

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting  
Tuesday, February 10, 2015 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 – February 10, 2015**

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members Willie Geddie, Sara Piland, Cheryl Hudson, Randy Lee, Lawrence Buffaloe, and Benny Pearce were in attendance at the February 10, 2015, Eastover Town Council Meeting. A quorum was present. Also in attendance were Attorney Neil Yarborough, Mr. Kim Nazarchyk Town Manager, and Ms. Jane Faircloth Town Clerk/Finance Officer

**I. Call to Order:**

Mayor Charles McLaurin called the February 10, 2015 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 Randy Lee 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 Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to approve the Agenda as stated. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Benny Pearce. The vote was unanimous for approval.

**IV. Public Comments:**

Two public speakers signed up to speak, and they were Mr. Johnnie Sanderson (Owner of the ESD building) and Mr. Grant Singleton, Realtor. Mr. Singleton spoke about the Sanderson's in the process of purchasing the Eastover Garden Center, which is up for sale. Mr. Singleton stated that the property already has CP Zoning and will basically have the same usage as the Garden Center. Mrs. Linda Sanderson will run the business; have quilts, crafts, etc. inside the building for sale. Mr. Sanderson

stated that they may have mulch, etc. at the store. He is not sure if Mrs. Sanderson will have flowers for sale. Mr. Singleton stated that they are just giving a heads up to the Council, as to what will be moving into the vacant property and keeping them aware. Mr. Sanderson also stated that the Eastover Sanitary District just renewed their lease. The Council stated they appreciated the update.

#### **V. Consent Agenda:**

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

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as so stated. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Randy Lee. The vote was unanimous for approval.

#### **VI. Discussion Agenda:**

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

##### **Briefing by Ms. Dee Taylor and Ms. Sylvia McLean, Director of Cumberland County Community Development.**

Ms. McLean and Ms. Taylor briefed the Council on Cumberland County's Community Development Program. Ms. McLean stated that during the next five years, Cumberland County will receive grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Every five years, Cumberland County Community Development (CCCD) prepares a Consolidated Plan (5-year strategic plan) that outlines the needs in the community and how the County proposes to address those needs with the funding provided by HUD.

Ms. Taylor stated that they have distributed surveys and hope they get people to fill the survey out, and they are returned to them. By voicing your opinion on this survey, CCCD will be able to better serve your community. She stated that they want the survey's returned to them to access the needs of our citizens. Ms. Taylor stated that HUD funds have helped many of our citizens in past years. Most of the people helped are below the 8% Income level.

The Council thanked Ms. Taylor and Ms. McLean for their informative information.

**Agenda Item #2:**

**Briefing by Mr. Chris Frank, Architect for LSV Partnership.**

Architect Chris Frank addressed the Council regarding the New Town Hall design. Since the Council last met with him in July, 2014, he recapped the steps and progress made to date. Mr. Frank also provided a timeline for the various stages of the process. Due to longer than anticipated time for United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) loan approval, Mr. Franks predicted that actual construction would begin in February of 2016, and completion in December of that year. This is a very conservative estimate, and could flow much quicker depending on review time needed by USDA at the different stages. The USDA loan application process began in July of 2014, and a formal response is expected any day.

**Agenda Item #3:**

**Discussion on Board of Adjustment Meetings.**

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve setting a quarterly schedule for the Board of Adjustment Meetings and to have Randy Lee sworn in to replace Donald Hudson on the Board of Adjustment (BOA); to elect a Co-Chairman for the Board of Adjustment; and to also approve the minutes from the last Board of Adjustment meeting which was held on August 6, 2013.

The Council agreed that the next Board of Adjustment Meeting will meet at 6:30 p.m. on March 10, 2015 prior to the Town Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve a meeting schedule for the Board of Adjustment.

Council Member Sara Piland made a motion to approve a regularly scheduled meeting for the Board of Adjustment to meet quarterly; to have sworn in Mr. Randy Lee as a member of the BOA, to replace Mr. Donald Hudson; to elect a Co-Chairman for the Board of Adjustment, swear in the new Co-Chairman; and to approve the Minutes from the last BOA. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The vote was unanimous for approval.

**Agenda Item #4:**

**Briefing by Mr. Kim Nazarchyk on the replacement of the fence at the Eastover Community Center.**

Mr. Nazarchyk briefed the Council on concrete fences. He stated that the tinsel strength has not been tested, but it is 4000 PSI. Mr. Nazarchyk stated that the fence does not come in different colors. It comes in a natural sunlight color. The Council

stated they would like to see the fence; perhaps they could get a sample post, so they can see it for themselves. Council Member Sara Piland stated that she would drive to Dunn and see the fence. She stated that she still prefers the wrought iron fence. Mr. Nazarchyk stated that he will get better pictures of the fence and try to get a sample of the fence.

No further discussion was made concerning the fence, and Council decided to Table the item until the next meeting.

### **Agenda Item #5:**

#### **Briefing on the Eastover Ball Park Association.**

Mr. Nazarchyk briefed the Council concerning the Eastover Ball Park Association. He stated that they have agreed to the contract. He stated that the County will require that all land, which includes the new land to be purchased, be put together. Mr. Nazarchyk stated that the cemetery will be removed from purchase.

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve the contract and to proceed with the land purchase.

Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to approve the contract and to move forward with the land purchase. Council Member Sara Piland 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **VII. RECEIVE MAYOR'S UPDATE.**

Mayor McLaurin stated that the Eastover Fire Department needs 57 additional fire hydrants to get the 4 rating. He stated that Danny Matthews was hoping that the Eastover Sanitary District, The Town of Eastover and the Eastover Fire Department could help get funding for at least 32 of these fire hydrants, over the next eight years.

Mayor McLaurin stated that the Community Watch Meeting (CWM) was held February 9, 2015 at the Eastover Community Center. He stated that they have a prospect for a Chairman of the CWM. He said the meeting was good last evening.

Mayor McLaurin stated that there was a Heritage Day meeting to be held Thursday night.

### **VIII. RECEIVE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE.**

Council Member Sara Piland introduced Ms. Mandy Lockamy a former teacher at Cape Fear High School. Ms. Lockamy spoke briefly to the Council and stated that she has Multiple Sclerosis, and has had to learn to speak and walk all over again. She stated that March 2 through 8<sup>th</sup> is Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week. Council Member Piland also stated that our own Council Member Willie Geddie has a 19 year

old daughter with Multiple Sclerosis. Council Member Geddie stated that this is such a terrible affliction. We should all do everything we can to help this foundation. A “MS Walk” will be held in the Sandhills (Fayetteville, NC) on April 19, 2015. Register or volunteer at [walk@nct.nmss.org](mailto:walk@nct.nmss.org) or phone 1.800.344.4867.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that he has prepared a Proclamation from the Town of Eastover proclaiming March 2-8<sup>th</sup> as “Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week”. The Mayor will sign this Proclamation, and a copy will be mailed to the MS Foundation.

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to accept the Proclamation for “Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week”.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson Made a motion to accept the Proclamation. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Randy Lee. The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Member Sara Piland stated that she would like to have our Deputy Sheriff patrol the Walking Trail at the Eastover Ball Park at certain times of the day. She stated that several women have told her they are afraid to walk the trail, as it is so isolated.

## **IX. RECEIVE TOWN MANAGER’S UPDATE.**

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that he had spoken with Mr. Trey Williams from the Eastover Ball Park Association on February 9, 2015. The Eastover Ball Park Association agreed with the contract between the Town of Eastover and the Ball Park Association. Mr. Nazarchyk stated that the County will require that all land be put together. He stated that the cemetery will be removed from the purchase of the land.

Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to approve the contract and to then move to purchase the land. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Sara Piland. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that closing of a portion of Willowbrae Avenue in the Lexington Subdivision will be published in the Fayetteville Observer four times, prior to the Public Hearing on closing the unpaved portion of the street. He stated that the Town has received two checks in the amount of \$500 each, totaling \$1000 from the two homeowners involved in this property. The funds are to be placed in an Escrow Account, and will be used for payment of the Public Hearing notices and any other expenses related to this street closure. The Council decided to vote on the street closure. Attorney Yarborough stated that they must show the intent to close a portion of the street.

Council Member Benny Pearce made a motion of the Town of Eastover’s intent to close a portion of Willowbrae Avenue in the Lexington Subdivision. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was unanimous for approval.

**X. CONSIDER A MOTION TO ADJOURN.**

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to adjourn.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Randy Lee. The vote was unanimous for approval.

**Town of Eastover**

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**Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor**

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