

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 9, 2014 7:00 p.m.
Eastover Community Center
x☐ Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Presiding
Council Members: x☐ Lawrence J. Buffaloe, x☐ Willie S. Geddie,
x☐ Cheryl C. Hudson, x☐ Randy P. Lee,
x☐ Benny M. Pearce, and x☐ Sara E. Piland**

MINUTES OF MEETING – December 9, 2014

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members Willie Geddie, Sara Piland, Cheryl Hudson, Randy Lee, Lawrence Buffaloe, and Benny Pearce were in attendance at the December 9, 2014, Eastover Town Council Meeting. A quorum was present. Also in attendance were Attorney Timothy Smith, Mr. Kim Nazarchyk Town Manager, and Ms. Jane Faircloth Town Clerk/Finance Officer.

I. Call to Order:

Mayor Charles McLaurin called the December 9, 2014 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 gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Agenda:

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove the Agenda as stated.

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

IV. Public Comments:

No public speakers.

V. Consent Agenda:

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove the Consent Agenda as stated.

Council Member Benny Pearce 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:

Presentation by Mr. David Maxwell, CPA from the McFadyen & Sumner, CPAs PA concerning the results of the Fiscal Year 2014 (1 July 2013- 30 June 2014) Audit for the Town of Eastover.

Mr. David Maxwell, CPA presented the Audit findings for the Town of Eastover. He stated that the Town had a clean audit, no impropriator findings. He commended the Town for a clean audit, and also commended the staff for a job well done. Mr. Maxwell stated that the State was impressed with our audit.

Mr. Maxwell stated that our 2013-2014 Revenues by source are as follows: 7% Other, 43% Property Tax, 40% Sales Tax and 10% Utility Franchise Tax, Telecommunications, Video Programming Sales Tax.

Mr. Maxwell stated that 31% of our Departmental Expenditures/Expenses are as follows: 18% Cultural & Recreational, 31% General Government, 49% Public Safety, 2% Economic/Physical Development & Transportation.

Agenda Item #2:

Consider approval of the 2015 Town Council Meeting Dates.

Mr. Nazarchyk presented to the Council the Town Council Meeting Dates for 2015. The meeting dates will be on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove the meeting schedule. Council Member Sara Piland made a motion to approve the schedule as presented. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #3:

Consider approval of the 2015 Holiday Dates.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that the holiday dates for 2015 are consistent with the State holidays and recommends approval.

Mayor asked for a motion to approve/disapprove the holiday schedule for 2015. Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to approve the State Holiday schedule as approved by the State. Council Member Benny Pearce 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #4:

Discussion on Zero Lot Line Ordinance.

Mr. Nazarchyk updated the Council on the proposed amendment to the current ZLL as Conditional Zoning as an information item. He stated that when the Council adopted this in May of 2013, it was directed mainly at new construction. Since that time Mr. Rooney has been made aware of some existing situations in which the 40% dedicated open space and the 20 Ft. buffer would not be practical. Mr. Nazarchyk cited a particular instance which may come to the Council in February.

The proposed amendment will be specific to parcels 5.0 acres or less with a minimum of two existing residential dwellings. This proposal will go to the County Planning on Tuesday, December 16th, and will come before the Eastover Town Council at the January 13th meeting.

Agenda Item #5:

Discussion on advertising in the “Up & Coming” Magazine booklet

The Town Council discussed and agreed to have a one page color add in the “Up & Coming” Weekly, Booklet at a cost of \$1,200.00. The ad will have a welcome letter from the Mayor and list the events that occur in the Town of Eastover. Dr. Linda McAllister was present representing the “Up & Coming” Weekly.

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve/disapprove the Town’s advertisement in the “Up & Coming” Weekly yearly booklet.

Council Member Sara Piland made a motion to approve the advertisement at a cost of \$1,200.00. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Randy Lee. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #6:

Discussion on Road signs for School Street.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that we need to request to the Department of Transportation (DOT) that we need signs, stating specific restrictions to trucks 3 axles or more to not use School Street.

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve or disapprove the request to DOT for the proper signage.

Council Member Sara Piland made a motion for the Town Manager to request signs restricting trucks with 3 axles or more from traveling on School. A 2nd to the motion was made by Council Member Randy Lee. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #7:

Discussion on the Eastover Community Parks Association.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that Council Members Benny Pearce and Lawrence Buffaloe, and Mayor Charles McLaurin have been negotiating with the Ball Park board. He stated that two minor changes have been made to the draft agreement. A response is still pending from the Ball Park Association. The owner of the property wants 100 feet so he will not have to move structures. The sellers of the property would like this to be closed this February or March timeframe.

Agenda Item #8:

Discussion on the fence repair or replacement at the Eastover Community Center.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that we need to repair 900 to 1000 feet (487 linear feet) in material.

Mr. West stated that the current wooden fence has been their 10 years.

The Council discussed various fences (i.e. Black chain length fence; vinyl fence; wooden fence; wrought iron fence). The Council asked the Town Manager to get information and get back with them. The Council decided to Table this action until a later date.

VII. RECEIVE MAYOR'S UPDATE.

Mayor McLaurin stated that the Flea Drop will be on New Year's Eve. It will start 10:00 p.m. and the flea will drop at midnight.

Mayor McLaurin stated that the Eastover Fire Department is having a supper Friday December 12, 2014 and the Council is invited to attend.

Mayor McLaurin stated that Council Member Randy Lee will be at a Doctor Wednesday and Monday.

Mayor McLaurin stated that the Post Office is now open for business.

Mayor McLaurin stated that a safety sign should be installed on Middle Road.

Mayor McLaurin stated that DOT has trees hanging over Middle Road that need to be removed.

Mayor McLaurin stated that a welcome sign should be near Tranquil Acres.

Mayor McLaurin stated that he hopes the new Community Watch leader will be a retired Deputy that lives in Eastover.

Mayor McLaurin stated that he wishes a Merry Christmas to all.

VIII. RECEIVE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE.

None.

IX. RECEIVE TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that Architect Chris Frank will sign the contract tomorrow.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that we should have the Storm Water Draft in two weeks.

X. CONSIDER A MOTION TO ADJOURN.

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to adjourn. Council Member Benny Pearce made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Randy Lee. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Town of Eastover

Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor

Attest: _____, Town Clerk
Jane F. Faircloth