

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 14, 2020 7:00 p.m.
Eastover Community Center**

**x☐ Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Presiding;
Council Members: x☐ Cheryl C. Hudson, x☐ J. Lawrence Buffaloe,
x☐ M. Stan Crumpler, x☐ Bruce R. Sykes, x☐ Kimberly F. McPhail,
and x☐ C. Brian Pearce**

MINUTES OF MEETING – January 14, 2020

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members: Cheryl C. Hudson, J. Lawrence Buffaloe, Bruce R. Sykes, Kimberly F. McPhail, C. Brian Pearce, and M. Stan Crumpler were in attendance at the January 14, 2020, Eastover Town Council Meeting. A quorum was present at the Town Council Meeting. Also in attendance were: Mr. Tim Smith, Town Attorney, Mr. Ronald Autry, Interim Town Manager, and Ms. Elizabeth Bass, Town Clerk.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Charles McLaurin called the January 14, 2020 Eastover Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Charles McLaurin gave the Invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Charles McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove the Agenda adding Agenda Item #2, Amendment to Section 802, Northern Entrance Corridor Overlay District (NECO). Council Member Bruce Sykes made a motion to approve the Agenda with the addition. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Kim McPhail. The vote was unanimous for approval.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Consider approval of the Minutes for the December 10, 2019 Town Council Meeting.**
- 2. Consider approval of the November, 2019 Financial Reports.**

Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if they had any questions concerning the Consent Agenda. There were none. Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove the Consent Agenda as stated.

Council Member Stan Crumpler made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as stated. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Kim McPhail. The vote was unanimous for approval.

VI. DISCUSSION AGENDA:

Agenda Item #1:

Presentation by Mr. David Maxwell from McFadyen & Sumner CPAs, PA concerning Fiscal Year 2019 Audit for the Town of Eastover.

Mr. David Maxwell stated the Town of Eastover had a clean audit and was in sound financial condition. The Town ended FY2019 with \$819,000 cash flow positive and \$5.1 million in cash reserve.

The Town of Eastover's revenues are \$1.744 million up \$59,000 from 2018. Mr. Maxwell stated the Sales Tax is 45% of Town's Revenues and Property Tax is at 38% of the Town's revenues. Mr. Maxwell stated there is very little fluctuation.

Mr. Maxwell said the expenditures/expenses for the Town of Eastover are \$926,000 which is down \$181,000 from FY2018. The largest expenditure is Public Safety at 45% or \$420,000. The next highest expenditure is general government at 32% or \$294,000. The General Government expenditure is all expenditures not required to be accounted for in another department.

Mr. Maxwell stated there was a management letter in the audit that included recommendations to overcome inherent risks because of the lack of segregation of duties due to the Town of Eastover being so small. Mr. Maxwell said the Council already practices these recommendations such as being faithful in attendance at Council meetings, reviewing the interim financial review, and participating in the budget process. Mr. Maxwell said the Town of Eastover has strong internal controls, policies, and procedures. He said this was an exceptional audit. He said moving funds into the NC Capital Management Trust was a smart idea and he fully supported and applauded the Board on making that decision.

Mr. Maxwell stated that his firm will no longer be preparing government audits. He said due to personal reasons he has to leave the firm and therefore there is no auditor for the governmental entities. Mr. Maxwell stated he would recommend someone as soon as possible.

After some discussion Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if they had any questions concerning the Fiscal Year 2017 Audit. There were none.

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove the Fiscal Year 2019 Audit. Council Member Kim McPhail made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2019 Audit. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #2:

Amendment to Section 802, Northern Entrance Corridor Overlay District (NECO)

Council Member Stan Crumpler stated the Amendment needed to be looked at and either agreed upon or re-drawn. After several minutes of discussion the Council went line by line on the amendment.

Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if there were any more questions on the Amendment, there were none. Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove the Amendment.

Council Member Stan Crumpler made a motion to approve Amendment to section 802 with the following changes:

Omit:

- Line O-Industrial Operations Not Otherwise Prohibited
- Line DD-Retailing or Servicing (greater than 15,000 sq. ft.)

Add:

- Line RR-Borrow source operations

Council Member Bruce Sykes 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

VII. RECEIVE MAYOR'S UPDATE:

- A Planning Session is scheduled for January 23, 2020 at 5:00pm. A meal will be provided. Please be prepared to discuss such things as the Gun Ordinance and the Noise Ordinance, Eastover Ballpark, Del Crawford, and anything else the Council feels is important.
- A Meeting with the Eastover Fire Department is scheduled for Wednesday January 22, 2020 at 10:00am. The Mayor, Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe, Council Member Cheryl Hudson and the Town Manager will be attending.
- Christmas Wreaths need to be changed. A meeting was held with Mosca concerning purchasing new Christmas decorations. This will be discussed in detail at the planning session meeting.
- Powell Bill Funds must be assessed. The Town could look at purchasing several side streets. This will be discussed at the Planning Session Meeting.
- Mr. Talmadge Baggett stated that the new Eastover Sanitary Building is a priority. He said that getting sewer to Hwy 13 and Murphy Road are a concern. Mr. Baggett said a sleeve might be able to be placed under 95 while they are widening it to help get more sewer to Hwy 13 area and the Murphy Road area. When ESD is able they will then be able to run the sewer pipe in the sleeve and be able to get sewer to these areas.

VIII. RECEIVE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE:

- Council Member Bruce Sykes stated that there is a \$19,000 deficit with Park and Rec. He stated the Town needed to schedule a meeting with him. Three out of four of the Pickle Ball Courts are ready. The Beach Volleyball needs paint on the posts, needs a net, and needs beach sand that cost approximately \$4,000.
- Fayetteville Parks and Rec has a shortfall with all parks.
- Council Member Cheryl Hudson stated the Ethics training had to be taken by all new and incumbent Council Members. She asked the Council about purchasing the course online so that all required members can take it at their convenience. The Council agreed and instructed the Town Manager to go ahead and purchase the Ethics Training.

IX. RECEIVE TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE:

- None.

X. CONSIDER A MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Bruce Sykes at 8:05p.m. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Stan Crumpler. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Town of Eastover

Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor

Attest: _____, **Town Clerk**
Elizabeth S. Bass