

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 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 8, 2022

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members: Kimberly McPhail, J. Lawrence Buffaloe, C. Brian Pearce, Cheryl C. Hudson, Bruce Sykes, and M. Stan Crumpler attended the March 8, 2022, Eastover Town Council Meeting. A quorum was present at the Town Council Meeting. Also, in attendance were Mr. Donald Hudson, Town Attorney, and Mr. Ronald Autry, Interim Town Administrator. Ms. Elizabeth S. Bass, Town Clerk was absent.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Charles McLaurin called the March 8, 2022, Eastover Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Council Member Brian Pearce 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. Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion add agenda Item #6: Vote on Town Attorney, Mr. Donald Hudson. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Brian Pearce. The vote was unanimous for approval.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Herman Britt, 3050 Tom Geddie Road and Mr. Trei Williams, 1976 Middle Road signed up to speak to the Council.

Mr. Herman Britt spoke on behalf of the Eastover Fire Department. He informed the Council that the Eastover Fire Department would be available to give a presentation to the

Council of items needed at the Eastover Fire Department so the Town could be aware of those items when the Town's Budget is prepared.

Mr. Trei Williams spoke about opening day at the Eastover Ballpark. He stated that opening day will be on April 9th with a parade. Mr. Williams said that 273 people have signed up to play ball, which is down 15%-20% from pre-covid numbers. There are 4 teams for the 3-4 yr. old's, 6 teams for 5-6 yr. old's, 5 teams for 8 and under, 5 teams for 10 and under, 4 teams for 12 and under, 2 teams for 14 and under, and 2 teams for 17 and under. There is only one 8 and under girls' team.

This year participants are allowed to go out of their district and play at Eastover Ballpark. Eastover Ballpark is not under a league therefore it allows for non-district play. All-star teams will be picked at the end of season.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Consider approval of the Minutes for the February 8, 2022, Town Council Meeting.**
- 2. Consider approval of the January 2022 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 Stan Crumpler. The vote was unanimous for approval.

VI. DISCUSSION AGENDA:

Agenda Item #1:

Discuss Architect for designing building for Eastover Ballpark

Mr. Ronald Autry stated that the plan for the new building at the Eastover Ballpark should include a two-stall bathroom for males and a two-stall bathroom for females (both handicap accessible), a picnic table area under a shelter, and a concession stand.

Mayor McLaurin asked if there was any further discussion. There was none. Mayor McLaurin asked for Motion to approve/disapprove an architect to go ahead with the design for the bathrooms, picnic shelter, and concession stand.

Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to approve an architect to go ahead with the design for the bathrooms, picnic shelter and concession stand. Council member Bruce Sykes 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #2:

Award new contract for Town of Eastover Grounds Maintenance, added new town hall property, \$ 16,848.00.

Mr. Ronald Autry stated that because of the Town purchasing a Tractor he did not ask Cardinal to include the Eastover Ballpark maintenance in the quote. He stated that the bid includes all gateway signs, Tally-Woodland Park, the Community Center, the vacant lot, Ballpark Road, and the new Town Hall Building. The bid is total is \$16,848.00 for March 1st-October 31st, 2022.

Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if they had any questions concerning the grounds maintenance bit. There were none. Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove the Cardinal Landscaping Bid.

Council Member Stan Crumpler made a motion to approve Cardinal Landscaping for the ground's maintenance. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Bruce Sykes. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #3:

Award contract for installation of concrete. Quotes were received for the installation of concrete at the new stage area. Quotes as follows:

Elite Concrete Finishing LLC -- \$4,250.00
Sellers and Sons Inc -- \$ 4,600.00

Mr. Ronald Autry stated that he had received two quotes for the installation of the concrete on the new stage area. He stated that Sellers and Sons have done previous work for the town, and it was exceptional. Elite Concrete does the concrete work for Fayetteville/Cumberland Parks and Rec. Elite poured the concrete for the splash pad, and it had to be redone. Seller and Sons quote is also more detailed than Elite Concrete.

Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if they had any questions concerning the concrete quotes. There were none. Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove either Elite Concrete Finishing, LLC or Sellers and Sons, Inc. for the installation of the concrete.

Council Member Bruce Sykes made a motion to approve Sellers and Sons, Inc. for the installation of the concrete. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #4:

Award Contract for Security Camera Installation.

This contract includes a quote for four cameras to be placed at the Eastover Ballpark. Each camera will give a 360-degree view of the area. The recorder and monitor location will be in a locked closet. This quote only includes the cameras, installation, and equipment for \$5,275.50. The electrical work will be completed by an electrical contractor.

Council Member Stan Crumpler made a motion to approve Gill Security Systems the security camera installation contract. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #5:

Award Contract to Install Electrical Lines to Security Cameras.

Jal Electrical Service Inc. sent in a proposal to install new service and conduit for security cameras. Their price is \$3,932.25.

Council Member Brian Pearce made a motion to approve Jal Electrical Service for the electrical work for the new security cameras. Council Member Bruce Sykes 2nd the motion. the vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #6:

New Attorney for Town of Eastover

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to appoint Mr. Donald Hudson as the new Town Attorney. Council Member Bruce Sykes 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

VII. RECEIVE MAYOR'S UPDATE

- Gun fire in the community cannot be monitored
- Motorized vehicles/bikes are not allowed on the walking trail
- Thank you, Mr. Fred Williams, for helping the move the Town into the new Town Hall

VIII. RECEIVE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE.

- Put a well at the Eastover Ballpark
- Congratulations to Mr. Donald Hudson
- Flag poles are on the way
- New Tractor should be delivered on March 9, 2022

IX. RECEIVE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE.

- Trees will be cut down on March 9, 2022
- New Storage Building quotes for new town hall, asking for a 30X30 with 2-10 ft doors and 1-3 ft door

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 7:41p.m.
The motion was 2nd by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Town of Eastover

Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor

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