

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 4, 2010, 7:00 p.m.
Eastover Community Center
Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Presiding Council Members: Lawrence Buffaloe, Willie
Geddie, Cheryl Hudson, Donald Hudson, Benny Pearce, and Sara Piland**

MINUTES OF MEETING – May 4, 2010

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members Donald Hudson, Sara Piland, Willie Geddie, Cheryl Hudson, and Benny Pearce were in attendance at the May 4, 2010 Eastover Town Council Meeting. Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe was absent from the meeting, and a Written Waiver of Notice was presented to the Town Clerk, prior to the Town Council Meeting. A quorum was present at the Town Council Meeting. Also in attendance were Mr. Matt Rooney from the Cumberland County Joint Planning & Inspections Department, Mr. John Jackson, Town Attorney, Mr. Kim Nazarchyk, Town Manager, and Ms. Jane Faircloth, Town Clerk.

I. Call to Order:

Mayor Charles McLaurin called the May 4, 2010 meeting of the Eastover Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

II. Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance:

Council Member Benny Pearce gave the invocation and led the attendees in The Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Agenda:

Council Member Donald Hudson made a motion that the Agenda be approved. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Sara Piland. The motion was carried unanimously.

IV. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

V. Consent Agenda:

1. Consider approval of the April 6, 2010 Town Council Minutes.
2. Consider approval of the March 31, 2010 Financial Report.

Council Member Sara Piland made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as stated. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The motion was carried unanimously.

VI. Proclamation – “Air Quality Awareness Week”

Council Member Donald Hudson read the Proclamation designating May 2 - May 8, 2010 as “Air Quality Week”.

Council Member Donald Hudson made a motion to approve the Proclamation for Air Quality Week. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Willie Geddie. The motion was carried unanimously.

Proclamation – “National Day of Prayer”

Mr. Kim Nazarchyk, Town Manager read the Proclamation designating May 6, 2010 as “National Day of Prayer”. He stated that Salem Methodist Church is hosting the event on May 6, 2010 at 8:00 a. m.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to designate May 6, 2010 as “National Day of Prayer”. Council Member Sara Piland 2nd the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

VII. Discussion Agenda:

Agenda Item #1:

Briefing by Mr. Morgan Johnson, Chairman Eastover Sanitary District.

Mr. Morgan Johnson gave the Town Council an update on the Eastover Sanitary District water projects. Mr. Johnson stated that the water is coming. He stated that the water project speaks for its self. The project Contractors have one year to have the project completed

Mr. Johnson stated that NC State Legislators have Cumberland County designated as Urban; therefore that makes us ineligible for Grant monies from the State. He stated that this was established by the State Legislature. He stated that Cumberland County should be divided into Urban and Rural, as the Cape Fear River is the line. He said the West should stay Urban with the East changed to Rural. Mr. Johnson stated that there are only four counties in North Carolina that are designated as Urban, and Cumberland County is one of the four counties. He requested the Town Council’s support, and support from House of Representative Rick Glazier and Senator Margaret Dickson in trying to get Cumberland County split into Urban and Rural.

Agenda Item #2:

Briefing by Mr. Mike Mason, Eastover Community Watch, President.

Mr. Mike Mason briefed the Town Council concerning the Community Watch Program. Mr. Mason stated we should all know our neighbors and to communicate with them. He stated the Community Watch Program offers drug prevention programs; sends email alerts to residents on theft and crime. He stated that they work closely with the Cumberland County Sheriff’s Department and that Deputy Abels is “Johnny on the spot”, and he communicates well with the Community Watch Program. Mr. Mason thanked the Town for the Community Watch signs and posts provided by the Town. Mr. Mason stated that the Hope Home Rest Home continues to be a problem. Council Member Sara Piland stated that she especially likes the email alerts.

Agenda Item #3:

Approval of Budget Amendment 2010-03.

Mr. Kim Nazarchyk, Town Manager presented Budget Amendment No. 2010-03 to the Town Council. The Amendment will amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Administration	7,490	
Fire Department	16,220	
Parks & Recreation	13,490	
Total	37,200	
<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Property Taxes	31,200	
Woodland Park (Talley)	<u>6,000</u>	
Total	37,200	

The total General Fund with amendment is \$1,353,600.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that we continue to get property taxes. He stated that the collection rate for property taxes is 98.6% and vehicle tax collection rate is 75.0%.

Council Member Sara Piland made a motion to adopt budget Amendment Ordinance No. 2010-03 as stated. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #4:

Presentation of 2010-2011 Budget and Schedule a Public Hearing by Mr. Kim Nazarchyk.

Mr. Kim Nazarchyk, Town Manager presented the proposed FY 2010-2011 Budget to the Town Council. He stated that the proposed budget is \$74,900, or 6% less than the previous fiscal year. He stated that we currently have a 98.6% property tax collection rate and a 75.0% collection rate on vehicles. Mr. Nazarchyk suggested that the Town Council have a workshop to discuss the budget on May 18, 2010 at the Town Hall, and also to set a date for a Public Hearing on the Towns Budget.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that the three main revenue sources for the Town are Property Taxes, N.C. Franchise Taxes, and the Local Option Sales Taxes. He said the Town would continue to fund the Fire Departments and the Fire Chiefs Association at 10.5 cents per hundred dollars of evaluation. He stated that the Town of Eastover currently provides Police, Fire, Parks & Recreation, and Zoning Services to its residents, and street lights along Dunn Road will be installed by mid-summer. He said that this budget does not provide for an expansion of those services. However, the budget does contain increases for personnel salaries and benefits

(\$18,862 includes additional part time for office), and \$12,000 has been allocated for replacement of heating & air units at the community building. Additionally, increases have been built into rent and utilities in the event the Town Hall can expand its current office space. He stated that funds have also been allocated for installation of electrical outlets on the light poles for holiday lighting.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion for the Town Council to meet on May 18, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. at the Town Hall to have a working session on the proposed budget. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Willie Geddie. The motion was carried unanimously.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to set the date of June 1, 2010 for the Public Hearing on the Town of Eastover's Budget for FY 2010-2011. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Benny Pearce. The motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #5:

Discuss the Contract with the Cumberland County Planning & Inspection Department for Eastover's Planner for FY 2010-2011.

Mr. Kim Nazarchyk, Town Manager stated that we are reviewing the Cumberland County Planning Department Work Program for the Town of Eastover that comprise the upcoming fiscal year (2010-1011). The following are the items listed on fiscal year 2009-2010 for the Town of Eastover:

1. Ensure staff recommendations are consistent with the goals of the Eastover Detailed Land Use Plan and existing and future development.
2. Consistency of development standards within the Town, and Town's Municipal Influence Area.
3. Staff recommendations for possible revisions to landscape regulations within the Zoning Ordinance.
4. Re-evaluation of portions of the Eastover Detailed Land Use Plan as determined by the Town Board.

The staff will continue to perform ongoing area studies, GIS analysis, transportation studies, zoning and subdivision administration, and other functions as requested by County management, Commissioners and Planning Board.

Mr. Nazarchyk asked if we needed to add or amend any additional elements to this agreement. Attorney John Jackson stated that he felt we should ask for 50% of Mr. Matt Rooney's time. Mr. Nazarchyk stated that the contract currently cost \$3.31 per resident and \$12,200 per year. He stated that it appears Cumberland County Planning & Inspections Department appears to be doing a good job for us.

Agenda Item #6:

Discuss banners and decorations on street lights.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that the original request to Progress Energy for street lighting did not include electrical outlets on the poles. He stated that we can hang banners on their poles but we are responsible for the hardware and the installation of the hardware. He said the banners must be 11 feet off the ground and be a specific size. He stated that there are 41 poles and

each pole will have a street light, and the poles are from Murphy Road to Beard Road. Mr. Nazarchyk stated that Progress Energy can add the electrical outlets at any time at a cost to rent of \$2.38 per pole X 41 poles X 12 = \$1,170.96 per year; or an upfront payment of \$169.48 X 41 poles = \$6,744.09 forever. He stated that he felt the upfront payment for the outlets was the best buy.

VIII. Receive Mayors Update:

Mayor Charles McLaurin thanked Ms. Judy McLaurin for a job well done on the Town's Flag and Banners.

Mayor McLaurin stated that work will begin on the Woodland Park May 5, 2010.

Mayor McLaurin stated that the Nation Day of Prayer services will be held May 6, 2010 at Salem Methodist Church at 8:00 a.m.

Mayor McLaurin stated that Bruce & Kathy Sykes donated the first flag to the Town of Eastover at a cost of \$300.00. He stated the Town is very appreciative of this donation.

Mayor McLaurin stated that the Mayor's Coalition Meeting is scheduled for Friday May 7, 2010 at the Wade Town Hall.

Mayor McLaurin stated that Council Member Cheryl Hudson is going to Europe next week.

Mayor McLaurin stated that Council Member Willie Geddie was awarded the "Old North State Award" from the Governor of the State of North Carolina. This honor was bestowed to Council Member Geddie on Heritage Day.

Mayor McLaurin stated he was concerned about the tires being dumped on Middle Road. We are watching and will catch the persons doing this.

IX. Receive Council Members Updates:

Council Member Sara Piland stated that we may possibly get a second Deputy to be on duty in Eastover to cover the evening hours.

Council Member Willie Geddie commended the Eastover Community Watch for a job well done.

X. Receive Town Managers Update:

Mr Kim Nazarchyk stated that we have concerns at local motel. He stated that a lot of Emergency Personnel and Law Enforcement time is being utilized at this motel.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that there are four properties that have been alerted to clean up. He said the cows and horses do meet standards.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that this is National Clerk's Week for city & towns. He said there will

be a luncheon Friday, at the Olive Garden for Cumberland County's Clerk's. Eastover's Town Clerk will attend.

XI. Consider a motion to adjourn.

Council Member Benny Pearce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Sara Piland. The vote was unanimous.

Town of Eastover

Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor

Attest: _____, **Town Clerk**
Jane F. Faircloth