

**Town of Eastover Planning Meeting
6:30 PM Tuesday May 23, 2022, at the
Eastover Town Hall, 3867 Dunn Road**

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

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**Also in attendance were Town Administrator, Mr. Ronald Autry, and Town
Clerk, Ms. Elizabeth Bass.**

Council Members Absent: Bruce Sykes

Mayor Charles McLaurin called the May 23, 2022, Eastover Town Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Ronald Autry, Town Administrator, gave an update on items for the Town of Eastover. They are as follows:

- Thursday May 19, 2022, the permit for the storage building to be put at the new Eastover Town Hall was completed. The town is waiting on the approval or declination of the permit now.
- The well for the Eastover Ballpark should start to be dug this week. Once the well is in place bids will be taken for setting up irrigation.
- The Parking lot should be patched, stripped, and concrete blocks done May 25-27, 2022.
- The corrections on the spec sheet have been sent to the engineers for the bathroom, shelter, and concession stand at the Eastover Ballpark.
- Surveying has been completed on Cory Circle and streets in Meadowview Subdivision. The town is now waiting on the engineer to get plans on getting the streets paved and then the town will be able to start the bidding process.

Mr. Autry stated that the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 will be approximately 5% higher than Fiscal Year 21-22. The proposed ad valorem tax revenue is projected at a slight increase due to a small increase in property tax value with the tax rate to remain at 20.5 cents per \$100 value (collection rate at 98.5). Local Option Sales Tax is increased due to continued strong sales (The Sales Tax agreement ends June 30, 2023).

The three primary sources of the town's revenues are Property Tax (34%), Local Option Sales Tax (40%), and Utility Franchise Tax (7%). These three total up to \$1,610,000 of the \$2,014,150 budget.

Fire and Police protection, Parks and Recreation services, Street Lights, Zoning and Street Maintenance will continue to be provided by the Town.

The budget includes \$100,000 to continue the Town's support of the Eastover Fire Department, above and beyond the 10-cent tax that is provided to them. This again allows the Town to do so, without a tax increase.

Additional funding is budgeted for the following:

- Funds for proposed Bathroom Facilities, Picnic Shelter at Eastover Ballpark will come from the NC State Grant in the amount of \$450,000 that the Town was awarded and is in a special account
- \$300,000 has been appropriated from Powell Bill Fund Balance for the proposed paving project.
- \$597,502.83 is in a special account to be used later following decision of priority projects.

After some discussion, Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe at 7:30p.m. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Brian Pearce. The vote was 6-0 for approval.

Town of Eastover

Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor

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