

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting  
Tuesday, June 13, 7:00 p.m.  
Eastover Community Center**

**x□Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Presiding; Council Members: x□J. Lawrence Buffaloe,  
x□M. Stan Crumpler, x□Cheryl C. Hudson, □Randy P. Lee,  
x□Benny M. Pearce and □Lee P. Hedgecoe**

**MINUTES OF MEETING – June 13, 2017**

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members: Cheryl C. Hudson, J. Lawrence Buffaloe, M. Stan Crumpler, and Benny M. Pearce were in attendance at the June 13, 2017, Eastover Town Council Meeting. A quorum was present at the Town Council Meeting. Council Member Lee P. Hedgecoe, Council Member Randy P. Lee, and Ms. Jane Faircloth, Town Clerk were absent from the meeting. Council Member Randy P. Lee and Council Member Lee P. Hedgecoe provided a written waiver of notice prior to the June 13, 2017 Town Council Meeting. Also in attendance were Attorney Neil Yarborough, Attorney Tim Smith, Mr. Matt Rooney from the Cumberland County Planning & Inspections Department, Mr. Kim Nazarchyk, Town Manager, and Ms. Elizabeth Bass, Administrative Assistant.

**I. Call to Order:**

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin called the June 13, 2017 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 M. Stan Crumpler gave the Invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Approval of Agenda:**

Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if they had any questions concerning the Agenda. Town Manager Kim Nazarchyk asked if the Council could go into closed session after Agenda Item # 9 for Attorney/Client Privilege. Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove the Agenda with the revision.

Council Member Stan Crumpler made a motion to approve the Agenda with revisions. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was 5-0 for approval.

**IV. Public Comments:**

**None.**

**V. Consent Agenda:**

- 1. Consider approval of the Closed Session Minutes for the May 9, 2017 Town Council Meeting.**
- 2. Consider approval of the Minutes for the May 9, 2017 Town Council Meeting.**
- 3. Consider approval of the April, 2017 Financial Reports.**
- 4. Consider approval of the Auditor's Contract for Fiscal Year 2017 (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017).**
- 5. Consider approval of the Attorneys Contract for Fiscal Year 2018 (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018).**
- 6. Consider approval of the Contract with the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 (Fiscal Year 2018).**

Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if they had any questions concerning the Consent Agenda. There were none. 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 stated. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Stan Crumpler. The vote was 5-0 for approval.

**VI. Discussion Agenda:**

**Agenda Item #1:**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET APPROVAL (JULY 1, 2017-JUNE 30, 2018):**

Mayor Charles McLaurin opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Kim Nazarchyk, Town Manager, gave the Council a brief description of the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget. Mr. Nazarchyk stated the budget is \$1,679,850, which is over \$76,725.00. That is a 4.8% increase from Fiscal Year 2017. This is caused in part by the projected Sales Tax increase and the Cumberland Community Foundation Grant.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated Cumberland County had a property revaluation. The Town of Eastover went up 1.7%, generating an additional \$8,497.00. The tax rate remains at \$0.205 per \$100 of value. To be revenue neutral, the tax rate would need to be decreased by 35/1000 cent, from \$0.205 to \$0.2015.

Mr. Nazarchyk said the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget includes maintaining or improving the current level of services for Fire, Police, Parks & Rec., Street Lights, Zoning, and Street Maintenance. Priorities will be Safety (Fire & Police), Parks & Rec, Storm Water Runoff (Flea Hill Drainage District), and saving funds for the New Town Hall construction.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated the Ad Valorem Tax revenues are based on 99% collection on \$311,970,270 of assessed value (personal, real, and public service properties). Local Option Sales Taxes and N.C. Franchise Tax will be our major sources of revenue.

Mr. Nazarchyk said the budget includes a 2.5% pay increase for all employees. The budget is balanced as required by state law.

Mr. Nazarchyk said the Capital Reserve Budget includes only interest income. Last year the Council amended an earlier resolution increasing the maximum amount from \$900K to \$1,000M. The current balance is approximately \$1,001,000.

Mayor McLaurin asked if anyone had signed up to speak for or against the FY2018 Budget for the Town of Eastover, no one had signed up.

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe made the motion to close the public hearing. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The vote was 5-0 for approval.

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove the Town of Eastover's Budget for FY2018.

Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to approve the Town of Eastover's Budget for FY2018. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Stan Crumpler. The vote was 5-0 for approval.

**Agenda Item #2:**

**CASE NO. 17-055. CONSIDERATION OF THE ABC STORAGE; REQUEST FOR A C(P) SITE PLAN & SUBDIVISION REVIEW, COUNTY ZONING & SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE AND EASTOVER SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENTS; ZONING: C(P); TOTAL ACREAGE: 4.18 AC. +/-; LOCATION: 3768, 3772 & 3800 DUNN ROAD (US HWY 301). (EASTOVER)**

Town Manager, Kim Nazarchyk asked the Council if Case No. 17-055 could be tabled until the July 11, 2017 Town Council Meeting. Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to table Case No. 17-055 until the July 11, 2017 Town Council Meeting.

Council Member Benny Pearce made a motion to table Case No. 17-055 until the July 11, 2017 Town Council Meeting. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was 5-0 for approval.

**Agenda Item #3:**

**CASE NO. 17-069. CONSIDERATION OF THE CLARENCE JOHNSON PROPERTY REQUEST FOR A SUBDIVISION REVIEW, COUNTY SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE AND EASTOVER SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENTS; ZONING: RR; TOTAL ACREAGE: 3.95 AC. +/-; LOCATION: ON NORTHWEST QUADRANT OF SR 1829 (J HERBERT ROAD) AND OZIE DRIVE. (EASTOVER)**

Mr. Matt Rooney from Cumberland County Planning and Inspections Department gave the Council a brief description of Case No. 17-069. Mr. Rooney stated the land owner wanted to divide his lot into two sections, with one lot being 2 acres and the second lot being approximately 1.95 acres. Mr. Rooney stated all requirements had been met and the Board recommended approval.

Mayor McLaurin asked if anyone had any questions. There were none. Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove Case No. 17-069. Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve Case No. 17-069. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Stan Crumpler. The vote was 5-0 for approval.

**Agenda Item #4:**

**Mr. Ashley Porter, Principal, Eastover Central Elementary School**

Mr. Ashley Porter stated he wanted to give the Town Council an update on Eastover Central Elementary School. He said there were 3 major items in which he wanted to inform the Council.

The first item being that Eastover Central Elementary School received a grant of \$1,000.00 for Science, Technology, and Math. Battle of the Books was the second item. Eastover Central won the District and Regional Battle of the Books. He stated this year the school started a Science Olympiad team. The team won Regional which was an exceptional win because this was their first year.

End of Grade Testing was the third item. He stated he could not discuss the exact placement because the final standings have not been announced. Mr. Porter did say the school did better than 3<sup>rd</sup> place because that was the schools placement last year.

Mr. Porter stated the school is doing well because the staff, students, parents, and community are involved and have a caring attitude. He said they had 5 teachers to retire this year but are fully staffed for the upcoming year. Mr. Porter said he and some of his staff

members would be present at the July 26, 2017 picnic for the Town of Eastover's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Mr. Porter thanked the Mayor and the Council for the support they have given all year.

Mayor McLaurin stated he appreciated Mr. Porter for coming and updating the Council. He also told Mr. Porter he appreciated all that he and his staff do for the community and students.

## **VII. Receive Mayor's Update:**

Mayor McLaurin presented Mr. Matt Rooney with a plaque from the Town of Eastover. Mr. Rooney will be retiring June 30, 2017. Mayor McLaurin stated Mr. Rooney was an essential part in helping the Town of Eastover become incorporated. Mayor McLaurin thanked Mr. Rooney for his dedication and service to the Town of Eastover.

Mayor McLaurin stated a meeting was held on June 16 with him, local churches, and various local organizations concerning the Town of Eastover's 10th Year Anniversary. He also stated another meeting will be held on June 22 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor McLaurin said he would like the Eastover Ballpark concession stand to be open and have the Town of Eastover reimburse the Eastover Ballpark Association for all costs.

After a brief discussion, the Mayor asked for a vote to approve/disapprove the Town of Eastover reimbursing the Eastover Ballpark Association for the use of the concession stand on July 26, 2017 for the Town of Eastover's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Council Member Stan Crumpler made a motion to approve the Town of Eastover reimbursing the Eastover Ballpark Association for the use of the concession stand on July 26, 2017 for the Town of Eastover's 10th Anniversary. Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The vote was 5-0 for approval.

Mayor McLaurin wanted to know how long the Town had to spend the Powell Bill monies. Mr. Kim Nazarchyk informed the Mayor that the Town had until sometime in 2020. Mayor McLaurin said the road to the ballpark needed to be completed and the road for School Street needed to be repaired.

Mayor McLaurin asked the Town Manager about additional street lights. Mr. Nazarchyk stated that he was waiting on responses from Duke Energy, and South River EMC is investigating the encroachment with Division of Transportation. Mr. Nazarchyk stated he hoped to have more information by the next Town Council Meeting.

## **VIII. Receive Town Council Update:**

Council Member Cheryl Hudson stated the Town will be receiving the funds from the Cumberland County Community Foundation. She said the Town of Eastover raised the \$10,000 required so the Foundation will match the \$10,000, making a total contribution of \$20,000. Council Member Hudson said she and Mayor McLaurin signed the paperwork to

have the funds deposited into the Town of Eastover's account. She said they decided to have one lump sum deposited instead of having to ask for withdraws periodically. Council Member Hudson stated the funds would be used for projects like Backpack Buddies and a Food Pantry. The Town of Eastover has until June of 2018 to use the funds for the community

Council Member Stan Crumpler and Town Manager Kim Nazarchyk had attended a public meeting with Department of Transportation (DOT) concerning the Round-A-Bout that will be replacing the 4-way stop on Baywood Road. Council Member Crumpler stated DOT will begin construction on the Round-A-Bout in 2018.

## **XI. Receive Town Managers Update:**

Mr. Nazarchyk told the Council that Salem United Methodist Daycare wanted to use the Eastover Community Building as a Safe Place in case of an emergency. Mr. Nazarchyk said the daycare is open from 7am-6pm Monday-Friday. He also said he informed Salem Preschool to have a secondary location in case the Eastover Community Building was rented the day they needed it.

Mayor McLaurin asked the Council for a motion to approve/disapprove Salem United Methodist Daycare using the Eastover Community Building as a safe place for them in case of an emergency. Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve Salem United Methodist Daycare using the Eastover Community Building as a safe place for them in case of an emergency. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Stan Crumpler. The vote was 5-0 for approval.

Mr. Nazarchyk said the Town of Eastover needed a replacement member for the Cumberland County Joint Planning Board, as Council Member Benny Pearce is retiring. Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if anyone was interested in this position. Council Member Stan Crumpler stated he would be interested. Mr. Nazarchyk stated Brian Pearce would also be interested. After a brief discussion the Council decided to nominate Council Member Stan Crumpler to the Cumberland County Joint Planning Board.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion for Council Member Stan Crumpler to abstain from the vote for the Cumberland County Joint Planning Board replacement. Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The vote was 4-0 for approval.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion for Council Member Stan Crumpler to be the replacement person on the Cumberland County Joint Planning Board. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was 4-0 for approval.

**X. CLOSED SESSION:**

**DISCUSSION OF ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH NCGS  
143-318-11(a)(6)**

A motion to go into closed session was made by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was 5-0 for approval.

No action was taken in the Closed Session.

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to return to regular session. A motion was made to come out of closed session by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Stan Crumpler. The vote was 5-0 for approval.

**XI. Consider a Motion to Adjourn:**

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe at 8:25

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