

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 8, 2015 7:00 p.m.**  
**Eastover Community Center**  
**x Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Presiding**  
**Council Members: x Lawrence J. Buffaloe, x Willie S. Geddie,**  
**x Cheryl C. Hudson, x Randy P. Lee,**  
**x Benny M. Pearce, and  Sara E. Piland**

**MINUTES OF MEETING – September 8, 2015**

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members Willie Geddie, Cheryl Hudson, Benny Pearce, Randy Lee and Lawrence Buffaloe were in attendance at the September 8, 2015, Eastover Town Council Meeting. Council Member Sara Piland was absent from the meeting; however she did submit a Waiver of Notice prior to the meeting. Also in attendance were Attorney Tim Smith, Mr. Kim Nazarchyk Town Manager, and Ms. Jane Faircloth Town Clerk/Finance Officer. A quorum was present.

**I. Call to Order:**

Mayor Charles McLaurin called the September 8, 2015 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 Willie Geddie gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Approval of Agenda:**

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove the Agenda as stated.

Council Member Randy Lee made a motion to approve the Agenda as stated. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The vote was unanimous for approval.

**IV. Public Comments:**

None.

**V. Consent Agenda:**

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove the Consent Agenda as stated.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as so stated. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Willie Geddie. The vote was unanimous for approval.

**VI. Discussion Agenda:**

**Agenda Item #1:**

**Design update by Architect Mr. Chris Frank.**

Mr. Chris Frank, Architect gave a brief update concerning the New Town Hall. He stated that all finished specifications and drawings are to be at USDA by October 6, 2015 for their review and approval. He stated that he is just giving a summary of things concerning the new building. Some of which are type of flooring, type of paint, etc. He said that the water and sewer will come from Middle Road, the site plan is the same, and the sprinkler system will be monitored 24 hours per day. Mr. Frank stated that a special access latter must be installed inside the building for storage, and it must be able to hold two people and heavy equipment. He said that the conference room should be adaptable for network, and that the doors must be fire rated around the circle of workers. Once USDA approves or makes a change, we can put out final bid.

Mr. Frank suggested to the Council that a shallow well for water be installed. This water will be used for the landscape sprinklers.

**Agenda Item #2:**

**Presentation by Mr. Danny Matthews, Eastover Fire Department.**

Mr. Danny Matthews from the Eastover Volunteer Fire Department is requesting a reallocation of funds paid to the Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association. The Fire Department is requesting 70% of funds earmarked by the Town of Eastover for the Chief's Association are distributed to Eastover Volunteer Fire Department to maintain, update and recertify rescue equipment for our community. The remaining 30% would still go to the Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association. Mr. Matthews said that apparatus maintenance, insurance, fuel, and monies used for training State Certified Rescue Technicians is already covered in their existing budget.

Mayor McLaurin asked for a vote on this issue.

Council Member Benny Pearce made a motion to approve having the ½ cent assessed tax to property owners to be divided as follows: 70% to Eastover Fire Department and 30% to The Special Fire Chief's Fund. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was unanimous for approval.

## **VII. RECEIVE MAYOR'S UPDATE.**

Mayor McLaurin asked for everyone to keep Mr. Howard Piland, Sr. and Council Member Randy Lee in their prayers.

Mayor McLaurin stated that Council Member Willie Geddie will be honored as 2015 Distinguished Citizen Award given by the Cumberland County Boy Scouts of America (Occoneechee Council). The dinner will be held Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at Salem United Methodist Church. Several people have tickets for sale, and one is Mrs. Shirley McLaurin. The tickets are Couples - \$50, - Individuals \$30 and - Special Table of 8 \$500. The RSVP deadline is October 19<sup>th</sup> 2015. Mayor McLaurin stated that this honor is most deserving for Mr. Willie Geddie.

Mayor McLaurin stated that we are in the process of building a handicapped ramp and steps at Talley Woodland Park.

## **VIII. RECEIVE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE.**

None.

## **IX. RECEIVE TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE.**

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that the Town is buying 15-24 Eastover Town Flags at a cost of \$57 each. They are made of nice material, they are double sided, and the color should not bleed out. He stated that we will supply these flags to the Eastover Town Hall, Eastover Community Center, and the Eastover Volunteer Fire Department.

Mr. Nazarchyk requested that a Public Hearing be held at the October Town Council Meeting to approve the Construction Loan in the amount of 1.6M for the New Town Hall. Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve the Public Hearing in October. Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to approve the October Public Hearing on the Construction Loan. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Benny Pearce. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Mr. Nazarchyk stated that the several people have asked about a Town License Plate for Eastover. He stated that the Civic Club usually handled the License Plates in the past. He informed Mrs. Shirley McLaurin that this would be a good project for the Civic Club.

**X. CONSIDER A MOTION TO ADJOURN.**

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to adjourn.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Members Lawrence Buffaloe and Benny Pearce. The vote was unanimous for approval.

**Town of Eastover**

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**Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_, **Town Clerk**  
**Jane F. Faircloth**