

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 10, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Eastover Community Center**

**x Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Presiding;
Council Members: 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 – August 10, 2021

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members: Kimberly F. McPhail, Bruce R, Sykes, J. Lawrence Buffaloe, C. Brian Pearce, and M. Stan Crumpler attended the August 10, 2021, Eastover Town Council Meeting. Council Member Cheryl Hudson was absent from the meeting but provided a written waiver of notice prior to the August 10, 2021, meeting. A quorum was present at the Town Council Meeting. Also, in attendance were Mr. Tim Smith, Town Attorney, Mr. Ronald Autry, Interim Town Administrator, and Ms. Elizabeth S. Bass, Town Clerk.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Charles McLaurin called the August 10, 2021, Eastover Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Charles McLaurin 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 Kimberly McPhail 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:

Mr. Herman Britt, Tom Geddie Road, Eastover and Ms. Kennedy Coy, Cumberland County Public Health, signed up to speak to the Council.

Mr. Herman Britt asked the Council about Powell Bill Funds. He asked how much was available, what were the allowed usages, and what the expectation was to use these funds. He then requested that the Town begin looking into paving Meadowview Terrace.

Ms. Kennedy Coy, New Health Educator for Cumberland County Health Department, introduced herself. She let the Council know she was available for any community needs such as Mental Health Issues, Diabetes, Stress Management, etc. She informed the Council she would be willing to hold classes or set up meetings.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Consider approval of the Minutes for the July 13, 2021, Town Council Meeting.**
- 2. Consider approval of the Closed Session Minutes for July 13, 2021.**
- 3. Consider approval of the Planning Session Minutes for August 3, 2021.**
- 4. Consider approval of the June 2021 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 Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as stated. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Bruce Sykes. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

VII. DISCUSSION AGENDA:

Agenda Item #1:

Discussion/Approval of the Ordinance Regulating Solid Waste Management and Abandoned, Nuisance, Junked Motor Vehicles.

Mr. Tim Smith, Town Attorney, told the Council that this ordinance now has a fee structure. He stated that there are now civil penalties, a notice and citation could be issued, and offenders could be prosecuted. The fines would be structured. The first offense could be \$50.00, with a 2nd Offense being \$200.00. a maximum fee of \$500.00. Mr. Autry, Town Administrator, and Mr. Tim Smith will work together to get the notice of complaint completed.

After some discussion, Mayor McLaurin asked the Council for a motion to approve/disapprove the Ordinance Regulating Solid Waste Management and Abandoned, Nuisance, Junked Motor Vehicles.

Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to approve the Ordinance Regulating Solid Waste Management and Abandoned, Nuisance, Junked Motor Vehicles. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Stan Crumpler. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

Agenda Item #2:

Town Hall Sign

A motion to recuse Council Member Bruce Sykes was made by Council Member Stan Crumpler. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was 5-0 for approval.

The new Town Hall Sign will be placed at the new Town Hall location which is currently the Eastover Sanitary District building. The Town Hall is looking to move into the building around November or December of 2021. The new sign will be an internally illuminated led sign with 3/16" thick white polycarbonated sign faces with applied graphics to match the Town of Eastover's logo. The sign will be 5 foot high mounted onto a steel post with a metal pole cover.

After some discussion, Mayor McLaurin asked for a vote to approve or disapprove the new Town Hall sign. Council Member Stan Crumpler made a motion to approve the Town Hall Sign. Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe 2nd the motion. The vote was 5-0 for approval.

VII. RECEIVE MAYOR'S UPDATE.

- A meeting needs to be set with the Cumberland County Manager concerning the option of summer league operations, monies to do so, what funds are available for the construction of the Eastover Ballpark, and matters concerning Eastover Drainage.
- The Pavilion should be completed upon final approval of the Fire Marshall and Cumberland County Planning and Zoning.
- On September 18, 2021, the North Carolina Veterans Suicide and Awareness and Prevention will hold a 22 mile/22K run. This venue will be at the Eastover Ballpark.
- Congress in Washington, the Senate and the House of Representatives of North Carolina are now working on Rhodes Pond. FEMA stopped funds because of a miscalculation.
- Additional streetlights have been placed along Beard Road and Middle Road. The lights surrounding the Eastover Splash Pad and Eastover Ballpark have been installed. All seem to be working and look nice.

VIII. RECEIVE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE.

Council Member Stan Crumpler is concerned over the setback for the USA Storage center on Dunn Road. He will be measuring to verify compliance. If not, Town Attorney Tim Smith will send a letter of violation.

IX. RECEIVE TOWN ADAMINISTRATOR’S UPDATE.

No Comment.

X. CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH GS 143-318.11(a)(3)-ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE

Closed Session Meeting was cancelled due to no updates at this time.

XI. 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 7:45 p.m. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Bruce Sykes. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

Town of Eastover

Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor

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