

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting  
Tuesday, November 12, 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 – November 12, 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 November 12, 2019, Eastover Town Council Meeting. A quorum was present at the Town Council Meeting. Also in attendance were: Attorney Tim Smith, Mr. Aaron Barnes, Planning and Inspections, Mr. Ronald Autry, Interim Town Manager, and Ms. Elizabeth Bass, Town Clerk.

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Charles McLaurin called the November 12, 2019 Eastover Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

**II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Council Member Kim McPhail 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 Lee Hedgecoe made a motion to approve the Agenda as stated. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Bruce Sykes. The vote was unanimous for approval.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Ron Strickland, 3509 Saraya Drive, signed up to speak.

Mr. Strickland asked the Council if they would be willing to place speed bumps on School Street and on MT. Zion Lane. He explained that cars are not obeying the speed limit and he believes speed bumps would solve that issue.

Mayor McLaurin stated the Council would look into the issue and see what could be done to help in this matter.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1. Consider approval of the Minutes for the October 8, 2019 Town Council Meeting.**
- 2. Consider approval of the September, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Stan Crumpler. The vote was unanimous for approval.

**VI. DISCUSSION AGENDA:**

**Agenda Item #1:**

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

Mr. Porter thanked the Council for letting him speak. He told the Council that Eastover Central Elementary School has two big events coming up. The first event is their Annual Fall Festival and the second is their Awards Assembly. Mr. Porter stated that invitations would be in the mail for each Council Member.

Mr. Porter told the Council that the school's enrollment was projected at 390 students and they are currently at 415 students. The enrollment allowed a new kindergarten teacher to be hired as well as a 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Mr. Porter thanked the Council for their support.

**Agenda Item #2:**

**CASE NO. 19-108. CONSIDERATION OF THE KINLAW V. JACOBS PROPERTY; REQUEST FOR A GROUP DEVELOPMENT REVIEW, COUNTY SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE AND EASTOVER SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENTS; ZONING: R6A; TOTAL ACREAGE: 1.16 AC. +/-; LOCATION: 2640 & 3305 BALLPARK ROAD; SUBMITTED BY KINLAW V. JACOBS (OWNER). (EASTOVER)**

Mr. Aaron Barnes stated the developer is requesting approval of a group development review for two existing dwellings located on the property. The developer is required to do the group development since it had never been through the approval process and are now

requesting to do an addition to the front of the home along Ballpark Road. The property has 150.31 feet of street frontage along Ballpark Road. The existing dwellings are currently served by the Eastover Sanitary District's public water and sewer. Mr. Barnes then showed the Council the group development sketch plan, an aerial photo, and draft conditions of the approval.

Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if they had any questions. They had none. He then asked for a vote to approve/disapprove Case No. 19-108.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve Case No. 19-108 as presented with the stated conditions. Council Member Bruce Sykes 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

**Agenda Item #3:**

**CASE NO. 19-112. CONSIDERATION OF THE NORMA JUNE GREY PROPERTY; REQUEST FOR A SUBDIVISION REVIEW, COUNTY SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE AND EASTOVER SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENTS; ZONING: A1; TOTAL ACREAGE: 7.79 AC. +/-; LOCATION: 2712 BEARD ROAD (SR 1722); SUBMITTED BY NORMA JUNE GREY (OWNER) AND MIKE ADAMS (SURVEYOR). (EASTOVER)**

Mr. Aaron Barnes stated the developer is requesting approval of a subdivision with two proposed lots. Lot 1 has an existing dwelling and sheds located on it and Lot two is vacant land. The developer is required to do the proposed subdivision since the proposed lots were subdivided by deed only but never legally platted as required by the subdivision ordinance. The properties have 592.30 feet of street frontage along SR 1722(Beard Road).

The proposed lots have the Eastover Sanitary District's (ESD) water system available to the site and any future dwellings or new construction requiring water will be required to connect to the ESD water system. The proposed lots do not have sewer available and any future dwellings or new construction requiring sewer will be required to have County Health Department approval for the septic systems. Mr. Barnes then showed the Council the subdivision sketch plan, aerial photo, and draft conditions of approval.

Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if they had any questions. They had none. He then asked for a vote to approve/disapprove Case No. 19-112.

Council Member Bruce Sykes made a motion to approve Case No. 19-112 as presented with the stated conditions. Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

**Agenda Item #4:**

**Budget Amendment #2020-01.**

Mr. Ronald Autry stated this Budget Amendment is to adjust the line items to reflect an increase in travel & schools due to the enrollment of the Town Clerk in classes during the 2020 calendar year. The budget will remain the same.

Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if they had any questions. They had none. He then asked for a vote to approve/disapprove Budget Amendment #2020-01.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #2020-01 as presented. Council Member Kim McPhail 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

**Agenda Item #5:**

**Community Building Signage**

Mr. Ronald Autry stated that the Eastover Community Building sign is missing and needs to be replaced. He showed the Council a photo of the former sign and photos of a new sign that also has lettering for announcements.

After a brief discussion Mayor McLaurin asked for a vote to approve/disapprove getting pricing on the sign, with the concrete padding and a light to shine on the sign at night. Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve getting pricing on the community building sign, concrete padding, and a light to shine on the sign. Council Member Lee Hedgecoe 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

**Agenda Item #6:**

**Investment Opportunities See Exhibit G**

Mr. Autry informed the Council of an investment opportunity. He said that most municipalities have accounts with North Carolina Capital Management Trust. He stated that currently all funds are with BB&T with interest rates as follows:

- BB&T Fund: 0.85%
- Powell Bill: 0.20%
- Capital Reserve: 0.20%

The North Carolina Capital Management Trust presented a rate of 1.74% that will fluctuate. This will increase investment earnings approximately \$40,000+ annually. Mr. Autry said he recommends the Town of Eastover to invest approximately 71% of funds with NC Capital Management Trust and Approximately 29% of funds with BB&T.

After some discussion Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if they had any more questions. They had none. He then asked for a vote to approve/disapprove investing 71% to NC Capital Management Trust and 29% of the funds with BB&T.

Council Member Lee Hedgecoe made a motion to approve investing 71% to NC Capital Management Trust and 29% of the funds with BB&T. Council Member Cheryl Hudson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

### **Agenda Item #7:**

#### **Vape Shop Ordinance**

Mr. Tim Smith told the Council the Vape Shop Ordinance is a standard Ordinance. He said it specifically states that the vape shops cannot operate in premises that are in or within 100 yards of any church building, or on any property owned or leased to a church, or in or within one (1) mile of any school building, educational building, school grounds, or on any property owned or leased to a public or private school or school board for elementary or secondary education. Mr. Smith said if the ordinance was violated it would be a misdemeanor with \$100 fine a day and could bring criminal and/or civil enforcement.

Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if they had any questions. They had none. He then asked for a vote to approve/disapprove the Vape Shop Ordinance

Council Member Lee Hedgecoe made a motion to approve the Vape Shop Ordinance. Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

### **Agenda Item #8:**

#### **Gun Nuisance Ordinance**

Mr. Tim Smith stated that he made two Ordinances pertaining to the prior firearms discussions. The first is an Ordinance Regulating Noise. This Ordinance states that the Town of Eastover specifically adopts the Cumberland County Noise Ordinance, i.e. Cumberland County Code, Chapter 9.5, Article II 9.5-21, the entirety of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if they had any questions. They had none. He then asked for a vote to approve/disapprove the Ordinance Regulating Noise. Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve the Ordinance Regulating Noise. Council Member Stan Crumpler 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

The second Ordinance is Regulating Firearms. This Ordinance specifically adopts the Cumberland County Firearms Ordinance, Cumberland County Code, Chapter 9.5, Article IX 9.5-100, the entirety of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if they had any questions. They had none. He then asked for a vote to approve/disapprove the Ordinance Regulating Firearms. Council Member Lee Hedgecoe made a motion to approve the Ordinance Regulating Firearms. Council Member Bruce Sykes 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

**VII. RECEIVE MAYOR'S UPDATE:**

- Mayor McLaurin stated that he would like to have a workshop planning session after Christmas.
- Mayor McLaurin congratulated Mr. Brian Pearce, the newly elected Council Member.
- The Eastover Community Watch will start meeting Quarterly: Feb., May, Aug., and Nov. on the second Monday of each month
- Mid Carolina Council of Government had a special meeting. They announced the hiring of a new Director.
- At the Mayors Coalition it was discussed that Rhode's Pond needs to be corrected. They said that Cumberland County Parks and Rec should be taking over soon.

**VIII. RECEIVE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE:**

- The Council told Council Member Lee Hedgecoe that it was a pleasure to serve with him. They each let him know what he meant to them and to the Town of Eastover. They let him know he would be greatly missed.
- Council Member Bruce Sykes stated that he would like a consensus from the Council about turning the tennis courts into pickle ball courts. He said this is a new game that is becoming popular. The Town of Wade has tennis courts and they are hardly ever used. The Council asked Council Member Sykes to continue to look into this and go ahead and change the courts to pickle ball.
- Council Member Stan Crumpler stated that the draft for the Hwy 13 Node should be completed this week or next.
- Mr. Aaron Barnes will be taking a leave of absence and joining the Reserves. Jaime Walters will be filling in for him until he returns.

**IX. RECEIVE TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE:**

- Mr. Ronnie Autry stated that he had met with Mr. Crawford from Crawford Designs. He said they are working on the application for the Ballpark Grant. Mr. Autry stated

that a point system has been put into place for the Grant. The more points earned the better chance you have of earning the grant.

**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 8:17p.m. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Bruce Sykes, Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe, Council Member Stan Crumpler, Council Member Cheryl Hudson, and Council Member Kim McPhail. The vote was unanimous for approval.

**Town of Eastover**

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**Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_, **Town Clerk**  
**Elizabeth S. Bass**