

**Town of Eastover – Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 6, 2012, 7:00 p.m.
Eastover Community Center, 4008 School Street**

Mayor Charles McLaurin, Presiding.

**Council Members attending: Lawrence Buffaloe, Willie Geddie,
Don Hudson, Benny Pearce, and Sara Piland. Council Member Cheryl Hudson
was absent due to a death in the family, and also absent was Ms. Jane Faircloth. Town Clerk.**

Also in attendance were Town Manager Kim Nazarchyk, Town Atty.

**John Jackson, and Matt Rooney with Cumberland County
Planning & Inspections Department.**

MINUTES OF MEETING – MARCH 6, 2012

I. Call to Order:

Mayor Charles McLaurin called the March 6, 2012 meeting of the Eastover Town Council to Order at 7:00PM and welcomed all in attendance.

II. Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance:

Town Manager Kim Nazarchyk gave the invocation, and Girl Scout Troop 1554 led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Agenda:

Council Member Don Hudson made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented, and this was seconded by Council Member Sara Piland. The vote was 6 – 0 in favor.

IV. Public Comments:

None.

V. Consent Agenda:

1. Consider approval of the February 7, 2012 Town Council Minutes.
2. Consider approval of the January 31, 2012 Financial Report.

Council Member Sara Piland made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, and second was made by Mr. Buffaloe. Vote was 6-0 in favor.

VI. Discussion Agenda:

Agenda Item #1:

Proclamation honoring 100 years of Girl Scouts.

Council Member Sara Piland read the Proclamation honoring 100 years of Girl Scouts, and proclaimed the week of March 12, 2012 as “Girl Scout Week” in the Town of Eastover. The Proclamation was presented to Troop 1554 leaders Joan Owen & Shannon Thornburg, and Ms. Owen gave an overview of the Girls Scouts and Troop #1554.

Agenda Item #2:

Briefing by Mr. Morgan Johnson, Chairman of the Eastover Sanitary District (ESD).

Mr. Johnson informed the Council that the Eastover Sanitary District had signed an amended agreement with PWC that would continue operational/maintenance services with PWC until the Eastover Sanitary District was able to take over those services. PWC would also continue to provide water to ESD until the connection with Dunn was completed. He further stated that the Notice to Proceed had been issued to the contractor installing the pipe from Dunn, and digging should start on March 7, 2012. Mr. Johnson also thanked Council Members Sara Piland, Benny Pearce, and the Cumberland County Planning Board for denying Mr. Koenig’s request to rezone his land located on Underwood Road just outside the Eastover Town limits. He said that he received word today that Mr. Koenig had withdrawn his petition to rezone.

Agenda Item #3:

Public Hearing - Case NO. P12-10: Rezoning of 1.16+/- acres from O&I(P) Planned Office and Institutional to C1(P) Planned Local Business or to a more restrictive zoning district, located at 3353 Dunn Rd. (Eastover)

Mayor McLaurin opened the Public Hearing, and Matt Rooney with Cumberland County Planning & Inspections gave a brief description of the property, photos, and a summary of surrounding property zoning. He stated that the property rezoning was approved by the Planning Board at their last meeting, and it met staff requirements for rezoning. There were no speakers signed up for or against, and Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Motion was made by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe, and seconded by Mr. Pearce. Vote was 6-0 to close. There was no discussion or questions by the Council, and Council Member Sara Piland made a motion to approve the rezoning, and second was offered by Mr. Buffaloe. The vote was 6 – 0 in favor of rezoning.

Agenda Item #4:

Site Plan Review Case No. 12-014. Consideration of Shree Ganishji, LLC property, request for a C1(P) Site Plan Review, County Zoning Ordinance: C1(P); Total acreage: 1.9+/-; location: 3353 Dunn Road (Eastover).

Mr. Rooney stated that since the Council had approved the rezoning of this property in their previous action, they now needed to consider the Site Plan submitted by the property owner. Mr. Rooney said the Planning Department Staff found that the Site Plan met requirements. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Buffaloe, and a second was offered by Mr. Hudson. The vote was 6 – 0 in favor.

Agenda Item #5:

Subdivision Review: Case No. 12-018. Consideration of Earth Petroleum V, Inc. & Wright's Texaco, Inc., Request for a Subdivision Review, County Subdivision Ordinance; Zoning: C(P); Total Acreage: 9.39+/-; Location: 3930 & 3934 Goldsboro Road (US Hwy 13). (Eastover).

Mr. Rooney advised the Council that this property contained 9.36 acres, and the owner was requesting that a 1.5 acre lot be cut from the parcel. The 1.5 acres will face US Hwy. 13, and Mr. Rooney stated the request met the requirements for the subdivision and zoning ordinances. Council Member Buffaloe asked if we knew what the petitioner wanted to do with the property, and Mr. Rooney stated that he did not, but the site plan would have to come back before the Town Council before anything was placed on the parcel. Council Member Sara Piland asked if the single driveway connection to Hwy 13 would serve both parcels, and Mr. Rooney replied that NCDOT would require this. Council Member Don Hudson made a motion to approve the subdivision review, and a second was made by Council Member Willie Geddie. The vote was 6-0 in favor.

VII. Receive Mayor's Updates:

Mayor McLaurin told the audience that Council Member Cheryl Hudson's mother had passed away that morning, and was the reason for her absence.

He also reminded everyone of Heritage Day on Saturday, May 5th, which is sponsored and presented by the Eastover Civic Club. The Mayor encouraged the Girls Scouts to be in the parade, and to also have a booth or tent to promote the Girl Scouts. The next Heritage Day meeting will be Tuesday, March 13, 2012.

Mayor McLaurin also told the Council that he had spoken with members of NCDOT and requested that directional signage to Eastover be placed at the off ramps of I-95 at Hwy 13. Presently, someone coming off I-95 would not know how to get to Eastover.

Mayor McLaurin said the he hopes the Town will be able to obtain ownership of Talley Woodland Park in the near future.

VIII. Receive Council Members Updates:

Council Member Pearce recognized Brian Pearce, Larry Smith, and Lee Westbrook for their participation in the JEMS Games competition at the national EMS annual conference in Baltimore, Md. recently. In 2010 these three gentlemen won the World Championship competition, and did so again this year. They competed against teams from all over the U.S. including California, Nevada, and the Fire Department of New York City. Although teams from other countries are allowed to compete, and did so last year, no teams outside the U.S. were in the competition. The team from Mexico has invited these gentlemen to compete in their games later this year in Mexico. All three gentlemen work with the Cape Fear Valley/Cumberland County EMS system, and also have volunteered with the Eastover Fire Department (Lee and Brian are currently volunteers with Eastover Fire Department). Council Member Pearce stated it is a tribute to Eastover to have this quality of talent living here and volunteering with our local fire department. He also stated that Mr. Westbrook, a military veteran, was entered into the VFW competition, and has won the National EMT Award from the VFW. (The official announcement regarding this will come later.)

Brian Pearce told the audience that the men greatly appreciated the recognition, but what he would like for us to remember is that the EMS workers and Eastover Fire Dept. workers do this because they want to help people and save lives. Their being able to go away and win competitions against others from around the world validates that the quality of care given by EMS workers in Cumberland County and the community is as good as anywhere in the world.

Council Member Sara Piland recommended that the Council prepare a resolution expressing our congratulations to these young men and recognizing the honor they bring to our community. Heritage Day would be a good time to do this.

Mr. Willie Geddie told the audience that he would like to have antiques for display on Heritage Day, and also canned or jar goods for display. Mrs. Piland added that a miniature set up of the county fair would be in the community building for canned goods and crafts.

Mayor McLaurin reminded everyone that the Town had purchased the property behind the old Eastover Elementary School, and also welcomed Atty. John Jackson back.

IX. Receive Town Manager Updates:

Mr. Nazarchyk informed the Council that the street light had been installed at the entrance to Eastridge, and that he was soliciting bids to replace the lighting in the community building with the new L10 version.

Mr. Nazarchyk told the Council that Ms. Doris Wilson had asked for permission to allow cars to park on the Town's vacant lot when she has bus trips organized. It would be between 5 to 15 cars, parked Thursday – Sunday, two times a year. This year it would be late May and December. Mr. Nazarchyk recommended approval with the understanding that the Town would not be liable for damage or injuries, and that the parking did not interfere with any Town sponsored events. Mrs. Piland asked if that would be the pickup point, and Mr. Buffaloe asked about an insurance waiver. Mr. Nazarchyk responded that it would be the pickup point, and that an indemnity clause would be given to Mrs. Wilson to share with anyone wanting to park on the Town property. Atty. John Jackson stated that we could give the disclaimer to whoever was handling the event. Mrs. Piland also voiced concern about setting a precedent, and Atty. Jackson stated we could control use by permit. Mayor McLaurin stated that we could handle in a similar method as to how we rent the community center. Council Member Pearce made a motion to allow Mrs. Wilson to use the vacant lot on condition the Town would not be liable and that the parking not interfere with Town sponsored events. Mr. Buffaloe seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously, 6-0.

Mr. Nazarchyk informed the Council that he had obtained three (3) bids for removing the Red Tip plants that border Middle Road on the Town property behind the old elementary school. Bushes, roots, and stumps will be removed and hauled away. Submitting bids were Thurmond Trucking (\$650.00), Twisted Oaks Lawn Maintenance & Landscape Design (\$875.00), and ACC Landscaping & Lawn Care (\$1,100.00). Based on the amount of bids, Mr. Nazarchyk recommended that the Council contract with Thurmond Trucking, Inc. to handle the removal. Mayor McLaurin asked if that included clay to fill in the holes. He was concerned that use on Heritage Day would cause cars to sink if they drove over the area. Mr. Nazarchyk stated that it did not include clay fill in, and we may want to put cones and tape over the disturbed area to force people to use the center drive. The Mayor asked Council to keep that concern in mind should we need to fill in the holes. Council Member Piland made a motion to contract with Thurmond Trucking, Inc., and a second was offered by Council Member Pearce. Vote was 6 – 0 in favor.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that we have received no response for renaming Bus St. to Mt. Zion Lane. Efforts began on October 25, 2011, and the last conversation was on 1/31/12 in which Ms. Shelton (Cumberland County Street/Naming Coordinator) had stated that she would send letters to the four property owners whose property abutted Bus St. If 51% agree to the name change, it would be done. Recent efforts to contact Ms. Shelton had been unanswered.

Mrs. Piland asked Mr. Rooney if he could provide assistance so that we could move on this fast. Mr. Geddie directed a question to Morgan Johnson, Chairman of the Eastover Sanitary District, as to how he obtained street names. Mr. Johnson responded that they did not issue names, but relied on NCDOT or private property owners for names. Atty. John Jackson stated that there was a way to go ahead with renaming, but it might upset the EMS services, and suggest we allow the County one more opportunity to change the name.

X. Consider a Motion to Adjourn:

Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to Adjourn, and second was offered by Council Member Piland. The vote was 6-0 in favor of adjourning at 8:13PM.

Town of Eastover

Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jane F. Faircloth, Town Clerk

