

**Town of Eastover Planning Meeting  
6:00 PM Tuesday May 12, 2020 at the  
Eastover Community Center, 4008 School Road**

**Mayor Charles McLaurin, presiding.  
Council Members attending: Lawrence Buffaloe, Stan Crumpler,  
Cheryl Hudson, Kimberly McPhail, Brian Pearce, and Bruce Sykes**

**Also in attendance was Town Attorney, Mr. Tim Smith,  
Interim Town Manager, Mr. Ronald Autry, Town Clerk, Ms. Elizabeth  
Bass, and Deputy Town Clerk, Ms. Kelly McCorquodale**

**MINUTES**

Mayor McLaurin opened the meeting at 6:00PM, and recognized Mr. Autry, who addressed the Council with the highlights of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget.

Mr. Autry presented the Council with a copy of the proposed budget for FY 2020-21. He said the Ad Valorem Tax is at \$670,000 calculated on property value of \$333,712,255 at a tax rate of \$.205 per \$100 with a collection rate of 98.5% which could be affected by COVID-19. He stated there is a projected decrease over the previous year of \$75,350 or 5%, due to decreased revenues from the local option sales taxes.

All state revenues are projected to be reduced due to COVID-19. The following are expected decreases in revenues for the FY20-21 Budget:

- NC Utility Franchise Tax -3.5% reduction
- Local Option Sales Tax-15% reduction
- NC Beer & Wine Tax-10% reduction
- Powell Bill Funds-15% reduction

The budget will cover an increase in Investments, health insurance/life insurance, retirement costs, employee salaries, and continued funding to complete improvements at the Eastover Community Park.

The Interim Town Manager told the Council about a proposed change to the County Fire Tax. Mr. Autry stated that at this time considering the COVID-19 pandemic it would not be a good decision to raise the taxes an additional \$.03, therefore Mr. Autry purposed to have in the budget \$50,000.00 for whatever need or purpose the Eastover Fire Department may present to the Council. He also provided information from the County on how additional tax funds from the County's increase would be distributed to the fire departments.

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There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made at 7:01 PM by Council Member Cheryl Hudson, and a second by Council Member Bruce Sykes. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ronald Autry, Interim Town Manager

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Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Elizabeth S. Bass, Clerk