

Mr. Kim Nazarchyk stated that he is in the process of preparing names. He will have 25 names to present to the Town Council before the next meeting in September. The architects think that 18-20 members are a good working group for the project.

Agenda Item #3:

3. Discuss "National Community Health Center Week".

Mr. Kim Nazarchyk discussed the Stedman-Wade Health Services Inc. letter dated July 30, 2013. They are hosting a National Health Center Week during August 11-17th, 2013 and are requesting support to make their Health Center Week a success.

VII. RECEIVE MAYOR'S UPDATE.

Mayor Charles McLaurin presented Mr. Walt Brinker as a "Good Samaritan". Mr. Walt Brinker went to the podium and gave a brief speech. He helps people broken down on the roads, vehicle out of gas, and electrical vehicle problems. He helped 4 people broken down on I-95 on Sunday. He does not charge a fee and does this as a courtesy to the community.

Mayor Charles McLaurin stated that he had would like to honor Mr. Daniel West for his work at the park with a plaque during the next Town Council meeting in September 2013.

Mayor Charles McLaurin said the surrounding towns are losing mayors in the upcoming elections. They are City of Fayetteville Mayor Tony Chavonne, Town of Godwin Mayor Debra Tew Godwin, and Town of Wade Mayor Huell Aekins.

Mayor Charles McLaurin presented a motion to allow the Town Manager authorization to spend less than \$500.00 on community watch. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The vote was unanimous for approval.

VIII. RECEIVE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE.

Mr. Mike Mason stated that a "Code Red" alert is sent to the community. He stated that maybe an extra deputy is needed in the community. There were 4 lawn mowers stolen just last week.

IX. RECEIVE TOWN MANAGERS UPDATE.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that Cape Fear Eye Associates, Village Family Dental, Eastover Drug, and Eastover Family Care are going to have a "Back to School Block Party & Open House", in the parking lot at their location on August 10, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. There will be games, free hot dogs and face painting. It is open to the public.

Mr. Nazarchyk discussed the back flow valve at the community center which is going to costs \$60.00 for the inspection. He stated that some businesses are not even aware they need this inspection. The Request for Qualification for the water run off study will be reviewed by Council Members Benny Pearce, Lawrence Buffaloe, and Willie Geddie.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that he has 9 replies from architects for the Town Hall. They will be reviewed by Mayor Charles McLaurin, Council Members Cheryl Hudson and Sara Piland.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that he had contacted three surveyors, and had received cost estimates of \$400-\$650 to survey the one acre lot being donated to the Town by the Culbreth family. He asked the Town Council to approve contracting with George Lott, who had surveyed the park property for \$400.00. Motion was made by Council Member Cheryl Hudson and 2nd by Council Member Sara Piland.

X. CONSIDER A MOTION TO ADJOURN.

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe at 7:40 p.m. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The vote was unanimous for approval.

_____, **Administrative Assistant**
Debra R. Schmidt

Town of Eastover

Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor

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