

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 8, 2018 7:00 p.m.
Eastover Community Center**

**x☐ Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Presiding;
Council Members: x☐ Cheryl C. Hudson, x☐ J. Lawrence Buffaloe,
x☐ M. Stan Crumpler, x☐ Randy P. Lee,
x☐ Bruce R. Sykes, and x☐ Lee P. Hedgecoe**

MINUTES OF MEETING – May 8, 2018

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members: Cheryl C. Hudson, J. Lawrence Buffaloe, M. Stan Crumpler, Bruce R. Sykes, Lee P. Hedgecoe, and Randy P. Lee were in attendance at the May 8, 2018, Eastover Town Council Meeting. A quorum was present at the Town Council Meeting. Also in attendance was Attorney Tim Smith, Mr. Aaron Barnes, Cumberland County Panning and Inspections, Mr. Kim Nazarchyk, Town Manager, Ms. Jane Faircloth, Town Clerk, and Ms. Elizabeth Bass, Administrative Assistant.

I. Call to Order:

Mayor Charles McLaurin called the May 8, 2018 Eastover Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

II. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Kim Nazarchyk, Town Manager, gave the Invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Kim Nazarchyk informed the Council of Ms. Jane Faircloth's retirement. Mayor McLaurin stated he has enjoyed working with her and he was sad to see her leave. He also stated she is the first Town Clerk for the Town of Eastover. The Council stated how much they appreciated her and was glad she helped get Eastover Town Hall established. Mayor McLaurin presented Ms. Jane Faircloth with an appreciation plaque and a card from the Council. Ms. Faircloth stated she appreciated the kind words and said she would miss them all greatly.

III. Approval of Agenda:

Mayor Charles McLaurin asked the Council if they had any questions concerning the Agenda. There were none.

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

Council Member Randy Lee made a motion to approve the Agenda as stated. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Stan Crumpler. The vote was unanimous for approval.

IV. Public Comments:

None.

V. Consent Agenda:

- 1. Consider approval of the March 13, 2018 Planning Session Minutes.**
- 2. Consider approval of the Minutes for the March 13, 2018 Town Council Meeting.**
- 3. Consider approval of the February, 2018 Financial Reports.**
- 4. Consider approval of the March, 2018 Financial Reports.**

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 2nd by Council Member Bruce Sykes. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Discussion Agenda:

Agenda Item #1:

Presentation by Mr. Ashley Porter, Principal Eastover Central Elementary School

Mr. Porter stated that Eastover Central Elementary School was 1 of 9 schools selected to be a national finalist for the National Blue Ribbon Exemplary High Performing School Award. He told the Council they have finished the application process for the Award and it has been submitted to the Department of Education in Washington, D.C. He said the winner would be announced in September 2018.

Mr. Porter said that the Science Olympiads finished 2nd out of 27 schools. He stated the Battle of Books won the regional title. Ever since Mr. Porter has been principal, the Battle of the Books have won 3 district championships and 2 regional championships.

Mr. Porter stated the teachers, staff, students, and parents are preparing for end of grade assessments. He said for the 2016-2017 school year Eastover Central Elementary School finished 2nd overall. Mr. Porter stated he wants to move to 1st place but he will gladly keep the 2nd position.

Mr. Porter thanked the Town Council for always being supportive. He said everyone is to take credit for how well Eastover Central Elementary School is performing. The Mayor and the Council thanked Principal Porter for his time and attention.

Agenda Item #2:

CASE NO. 18-037. CONSIDERATION OF THE MADIE B. AUTRY HIERS PROPERTY: REQUEST FOR A SUBDIVISION REVIEW, COUNTY SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE AND EASTOVER SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENTS; ZONING: RR; TOTAL ACREAGE: 5.58 AC. +/-; LOCATION: 3400, 3410 & 3434 FLEA HILL ROAD (SR 2814). (EASTOVER)

Presentation by Mr. Aaron Barnes, Cumberland County Planning and Inspections

Mr. Barnes stated Case No. 18-037 is requesting a three lot subdivision on a 5.5 acre lot. He said this lot is already zoned RR. He said the property has 710 feet of street frontage along Flea Hill Road and has 290 feet of street frontage along Dunn Road. This is to separate the lot into three lots. Lot #1 will be 2.5 acres, lot #2 will be 1.5 acres, and lot #3 will be 1.4 acres.

After a brief discussion by the Council, Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove Case No 18-037.

Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to approve Case No. 18-037. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Stan Crumpler. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #3:

Presentation of proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2019 (July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019).

Presentation by Mr. Kim Nazarchyk, Town Manager

Mr. Nazarchyk stated the Town of Eastover is in its 12th year of governance and is fiscally sound and debt free. He stated the Council requested that the Town needed to maintain the current level of services or have improvement.

Mr. Nazarchyk said the budget contains funding for Parks and Recreation and to extend street lights on Beard Road, Dunn Road, and Middle Road. Funding is also available to expand services to Eastover Ballpark. Mr. Nazarchyk stated the Council has defined 12 priorities for the park and funding has been provided.

Mr. Nazarchyk said this budget is very conservative because the Cumberland County Commissioners have not made a decision about the Sales Tax Distribution Agreement. The budget is decreased by \$180,000. This is 13% less than last year or \$220,000 less. The total budget for Fiscal Year 2019 is \$1,508,850.00.

This budget covers normal operation expenses and expanded services mentioned earlier. It includes a 2.36% COLA increase for non-exempt employees and 8% of the Budget is designated to the Fund Balance.

The Ad Valorem Taxes are based on valuation of \$317,555,767 in real, personal, and public utility properties as of January 1, 2018, taxed at \$0.202 per \$100 and a collection rate of 99%. No Changes in the tax rate are proposed.

The Proposed Budget for the Capital Reserve Fund is for interest earned on existing deposits. This fund was originally established for a five year term, with minimum contributions of \$85,000 per year. This Budget proposes to extend this fund for another three years, with Council determining funding after the annual audit review in December.

Council Member Lee Hedgecoe made a motion to approve the public hearing for the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2019 to be held on June 12, 2018. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #4:

Presentation of Ball Playing Ordinance.

Presentation by Mr. Kim Nazarchyk, Town Manager

Mr. Nazarchyk stated there is a safety concern on Ballpark Road with some young gentlemen playing basketball in the road. The Eastover Town Hall has received several calls concerning this matter. The young gentlemen and their parents have been talked to on at least 3 different occasions.

After consulting with the Town Attorney, he stated it was best for the Town to set up an Ordinance concerning the street ball playing. If approved, a copy of the Ordinance will be sent to the residents by certified mail. The penalty for not abiding by this Ordinance is \$50 per day.

Council Member Lee Hedgecoe made a motion to approve the Ball Playing Ordinance. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #5:

Contract with Fayetteville Cumberland Parks and Recreation

Presentation by Mr. Kim Nazarchyk, Town Manager

Item has been rescheduled until the June 12, 2018, Town Council Meeting.

VII. Receive Mayor's Update:

- Mayor McLaurin stated when the splash pads, bathrooms, extra shelter, and tennis courts are being constructed; he would like the Town to help financially to get the other improvements going.

VIII. Receive Town Council Update:

- The Council asked for a meeting with Fayetteville Cumberland Parks and Recreation concerning the Eastover Ballpark improvements. Mr. Kim Nazarchyk stated he would get this meeting scheduled.
- The Ethics training for the newly elected and re-elected Council Members and Mayor must be completed by October. The training session can be ordered for \$150.00. The Council decided to pay for the training video so they could watch it at their convenience.
- Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe asked what the deadline date for the Sales Tax Interlocal Agreement is. Mr. Kim Nazarchyk said it is June 30, 2019. No resolution has been made.
- Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe stated he would have the Town Manager's evaluations finished by the next Town Council Meeting.

IX. Receive Town Managers Update:

- Mr. Kim Nazarchyk informed the Council that a Board of Adjustments meeting must be held to elect new officers.
- The address of 4132 Dunn Road has been abandoned for several years. The property owner is not competent to make decisions. The County Attorney has advised that we wait to see if the heirs make improvements.

X. 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 7:58p.m. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Lee Hedgecoe. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Town of Eastover

Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor

Attest: _____
Town Clerk