

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 11, 2020 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☐ C. Brian Pearce**

MINUTES OF MEETING – February 11, 2020

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members: Cheryl C. Hudson, J. Lawrence Buffaloe, Bruce R. Sykes, Kimberly F. McPhail, C. Brian Pearce, and M. Stan Crumpler were in attendance at the February 11, 2020, Eastover Town Council Meeting. A quorum was present at the Town Council Meeting. Also in attendance were: Mr. Tim Smith, Town Attorney and Mr. Ronald Autry, Interim Town Manager.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Charles McLaurin called the February 11, 2020 Eastover Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Town Manager, Mr. Ronald Autry gave the Invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. RECOGNITION.

**CUB SCOUTS PACK #745
(Matt Allen)**

Mr. Matthew Allen, Cub Master for Pack #745 gave a brief introduction to the Council. He stated that each Cub Scout has one requirement left to complete before becoming a Boy Scout. Mr. Allen stated this group of Cub Scouts was known as the arrow of light group. To fulfill the last requirement they must become aware of activities in the community. They came to this Council meeting to become aware of activities in the community and to ask the Council questions. After a brief discussion with each Cub Scout the Mayor thanked them for coming to the meeting and taking an interest in the community. The Council shook each Cub Scouts hand and personally thanked them for attending the meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Charles McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove the Agenda adding Agenda Item #4: letter received today from Dickson Phillips pertaining to the change in zoning. Council Member Stan Crumpler made a motion to approve the Agenda with the addition. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Bruce Sykes. The vote was unanimous for approval.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Consider approval of the Minutes for the January 14, 2020 Town Council Meeting.**
- 2. Consider approval of the Minutes for the January 23, 2020 Planning Session Meeting.**
- 3. Consider approval of the December, 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 Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was unanimous for approval.

VII. DISCUSSION AGENDA:

Agenda Item #1:

Mr. Ashley Porter, Principal Eastover Central Elementary School

Mr. Ashley Porter, Principal from Eastover Central Elementary School stated that he was pleased to be there. He said the 2020 portion of the school year has begun. Mr. Porter stated that there were a few events that he wanted to make the Council aware of:

1. February 20, 2020-Cultural arts performance; dancers and art from India
2. March 5, 2020-The Eastover Little Play Acting Troop will have their annual spring production.
3. March 20, 2020-The Cultural Share Fair-opens students to the rest of world with cultural arts from around the world.
4. School year will wrap up with EOG's (End of Grade), May 22, 2020 will be the last day of school.

Mr. Porter said Thank you for supporting the school, students, and faculty.

Agenda Item #2:

Discussion on Deputy Hours

Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if keeping the current Deputy at daytime hours was working for the community. Each member stated they thought it was a good idea to keep his hours consistent. They said they could always change them if they needed to but at this time there was no need to do so.

Agenda Item #3:

Yard Maintenance Bids

Mr. Autry stated they had received 2 bids for yard maintenance. The first bid was received from Bass General Maintenance for a total of \$12,750.00 which was \$588 lower than the existing contractor, Cardinal Landscaping. Cardinal Landscaping sent in a bid for \$13,338.00.

After a brief discussion, Mayor McLaurin asked the Council for a motion to approve/disapprove the Yard Maintenance Contract.

Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to approve the Cardinal Landscaping Contract for \$13,338.00. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Bruce Sykes. The vote was unanimous for approval

Agenda Item #4:

Mr. Tim Smith stated that a written request was received concerning the Town of Eastover's North Entrance Corridor Overlay. This letter had two main concerns: 1: only certain uses permitted and are overly restricted. 2. Conditional zoning could be unconstitutional. The landowner may not have authority of the land.

Mr. Smith stated that a meeting should be held with him and his law partner, Mr. Neil Yarbrough, because Mr. Yarbrough is more familiar with this type of law. Therefore, Mr.

Smith advised the Council to pull the overlay from the Planning Board meeting and discuss it with Mr. Yarbrough first.

Council Member Stan Crumpler made a motion to advise the Planning Board to pull the overlay from their agenda and have it brought back once items have been discussed with Mr. Tim Smith and Mr. Neil Yarbrough. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The vote was unanimous for approval.

VIII. RECEIVE MAYOR'S UPDATE:

- The gateway sign just past Eastover Central School was hit by a drunk driver. The sign is completely demolished.
- Mr. Talmadge Baggett stated there would be a meeting with ST Wooten about the widening of I95 at 295. He stated anyone was welcome to attend and that he had already invited Mr. Autry. He stated that if anyone had any questions to please feel free to contact him.

IX. RECEIVE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE:

- None.

X. RECEIVE TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE:

- None.

XI. CLOSED SESSION:

A motion to go into closed session for personnel matters was made by Council Member Stan Crumpler. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Brian Pearce. The vote was unanimous for approval.

A motion to come out of closed session was made by Council Member Stan Crumpler. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The vote was unanimous for approval.

A motion to proceed with the process to change the form of Government to Mayor Council was made by Council Member Stan Crumpler. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The vote was unanimous for approval.

A motion to proceed with hiring a part time employee was made by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Bruce Sykes. The vote was unanimous for approval.

XII. 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 8:05p.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