

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 9, 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 – June 9, 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 June 9, 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, Ms. Elizabeth S. Bass, Town Clerk, and Ms. Kelly McCorquodale, Deputy Town Clerk.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Charles McLaurin called the June 9, 2020 Eastover Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Council Member Bruce Sykes 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 as stated. Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve the Agenda as stated. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was unanimous for approval.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Consider approve of the Planning Session Minutes for the May 12, 2020 Planning Session Meeting.**
- 2. Consider approval of the Minutes for the May 12, 2020 Town Council Meeting.**
- 3. Consider approval of the Closed Session Minutes for May 12, 2020.**
- 4. Consider approval of the April, 2020 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 Bruce Sykes 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:

Public Hearing: Presentation of Fiscal Year 2021 Budget (July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021).

Mayor Charles McLaurin opened the public hearing and recognized Mr. Ronald Autry, Interim Town Manager.

Mr. Autry stated that the public hearing was advertised on May 27, 2020. He gave some highlights of the proposed budget. Mr. Autry stated that because of COVID-19 the Interlocal Sales Tax Agreement could be severely impacted. State Revenue was reduced by 3.5%. Mr. Autry stated the increase in taxes for the Eastover Fire Department will not be completed this year because of the impact COVID-19 has caused, therefor the Town set aside \$50,000 for the Eastover Fire Department for any expense they might need. The construction at the Eastover Ballpark will continue as funds were already reserved. The contractors will start the work on the Eastover Ball Park walking trail in July. The new street lights will begin in July as well.

Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if there was any further discussion. There was none. Mayor McLaurin then asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Stan Crumpler 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous to close the public hearing.

Mayor McLaurin then asked for a motion to approve or disapprove the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget. Council Member Stan Crumpler made a motion to approve the Fiscal year 2021 Budget. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Bruce Sykes. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #2:

Public Hearing: Change form of Government.

Mayor McLaurin opened the public hearing and recognized Interim Town Manager, Mr. Ronald Autry.

Mr. Autry informed the Council that the public hearing for changing the form of government was advertised on May 27, 2020. Mr. Autry stated that the resolution was adopted last month and the public hearing was held at this meeting therefor the requirements for changing the form of government have been met. At the July 14th Town Council Meeting the Council will have the final vote on the change of form of government. Once those steps are completed the public hearing needs to be published once again for 30 days so the public will be informed.

Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if there were any questions or concerns. There were none. Mayor McLaurin then asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #3:

Yarborough, Winters, & Neville FY 2021 Contract.

Mayor McLaurin asked if there were any discussion by the Council Members about the contract. There were none.

The Town Attorney Tim Smith informed the council that the contract is the same as FY2020 except that the hourly rate has increased by 2/3. The increase will be \$240.00 instead of the previous \$220.00.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve the Yarborough, Winters, & Neville FY2021 Contract. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #4:

Cumberland County Sheriff Contract FY 2021.

Interim Town Manager, Mr. Ronald Autry, stated the contract increased by \$500 from FY 2020 to FY2021. Mayor McLaurin asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Council Member Brian Pierce made a motion to approve the FY2021 Cumberland County Sheriff's contract. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The vote was unanimous for approval.

VII. RECEIVE MAYOR'S UPDATE:

- The plans for the Eastover Ballpark have been submitted; the contractor can't work on the wetland area but they can start grading other areas.
- The Town is looking for formal bids for a contractor that can do the wetlands area. There are several contractors that the town has lined up that seem very interested.
- The Town has not received a completion date for Baywood Road's construction. The DOT stated they are waiting on a permit.
- The benches at Tally Woodland Park need to be replaced. The families of the benches are welcomed to come get them.

VIII. RECEIVE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE:

- Mr. Autry needs to schedule a meeting with Amy Cannon about Parks and Rec.
- Council Member Bruce Sykes stated he would be working on the Community Building's new sign.

IX. RECEIVE TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE:

- June 29, 2020 Mr. Autry will have total knee replacement surgery and will be out for approximately 2 weeks.

X. CONSIDER A MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Lawrence Buffalo at 7:27p.m. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Bruce Sykes. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Town of Eastover

Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor

Attest: _____, Town Clerk
Elizabeth S. Bass