

Eastover Town Council
Special Meeting
4:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 15, 2008

The Eastover Town Council met in special session at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 15, 2008 for the purpose of discussing the hiring of a temporary audit firm to assist in the first audit of the Town of Eastover, to discuss land use planning, to discuss the Town's website development, and to discuss Fire Protection Services for new commercial development. Persons attending were, Mayor Charles McLaurin, Council members Lawrence Buffaloe, Willie Geddie, Cheryl Hudson, Benny Pearce, and Sara Piland, Planner Matt Rooney, and Mr. Danny Matthews, Board Chairman of the Eastover Fire Department.

Mayor McLaurin called the meeting to order and asked that the Council discuss the Fire Services for new commercial development first. Eastover Fire Department Board Chairman Mr. Danny Matthews presented information about fire protection services in the commercial area of Dunn Road within the Town and asked that the Council consider revising the appropriate ordinances to require fire hydrants at 500-1000 feet intervals when new commercial development is approved. Fire hydrant cost approximately \$760 each, according to Mr. Matthews. The Council by consensus agreed that such a revision would be in the best interest of the Town and asked Planner Matt Rooney to prepare a proposed subdivision ordinance revision in this regard for the Council's consideration.

Finance Officer Cheryl Hudson provided the rationale for hiring a temporary auditing firm and the need for issuing a Request for Proposals for Auditing Services for the 2008-09 and a subsequent period (typically three year contracts). Council member Sara Piland made a motion, seconded by Council member Lawrence Buffaloe, that the Council authorize Finance Officer Cheryl Hudson to proceed in securing the services of a temporary auditing firm that has experience in municipal auditing. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Rooney then presented information on a certain site revision, to wit, the additional of a weigh station behind the Wright Service Center at the Hwy 13 and I-95 intersection. In further discussion about land use planning, the Council asked Mr. Rooney to prepare a mission statement for land use planning to be considered by the Council at the next work session in August.

The Council discussed content for the Town's new website, to be launched on July 26, 2008, the first anniversary of the Town's incorporation. Members suggested that the web design include a Special Alert section on the home page, the mission statement for land use planning, and a first year progress report. Council member Sara Piland will convey these requests to the web designer.

Upon proper second and motion, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

Acting Clerk