

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 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 – March 10, 2020

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members: Cheryl C. Hudson, J. Lawrence Buffaloe, Bruce R. Sykes, Kimberly F. McPhail, and M. Stan Crumpler were in attendance at the March 10, 2020, Eastover Town Council Meeting. Council Member C. Brian Pearce was absent from the meeting. A quorum was present at the Town Council Meeting. Also in attendance were: Mr. Tim Smith, Town Attorney, Mr. Ronald Autry, Interim Town Manager, and Ms. Elizabeth S. Bass, Town Clerk.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Charles McLaurin called the March 10, 2020 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:

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 6-0 for approval.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Shirley McLaurin signed up to speak. She asked the Council if they would approve of her putting a professional picture of Mayor McLaurin in the Town Hall with a plaque underneath, this would replace the caricature of the Mayor and Jasper the Flea, currently on the wall. The Council had a brief discussion then the Council took a vote. Council

Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to replace the caricature of the Mayor and Jasper with a professional picture of the Mayor and have a plaque underneath. Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe 2nd the motion. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Consider approval of the Minutes for the February 11, 2020 Town Council Meeting. See Exhibit A.**
- 2. Consider approval of the Minutes for the February 11, 2020 Closed Session Meeting. See Exhibit B.**
- 3. Consider approval of the January, 2020 Financial Reports. See Exhibit C.**

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 Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as stated. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Stan Crumpler. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

VI. DISCUSSION AGENDA:

Agenda Item #1:

Applicant Information

Mr. Ronald Autry stated the Council had approved hiring a part time employee for 20 hours or more if needed. Mr. Autry said Ms. Kelly McCorquodale had applied and interviewed with Mayor McLaurin and Council Members Hudson and Buffaloe. He said that Ms. McCorquodale was available to work the hours needed.

After some discussion Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to hire Kelly J. McCorquodale for approximately 20 hours per week at \$12.00 an hour with no benefits. Council Member Stan Crumpler 2nd the motion. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

VII. RECEIVE MAYOR'S UPDATE:

- Cumberland County Sheriff Deputy's hours need to be voted on. The current Deputy is working 8-5 Monday-Friday. Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to keep the Cumberland County Sheriff Deputy's hours consistent, 8am-5pm Monday-

Friday. Council Member Bruce Sykes 2nd the motion. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

- The Town needs to take a more active role in developing the ballpark. Mr. Ronald Autry has met with two engineers to get an idea of what the cost would be for them to design the walking trail. The Town will need the engineer's report to apply for the PARTIFF Grant.
- The Mayors Coalition meeting for May is sponsored by the Town of Eastover. There will be several speakers at the meeting. The screen and projector will need to be set up for this meeting. The primary focus is going to be on Rhodes' Pond.

VIII. RECEIVE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE:

- None.

IX. RECEIVE TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE:

- ST Wooten is a contractor that is doing the I95 widening. Mr. Autry and Council Member Crumpler attended a meeting concerning this. The layout of the widening was discussed and the representative from ST Wooten stated that they would have a meeting scheduled for all landowners. Once the meeting is scheduled ST Wooten will send out notifications of when and where the meeting will be held.
- Mr. Autry informed the Council that he was beginning to go over the budget. He stated that he was looking at proposing a \$.03 cent tax increase to go directly to the Fire Department making the total received \$.13 cent.
- DK Taylor Oil Company came out to check the lines of the tank because the bill for February 24, 2020 was rather high compared to the previous bills. There were no leaks and after further observation the price per gallon had increased. Mr. Autry said moving forward they would monitor the tank gauge and compare the prices moving forward, he just wanted to make the Council aware.
- Mr. Autry informed there will be an Ethics Class that you can take online at home. Whoever takes it need to inform the council when finished.
- Christmas decorations have arrived.

X. CONSIDER A MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Bruce Sykes at 8:05p.m. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Town of Eastover

Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor

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