

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 11, 2019 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☐ Bruce R. Sykes, x☐ Kimberly F. McPhail,
and x☐ Lee P. Hedgecoe**

MINUTES OF MEETING – June 11, 2019

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members: Cheryl C. Hudson, J. Lawrence Buffaloe, Lee P. Hedgecoe, Bruce R. Sykes, Kimberly F. McPhail, and M. Stan Crumpler were in attendance at the June 11, 2019, Eastover Town Council Meeting. A quorum was present at the Town Council Meeting. Also in attendance were Attorney Tim Smith, Mr. Aaron Barnes, Cumberland County Planning and Inspections, Mr. Kim Nazarchyk, Town Manager, and Ms. Elizabeth Bass, Town Clerk.

I. Call to Order:

Mayor Charles McLaurin called the June 11, 2019 Eastover Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

II. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:

Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe gave the Invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Kim Nazarchyk asked the Council to omit Agenda Item #1. Mr. Ashley Porter was not available to speak to the Council; he will be back for the July Town Council Meeting. Mr. Nazarchyk also stated that Agenda Item #8 should be labeled as the Contract for Tally Woodland Park.

Mayor Charles McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove the Agenda with corrections. Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve the Agenda with corrections. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Bruce Sykes. The vote was unanimous for approval.

IV. Public Comments:

Mr. Herman Britt, with the Eastover Fire Department, 3405 Dunn Road Eastover NC, 28312, signed up to speak.

Mr. Britt asked the Council if they were going to make a decision on the fire tax increase. If the Council votes yes the fire district tax will increase to \$0.15 from \$0.1125, in the unincorporated areas of the county. Mr. Britt stated that the fire department was working on the budget for next year.

After some discussion the Council said there would be no decisions on that matter at this time.

V. Consent Agenda:

- 1. Consider approval of the Minutes for the May 14, 2019 Town Council Meeting.**
- 2. Consider approval of the April, 2019 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 Stan Crumpler. The vote was unanimous for approval.

VI. Discussion Agenda:

Agenda Item #1:

Eastover Central Elementary School Principal, Ashley Porter

Rescheduled for July 9, 2019 Town Council Meeting.

Agenda Item #2:

Case P19-23: Rezoning of 40.71+/- acres from A1 Agricultural, RR Rural Residential & R6A Residential to A1 Agricultural or to a more restrictive zoning district, located at 2659 & 2721 Ballpark Road; submitted by Kim Nazarchyk, Town Manager on behalf of the Town of Eastover (owner). (Eastover)

Mayor Charles McLaurin opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Aaron Barnes stated that this case was requested by the Town of Eastover to rezone 40.71+/- acres from A1 Agricultural, RR Rural Residential & R6A Residential to A1 Agricultural or to a more restrictive zoning district, located at 2659 & 2721 Ballpark Road. Mr. Barnes said if the Council had any questions he would be glad to answer them.

Mayor McLaurin asked if anyone signed up to speak for or against Case No. P19-23. No one had signed up to speak for or against Case No. P19-23.

Mayor McLaurin stated this rezoning was needed in order to continue with the improvements to the Eastover Ballpark. He asked if the Council had any questions. There were none.

Mayor McLaurin asked for a vote to close the public hearing. Motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Council Member Stan Crumpler made a motion to approve the rezoning from A1 Agricultural, RR Rural Residential and R6A Residential to A1 Agricultural and find this recommendation to be consistent with the Eastover Land Use Plan for the development of greenways, parks, and similar amenities desired within the "open space" designation and further find approval of the request is reasonable and in the public interest because the district requested is in harmony with surrounding zoning, existing land uses, and the development of recreational amenities to the benefit of all citizens in the area. Council Member Cheryl Hudson 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #3:

Public Hearing: Road Closure of a Portion of Old Raleigh

Mayor Charles McLaurin opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Chuck Brittain stated this case was originally presented in 2015. He said due to the survey not being correct this case was never finalized. Mr. Brittain stated that he has since had the error corrected and a new survey has been recorded. He said all the notification had been sent out again and all the paperwork is now in order. He said if the Council had any questions to please let him know.

After a brief discussion, the Mayor asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Stan Crumpler. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Council Member Bruce Sykes made a motion to approve the closure of the a portion of Old Raleigh Road. Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe 2nd the motion.

Agenda Item #4:

Public Hearing: Presentation of Fiscal Year 2020 Budget (July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020).

Mr. Nazarchyk, Town Manager, stated that the General Fund is balanced at \$1,630,850.00 which is a \$122,000 increase or an 8% increase from last year due to projected sales tax increase. Expenses remain flat. Group Health insurance is up 11.3%. Retirement is up 15.5% (from 7.75% to 8.95% and will increase again next year). The proposed budget adds 8% to reserves, which equates to 1 month expenses. Parks and Rec. received a 26% increase due to the expected improvements and expansions on the Eastover Ballpark.

Mr. Nazarchyk said the Capital Reserve Account is balanced at \$2,200 and only includes interest income.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Council Member Kim McPhail 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve Fiscal Year 2020 Budget. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Bruce Sykes. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #5:

Yarborough, Winters, & Neville FY 2020 Contract

Mr. Nazarchyk said this contract is basically the same as last years. The only change is if a meeting last more than 1 ½ hours the firm will charge regular rates. No other changes or increases were made.

Council Member Bruce Sykes made a motion to approve Yarborough, Winters, & Neville FY2020 Contract. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #6:

Cumberland County Sheriff Contract FY 2020.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated the services are the same for the Sheriff Contract. He said there was a \$1000.00 increase. If extra deputies are needed at any time the Town will pay them \$35.00 an hour, just like last year.

Council Member Lee Hedgecoe made a motion to approve the Cumberland County Sheriff Contract for FY2020. Council Member Kim McPhail 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #7:

McFadyen and Sumner Audit Contract FY 2019.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated this contract is the same as last year's only there is an increase of \$500.00. He said that McFadyen and Sumner have been doing the Towns audit for 10+ years.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve McFadyen and Sumner Audit Contract for FY2019. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Kim McPhail. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #8:

Landscaping Contract for Tally Woodland Park.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that the park needed cleaning up. He said that Cardinal Landscaping would place sod, clean up trash, smooth the ruts, put seeding on the hill and add a temporary watering system for \$8,751.00. He said that B&B Fence should be adding 500ft of fencing and he would recommend this be completed before the landscaping is done.

Mr. Nazarchyk said that Cardinal Landscaping would clean up the growth on Ballpark Road and clean up around the entrance to the Ballpark for \$850.00.

Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to approve Cardinal Landscaping to clean up Tally Woodland Park and the Ballpark. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The vote was unanimous for approval.

VII. Receive Mayor's Update:

- Mayor McLaurin stated the Civic Club would like an upgrade to the sound system in the Community Building. The Town Manager said there was no need to get an upgrade, the town just needed to find someone who could work the system correctly.
- Community Watch had a good speaker, Detective Robin Brinkley from the SVU & Child Services. The Mayor said he would like to see a larger crowd attending these meetings.

Mayor McLaurin said he would love to have ideas for Community Watch meetings. Mr. Nazarchyk said Sheriff Wright will be the guest speaker at the October meeting.

- Mayor McLaurin said the Council needed to schedule a meeting to find out about the tax increase for the fire department.

VIII. Receive Town Council Update:

- Council Member Cheryl Hudson said she would like to have the evaluations for the Town Manager and Town Clerk by the end of the week. Mr. Nazarchyk stated he would email them out again.

IX. Receive Town Managers Update:

- Mr. Nazarchyk said he had received an email from Duke Progress Energy. He said they would not be putting up the new lights until late 2020. They have to do pole modifications first.
- The Fire Marshall said the back door of the Community Building could be blocked and a privacy panel can be placed to cover the bathrooms.
- Mr. Nazarchyk asked the Council to give him ideas for improvements to the Community Building.

X . Consider a Motion to Adjourn:

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Lee Hedgecoe at 7:42 p.m. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Bruce Sykes. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Town of Eastover

Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor

Attest: _____, **Town Clerk**
Elizabeth S. Bass