

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 8, 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 – October 8, 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 October 8, 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 October 8, 2019 Eastover Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Council Member Lee Hedgecoe gave the Invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Tom Melvin, Beard Road, Eastover, N.C., signed up to speak about Veteran's Day. He said that this will be the Town of Eastover's fourth year participating in the Veterans Outreach Program. On November 8, 2019, Salem United Methodist Church will be holding a veteran's outreach in the gym. Also, on November 11, 2019 the Town of Eastover will be holding a short observance at 11:00a.m., at the Eastover Community Building.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Consider approval of the Minutes for the September 10, 2019 Town Council Meeting.**
- 2. Consider approval of the August, 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 Bruce Sykes made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as stated. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was unanimous for approval.

VI. DISCUSSION AGENDA:

Agenda Item #1:

Mr. Walker Brittain, Free Food Pantry

Mr. Brittain stated that he elected, as his community service project, to construct and launch a Little Pantry here in Eastover. This will provide an additional resource for those who have difficulty putting food on the table.

Mr. Brittain used his own funds and the help of his grandfather to construct the Little Pantry. This project will allow people in need to get food in an anonymous way. The Eastover Community can get involved by contributing to the pantry, canned goods or any non-perishable item. People in need can then come by and take what they need or even exchange items if they so choose.

Mr. Brittain asked the Council to allow him to place the Little Pantry on the Community Building Grounds so it would be anonymous and people would not be easily seen using the pantry. He stated he and his family would be responsible for the upkeep. He would be using social media, word of mouth, and journalism to spread the word about the Little Pantry.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to allow the Little Pantry to be placed on the Eastover Community Building grounds with the understanding that Mr. Brittain and family would be responsible for its upkeep. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Lee Hedgecoe. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #2:

Ms. Pat Crouch, Department of Social Services

Ms. Crouch stated that there were two programs she wanted to tell the Council about. She said that once she informed the Council maybe they would be able to inform the community and help spread the word of these two programs.

The first program is called Crisis Intervention Program (CIP). This program will assist individuals and families who are experiencing a heating or cooling related crisis. A household is considered to be in a crisis if it is currently experiencing or is in danger of experiencing a life threatening or health related emergency and sufficient, timely and appropriate assistance is not available from any other source. Applications are taken at the beginning of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

The second program is Low Income Energy Assistance (LIEAP). This program is federally funded and provides for a one-time vendor payment to help eligible households pay their heating bills. Households including a person aged 60 or older or an individual receiving disability benefits and services through the NC Division of Aging and Adult Services are eligible to sign up from Dec. 1-31. All other households may apply from Jan 1-March 31 or until funds are exhausted.

Agenda Item #3:

Vape Shop Zoning Ordinance

Mr. Ronnie Autry stated that the Cumberland County Board of Health has requested that municipalities adopt a strict ordinance not allowing Vape Shops within a 1 mile radius of K-12 schools. Mr. Autry said he was looking for a consensus from the board so he could move forward with this.

After a brief discussion the Council asked Mr. Autry to get more information and draw up an ordinance.

Agenda Item #4:

Eastover Community Building, Cleaning

Mr. Frederick Williams and Mr. Ervin Williams stated they would clean the community building after rentals and set up the sound system for meetings. They will charge \$500.00 a month and if the renter didn't clean they would like the \$75.00 fee to be paid to them.

Council Member Lee Hedgecoe made a motion to allow Mr. Frederick Williams and Mr. Ervin Williams complete the cleaning and upkeep of the community building. Council Member Stan Crumpler 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #5:

New Town Hall Hours

Mr. Ronald Autry stated that he believed the Town Hall should consider new hours. He said the hours should be from 8a.m.-4:30p.m., with a 30 minute lunch. He said this would allow the staff time to run any errands before 5:00p.m. The new time would also coincide with Eastover Sanitary District hours.

Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to change the Eastover Town Hall hours to 8:00 a.m.-4:30p.m., with a 30 minute lunch to be effective October 14, 2019. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Kim McPhail. The vote was unanimous for approval.

VII. RECEIVE MAYOR'S UPDATE:

- Mayor McLaurin stated that Tom Melvin and the Civic Club did an excellent job with Heritage Day. He thanked all involved.
- The Eastover Community Building sign is missing. Mayor McLaurin asked Mr. Autry to please look into having it replaced.

VIII. RECEIVE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE:

- Council Member Stan Crumpler stated that he, Council Members Cheryl Hudson and Bruce Sykes had met with the Planning Board concerning the Hwy 13 node. He stated that they are working on getting things set up and should be a 10 day to 2 week turn around for the first draft of the satellite commercial core district draft.
- Council Member Bruce Sykes stated that the fence for the tennis courts was ordered but it was ordered incorrectly. A new order has been placed for the correct fence. The fence should be in place by October 18th. The posts for the nets needs to be installed and should be in place next week as well.

IX. RECEIVE TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE:

- Mr. Ronnie Autry stated the Sustainable Sandhills is looking for representative from the Town of Eastover to replace Mr. Kim Nazarchyk. Mr. Autry said he would be glad to be the representative. The Council agreed.

- Mr. Autry said that since the Town Clerk will be attending several classes in order to gain her certification he needed to do a budget amendment. The Council told him to proceed and present the amendment at the next Town Council Meeting.

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 7:55p.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