

**Town of Eastover
Planning Meeting
5:00 PM Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at the
Eastover Community Center, 4008 School Road**

**Mayor Charles McLaurin, presiding.
Council Members attending: Lawrence Buffaloe, Stan Crumpler,
Lee Hedgecoe, Cheryl Hudson, and Benny Pearce.
Absent: Randy Lee was excused (medical).**

Also in attendance was Town Manager Kim Nazarchyk

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After a short meal, the meeting was opened by Mayor McLaurin at 5:27PM, who recognized Mr. Nazarchyk.

Mr. Nazarchyk updated the Council on the Sales Tax Distribution issue. Discussions were to have begun in January, but Chairman Adams had delayed. At present, there is a test of wills between Mr. Adams and Fayetteville Mayor Nat Robertson. Mr. Nazarchyk stated that he is not optimistic this will be settled soon.

Mr. Nazarchyk moved into discussion regarding the proposed town hall construction. The delay has been the uncertainty of future revenues from sales tax distribution, and now we possibly have an architect who is retiring. After some discussion it was suggested that the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, Town Mgr., and town atty. meet with Mr. Vick of LSV Partnerships to determine options for the Town if construction is suspended longer, and if Mr. Vick is no longer in practice. Mr. Nazarchyk also advised Council that it has been two years since the USDA loan commitment, and the Town needed to give them (USDA) a response as to whether or not we would need the long term funding. After some discussion, Mr. Nazarchyk was instructed to inform USDA in writing that construction on the town hall would probably not begin within twelve months, and explain why.

The impact of the 2017 revaluation was presented to the Council. Overall, values within the Town of Eastover increased 1.7%, or \$4.4MM. This would be an increase of \$9,000 to the Town from Ad Valorem collections. Mr. Nazarchyk told the Council that presently there is approximately \$8.0MM in exempted values within the Town.

The Council viewed the first pass of the proposed 2017-18 Budget. Mr. Nazarchyk is projecting a slight increase of 1.1%, or \$18,145. Revenues and expenses are in good shape, and the Town is financially strong.

Mr. Nazarchyk then updated the Council on current issues/projects. He stated that he is working with Mr. Yarborough to determine who is in control of the canals, and that a meeting with the Clerk of Courts will be held soon. Once control is determined, the Town will need to partner with the County, and Flea Hill Drainage District if valid, to move forward on some type of clearing and continued maintenance. It was suggested that the Town of Wade be invited to help with this effort.

An update was also given regarding John Akers of Anderson Associates (AA). AA did most of the work for Lamm Engineering on the Town's storm water runoff study. AA has now closed their Greensboro office, and Mr. Akers is with another firm. Council discussed this briefly, and decided to delay future action on the storm water runoff design until a resolution is reached regarding the canals.

Work is slowly progressing on Ballpark Rd. The next step will be to obtain the easement to move Mr. Bullock's water and sewer hookup, and ESD will absorb this cost. An estimate to replace the existing water pipes with ductile iron pipes is \$33,000, and a bid from Highland Paving to clear the trees, and construct the road with paving was \$88,000. This amount can be covered with Powell Bill Funding. During this discussion, Mr. Nazarchyk was authorized to discuss with NCDOT the possibility of the Town taking control of the entire length Ballpark Road.

The Mayor and Mr. Nazarchyk updated Council on the delays with work on the tennis courts at the ballpark. Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks & Recreation has not been dependable with their work flow, and in some cases, quality of the work they have contracted out. After discussion, the Council asked Mr. Nazarchyk to invite officers of the Eastover Community Parks Association (ECPA), and Mr. Gibson from Fay-Cumberland Parks & Rec., to our April Council Meeting for an update.

A preliminary listing of priorities for the coming fiscal year was determined:

- Continue efforts to clear canals.
- Continue efforts to complete construction/paving on Ballpark Road.
- Monitor development of the ballpark (site plan and construction).
- Interior/Exterior painting of the community building, and privacy panels for bathroom entrances.
- Inquire of additional cost for street lighting in identified areas.
- Inquire of cost to update bows on Christmas wreaths.
- Obtain estimate for construction of stage area at the Community Building.

Mr. Nazarchyk provided Council Members with evaluation forms for the Town Mgr. and Town Clerk, and Mayor McLaurin appointed Mr. Crumpler to lead these reviews.

Ms. Hudson offered a motion to adjourn at 6:35PM, with second from Mr. Crumpler. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Kim Nazarchyk, Town Manager

ATTEST:

Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor

Jane F. Faircloth, Town Clerk