

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 12, 2021 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 – January 12, 2021

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members: Cheryl C. Hudson, J. Lawrence Buffaloe, Kimberly F. McPhail, C. Brian Pearce, and M. Stan Crumpler were in attendance at the January 12, 2021, Eastover Town Council Meeting. Also in attendance were: Mr. Ronald Autry, Interim Town Administrator, Ms. Elizabeth S. Bass, Town Clerk, and Ms. Kelly McCorquodale, Deputy Town Clerk. Council Member Bruce R. Sykes and Mr. Tim Smith, Town Attorney were absent for the January 12, 2021, Eastover Town Council Meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Charles McLaurin called the January 12, 2021 Eastover Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Town Administrator, Mr. Ronald Autry 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 Stan Crumpler. The vote was 6 to 0 for approval.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were none.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Consider approval of the Minutes for the December 8, 2020 Town Council Meeting.**
- 2. Consider approval of the November, 2020 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 Kimberly McPhail made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as stated. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Stan Crumpler. The vote was 6 to 0 for approval.

VI. DISCUSSION AGENDA:

Agenda Item #1:

Public Hearing

CASE NO.P20-57: Rezoning of 8.85+/- acres from A1 Agricultural to A1 Agricultural/CZ Conditional Zoning for a 3 lot zero lot line subdivision or to a more restrictive zoning district, located on the south side of SR 1728 (Middle Road), west of SR 1725(Dobbin Holmes Rd), submitted by Mary Parks Patterson, Charles Wayne Hall & Cara Hall and Robert William Sizemore & Claire Culbreth Sizemore (owners). (Eastover)

Mayor McLaurin opened the Public Hearing. He then asked if anyone signed up to speak for or against Case No. P20-57. No one had signed up to speak for or against Case No. P20-57.

Mayor McLaurin then recognized Council Member Stan Crumpler. Council Member Crumpler explained that Case No. P20-57 rezoning of 8.85+/- acres from A1 Agricultural to A1 Agricultural/CZ Conditional Zoning for a 3 lot zero lot line subdivision or to a more restrictive zoning district, located on the south side of SR 1728 (Middle Road), west of SR 1725(Dobbin Holmes Rd), submitted by Mary Parks Patterson, Charles Wayne Hall & Cara Hall and Robert William Sizemore & Claire Culbreth Sizemore (owners). (Eastover). Mr. Crumpler stated that it was actually a request to get rid of the setbacks. He then asked the Council if they had any questions or concerns. There were none.

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Council Member Cheryl Hudson mad a motion to close the Public Hearing. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was 6 to 0 for approval.

Mayor McLaurin then asked for a motion to approve or disapprove Case No. P20-57. Council Member Brian Pearce made a motion to approve Case No. P20-57. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was 6 to 0 for approval.

Agenda Item #2:

Server Contract with Southern Software vs Purchasing New Server.

Mayor McLaurin recognized Interim Town Administrator, Mr. Ronald Autry. Mr. Autry explained that our server is about 10 years old and our IT consultant is concerned about the server crashing soon. The consultant highly recommended doing a Cloud with Southern Software. The Southern Software Cloud Contract is \$2,500.00 annually. The Cloud would have to be provided with a faster internet connection. Our current internet provider, Spectrum, concluded that for faster and more sufficient internet would increase our bill \$87.00 more per month. The option of purchasing a new Tower Server would cost around \$8,000 to \$10,000.00. The Council briefly discussed their options.

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve or disapprove the server contract with Southern Software or purchasing a new server. Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve the contract with Southern Software and upgrading the internet as needed with Spectrum. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Brian Pearce. The vote was 6 to 0 for approval.

Agenda Item #3:

Agreement with MetroNet Contract for Installation of Fiber-to-the-Premises Networks.

Mayor McLaurin recognized Interim Town Administrator, Mr. Ronald Autry. Mr. Autry explained he has not heard from the Town Attorney about this contract yet but still recommended consulting with him before signing. Mr. Autry said he did some research on the contract, and has concluded under his interpretation that the contract is only asking permission for doing construction and recruiting residents to participate in the internet services. There was a brief discussion by Council.

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve or disapprove MetroNet Contract. Council Member Stan Crumpler made a motion to approve the contract with MetroNet upon approval from the Town Attorney. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was 6 to 0 for approval.

Agenda Item #4:

Tabled Item from 12-8-2020: Resolution 2020-05: Adopt Eastover North 1 Streets.

Mayor McLaurin stated he thinks the Town should adopt those streets. Mayor McLaurin has looked at the streets and the drainage issue was approved by the DOT and he doesn't think it will cause a problem in the future. Mayor McLaurin then asked if there were any questions or concerns. There were none.

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve or disapprove Resolution 2020-05. Council Member Brian Pearce made a motion to approve the Resolution 2020-05 once the erosion basins were cleared. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was 6 to 0 for approval.

VII. RECEIVE MAYOR'S UPDATE.

- Still no word from the attorney about the progress of moving forward with the Vape Shop.
- Would like to schedule a meeting with Mr. Neil Yarbrough
- The Christmas Decorations are buy 2 get 1 free. If the Town purchases 16 wreaths it will be about \$8,800.00. Will decide next meeting before sale ends.
- Need to acquire Historical items for a time Capsule for the Town of Eastover.
- The Bridge for the Ball Park is moving forward to be built. When Finished Fulcher Electric would like to install the bridge. Mayor McLaurin would like to name the bridge in honor of Mr. Fulcher's belated son, Kenny Fulcher Jr.
- Clean up needs to be done along the trail once the erosion control fence has been moved.
- Would like to purchase solar lights to try out on the walking trail that are about \$19.00 a piece.
- Need to place signs limiting vehicle traffic along the walking trail
- The Cumberland County Parks and Recreation will be putting up the fence along the Ball Park.

VIII. RECEIVE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE:

- Need to have the people building the bridge to send specific measurements of the concrete anchors that need to be installed.

IX. RECEIVE TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE:

- Appoint a representative for the League of Municipality.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to nominate Council Member Kimberly McPhail to be a representative. The Motion was 2nd by Council Member Brian Pearce. The vote was 6 to 0 for approval.

X. CONSIDER A MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Cheryl Hudson at 7:48 p.m. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Brian Pearce. The vote was 6 to 0 for approval.

Town of Eastover

Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor

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