

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 12, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Eastover Community Center**

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

MINUTES OF MEETING – October 12, 2021

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members: Bruce R, Sykes, J. Lawrence Buffaloe, C. Brian Pearce, and M. Stan Crumpler attended the October 12, 2021, Eastover Town Council Meeting. Council Members Kimberly McPhail and Cheryl C. Hudson were absent from the October 12, 2021, 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 Administrator, and Ms. Elizabeth S. Bass, Town Clerk.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Charles McLaurin called the October 12, 2021, Eastover Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Pastor Fred Williams 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 Bruce Sykes made a motion to approve the agenda as stated. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was 5-0 for approval.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Danny Matthews, President of the Board for the Eastover Fire Department, and Ms. Katherine Nickell, Eastover North resident, signed up to speak to the Council.

Mr. Danny Matthews stated that the Eastover Fire Department received an ISO (insurance services office) rating of 3. This rating will be effective for five years and gives businesses a discounted insurance rate. It depends on the insurance company as to how much discount they will receive.

Ms. Katherine Nickell stated that her subdivision, Eastover North, is almost complete. She stated that speeding through the subdivision is a major concern. She would like the Council to put up speed limit signs and/or children playing signs in the subdivision. The Council informed her that the Town does not own all the streets in the subdivision. Department of Transportation would be the ones to contact concerning this matter. The Council has been asked to take the streets over, but they must wait until the builder completes all requirements.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Consider approval of the Minutes for the September 14, 2021, Town Council Meeting.**
- 2. Consider approval of the Closed Session Minutes, September 14, 2021.**
- 3. Consider approval of the August 2021 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 Brian Pearce made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as stated. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Stan Crumpler. The vote was 5-0 for approval.

VII. DISCUSSION AGENDA:

Agenda Item #1:

CASE # P21-49: TEXT AMENDMENT FOR TOWN OF EASTOVER ARTICLE VIII.I OVERLAY DISTRICTS REVISIONS: FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING ALLOWED USES WITHIN COMMERCIAL CORE OVERLAYS AND SITE DIMENSIONAL CRITERIA; TOWN OF EASTOVER (APPLICANT).

Council Member Stan Crumpler stated Case #P21-49 was an amendment to the original Overlay District to add several new types of businesses to the Commercial Core Overlay. Mayor McLaurin asked if there was any discussion. There was none. Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove Case #P21-49.

Council Member Stan Crumpler made a motion to approve Case #P21-49 text amendment to allow uses within the commercial core overlay. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Bruce Sykes. The vote was 5-0 for approval.

Agenda Item #2:

Case #: ZON-21-0012: TEXT AMENDMENT FOR TOWN OF EASTOVER ARTICLE VIII.I OVERLAY DISTRICTS REVISIONS; FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING EXEMPTIONS FOR GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL SIGNS WITHIN COMMERCIAL CORE OVERLAYS; TOWN OF EASTOVER (APPLICANT).

This amendment will allow exemptions for the government and municipal signs within the commercial core overlay. Mayor McLaurin asked if there was any discussion. There was none. Mayor McLaurin asked for a vote to approve/disapprove Case #Zon-21-0012.

Council Member Stan Crumpler made a motion to approve Case #ZON-21-0012. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was 5-0 for approval.

Agenda Item #3:

ESD Consulting Engineer, Mr. Logan Parsons

Mr. Logan Parsons stated that the requirement for the site plan for Eastover Sanitary District requesting a 5-foot sidewalk cannot be completed because of the current conditions. He stated that they would not be able to put the sidewalk outside of the right of way because the Department of Transportation requires sidewalks to be placed within the right of way. Mr. Parsons asked that the Council remove the sidewalk requirement.

After some discussion, Mayor McLaurin asked for a vote approve or disapprove removing the requirement for a sidewalk at the new Eastover Sanitary Building. Council Member Stan Crumpler made a motion to remove the requirement for the sidewalk but if in the future the commercial core requires a sidewalk for all businesses then Eastover Sanitary will have to fulfill the requirement at that time. Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe 2nd the motion. The vote was 5-0 for approval.

VII. RECEIVE MAYOR'S UPDATE.

- Mayor McLaurin, Council members Bruce Sykes and Stan Crumpler, and Mr. Ronald Autry met with Fayetteville Cumberland Parks and Recreation. They gave an unfavorable response to the Town of Eastover taking control of just the Ball games. If the Town wants to start their own Recreation, they would be required to take total control of the ballpark and of the Eastover Recreation center.

- The Town has requested information on the programs to be held at the Eastover Ballpark.
- Mayor McLaurin stated that several residents have complained about mail delivery. It is late when the mail is delivered and some days, they do not deliver at all.

VIII. RECEIVE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE.

- Council Member Brian Pearce stated that Covid numbers are going down.
- Council Member Stan Crumpler stated the tractor may be here sooner than expected. He said all they needed to do now was sign the PO (Purchase Order).
- Council Member Bruce Sykes stated the new sign for the Eastover Town Hall has been received. He stated all he needed now was the permit to install. He said the agreement to move in also needed to be settled.
- Council Member Stan Crumpler said several residents have complained about safety at the Eastover Ballpark. He suggested the Town purchase cameras and have the Cumberland County Sheriff's office do an area check more often.

IX. RECEIVE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE.

- The engineer for the Baywood road bridge stated that the bridge should be opening around January 7th or could be mid-December
- Mr. Ronald Autry received a confirmation email that the stage for the amphitheater at the Eastover Ballpark has been shipped. It should arrive November 10, 2021. Once received it will take approximately 45 days to complete.
- A prefabricated bathroom is approximately \$100,000. Once a design has been received Mr. Autry will send out bids.
- Mr. Autry has received the petition for the Town to take over the streets at Cory Circle. The Town Attorney will take over the process.
- Mr. Autry sent a letter to the Department of Transportation to have the Streets in Meadowview Terrace released to the Town.
- Mr. Autry stated that a second deputy will need to be added to the Town of Eastover over the upcoming Holidays.

X. CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH GS 143-318.11(a)(3)-ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE

A motion to go into closed session was made by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Bruce Sykes. The vote was 5-0 for approval.

XI. 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 8:22p.m. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Brian Pearce. The vote was 5-0 for approval.

Town of Eastover

Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor

Attest: _____, Town Clerk
Elizabeth S. Bass