

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 10, 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 – September 10, 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 September 10, 2019, Eastover Town Council Meeting. A quorum was present at the Town Council Meeting. Also in attendance were: Attorney Tim Smith, Mr. Ronald Autry, Interim Town Manager, and Ms. Elizabeth Bass, Town Clerk.

I. Call to Order:

Mayor Charles McLaurin called the September 10, 2019 Eastover Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

II. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:

Council Member Bruce Sykes gave the Invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Ronald Autry asked the Council to omit Agenda Item #1. Mr. Walker Brittain was not available to speak to the Council; he will be back for the October Town Council Meeting.

Mayor Charles McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove the Agenda with the correction. Council Member Lee Hedgecoe made a motion to approve the Agenda with corrections. 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 Special Town Council Minutes for the August 13, 2019 Special Town Council Meeting.**
- 2. Consider approval of the Minutes for the August 13, 2019 Town Council Meeting.**
- 3. Consider approval of the July, 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:

Mr. Walker Brittain, Free Food Pantry.

Rescheduled for October 8, 2019

Agenda Item #2:

Gobbler Lane Neighborhood

The Council was approached by several residents from the Gobbler Lane neighborhood with complaints of a suspected gun range. It was stated that some residents are shooting their weapons at all hours of the day and night, on weeknights and weekends. The residents have concerns for their elderly neighbors, veteran neighbors with PTSD, single family home neighbors, and family pets.

One of the residents accused of having a gun range stated that he may have shot his weapons a total of 15 times in the last year. He said he has 2 ½ acres and has permission from the adjoining land owner to shoot towards her property which is into a valley. The resident stated that he was in the military and knew about gun safety. He said that having the sheriff come out every time a weapon is fired is ridiculous.

Mayor McLaurin and the Council let the residents know that the best way to solve this would be amongst themselves. The Sheriff Office's Attorney, Mr. Ronnie Mitchell, and the Town's Attorney, Mr. Tim Smith both told the Council and residents that the Town of Eastover

needed to adopt an ordinance. Once an ordinance was adopted the Town would then have some type of enforceability and could even seek Civil Action if needed.

The Council asked Attorney Tim Smith to start the process for the Ordinance on gun control.

Agenda Item #3:

Discussion of the Highway 13 Node

The Council is going to make Highway 13 at the I295 intersection and Pembroke Lane, and Murphy Road a satellite commercial core district. This will delineate the zoning and allow the Town to have stricter requirements.

Council Member Stan Crumpler made a motion to work with Cumberland County Planning and Zoning to make I95 at Murphy Road and I295 on Highway 13 and Pembroke Lane a satellite Commercial Core District. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Bruce Sykes. The vote was unanimous for approval.

VII. Receive Mayor's Update:

- Mayor McLaurin stated that Cardinal Landscaping has started the work on Talley Woodland Park. The trees are gone and it has been sodded. He said the wooden benches are in bad shape and need to be removed.
- Heritage Day is on Saturday September 28th. Ms. Helen Crumpler said everything is a go with the Heritage Day the Civic Club Board Members are in the process of fine tuning the final details. She said the Fayetteville Arts Council donated \$1500 and the donation helped pay for the climbing wall. She said the Black Hawk helicopter will be there as well. There are 33-34 sponsors which is wonderful.
- North Carolina Litter Sweep is from September 14-28. Mr. Tom Melvin stated the Eastover Garden Club will be picking up litter on September 14th. He stated that Mr. Walt Brinker will be starting a Year Round Litter Campaign, using Heritage Day as the interest point.

VIII. Receive Town Council Update:

- Council Member Bruce Sykes stated that the ballpark bathrooms are fully functioning. The tennis courts should be ready by Heritage Day. He said after Heritage Day he will be working on the sidewalks and then the fencing for the tennis courts and grass.

- Council Member Cheryl Hudson stated that the Council had received two thank you notes from Ms. Gail Nazarchyk. She read the cards to the Council.

IX. Receive Town Managers Update:

- Ms. Susan Baggett with the Eastover Civic Club would like a head count of the number of Council Members that will be in the parade. Please fill out the parade form and give to Town Clerk, Ms. Elizabeth Bass.
- Mr. Autry asked the Council about ordering Polo Shirts with the Town's logo on them. He suggested that each Council Member get one shirt and the Town Manager and Town Clerk get two shirts paid for by the Town.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion that each Council Member get one shirt and the Town Manager and Town Clerk get two shirts paid for by the Town. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Kim McPhail. The vote was unanimous for approval.

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 8:37 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