



**Town Council Regular Monthly Meeting  
Monday, October 12, 2020  
Presiding Mayor Phillip Gunter**

**I. Call to Order**

The Town Council of Eastover conducted its monthly scheduled Town Council Meeting on Monday, October 12, 2020 at the Eastover Town Hall Council Chamber. Mayor Phillip Gunter called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm. The Council members present were The Honorable Mayor Pro-tem Leroy Faber, the Honorable Heyward Patterson and the Honorable Rhudine W. Robinson.

**II. Invocation**

The invocation was given by Councilwoman Rhudine W. Robinson.

**III. Adoption of Agenda**

Upon a motion made by Councilman Heyward Patterson and seconded by Councilwoman Rhudine W. Robinson, Council voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the agenda.

**IV. Approval of the Minutes**

Upon a motion made by Councilman Heyward Patterson and seconded by Councilwoman Rhudine Robinson, Council voted unanimously to table the minutes from the last meeting until the next meeting.

**V. Welcome**

Mayor Gunter welcomed everyone to the Town Council Meeting.

**VI. Unfinished Business**

**A. Demolition Old Eastover School**

Mayor Gunter reported that the engineering report indicated that the demolition cost would be between \$500,000 – \$600,000. The Old Eastover Elementary School can not be saved. He made the observation that we have spent approximately \$70,000 of the \$360,000. The grant money to start the project will be available within two weeks.

**B. Marquee Sign (Location)**

Mayor Gunter sent information and pictures about the marquee sign to CXS Railroad. He is waiting for approval. Councilwoman Rhudine W. Robinson suggested a celebratory ceremony for the sign after installation.

**C. Renovation of the J.A. Byrd Mercantile Building**

No update.

**D. Richland County Sewer Bills**

Mayor Gunter stated that the Town is waiting for information from Richland County to upgrading of the system due to malfunction of the current system which has been generating higher sewer bills in the town.

**E. Town Clerk**

Mrs. Veronica Outing was selected for the position. Her effective date is Monday, October 19, 2020. Her annual salary is \$29,000.

**F. Dowdy Street Survey**

Mayor Gunter stated that a decision as whether or not to sell the property to Mr. Nathan need to be made. He stated that the town owns about 200 feet of property in the middle of Mr. Nathan's property. Mayor expressed concern for keeping that property. Attorney Gaines will go to court to keep the property if necessary. Councilman Heyward Patterson suggested contacting to the accessors office to check on taxes for the property.

**G. Abandoned Properties & Buildings – Collection of Fees & Fines**

Mayor Gunter plans to enforce ordinance 8-1008 (weeds and rubbish). Mayor Gunter and Councilwoman Rhudine Robinson identified some properties that are out of compliance. Mayor Gunter has spoken to several property owners who are willing to pay the Town for upkeep of their property. Mayor Gunter said that the maintenance crew can benefit by getting more hours during slow periods by working on these properties.

**H. Concerns/Suggestion – Council Members**

None at this time.

**VI. New Business**

**A. DHEC Sanitary Survey (10/15/20)**

Mayor Gunter stated that DHEC will be in the town on Thursday for the Sanitary Survey. Mayor Gunter and Jay Kates will be going out on Wednesday to look at the area. Mayor Gunter invited Council members to come out on Thursday to observe some of the inspection.

**VIII. Reports**

**A. Attorney's Report – Attorney K. Winchester Gaines**

No report at this time.

**A. Development and Service Committee – Councilman Heyward Patterson**

No report at this time.

**B. Community Relations Committee – Councilwoman Rhudine W. Robinson**

Councilwoman Rhudine W. Robinson suggested doing a drive by for the youth for Christmas. Amie will provide a print-out with how much is available to spend on this project. Council will also do a drive by for Christmas boxes for seniors that are 65 and older that live within the town limits. Plans will be finalized after the election. Councilman Heyward Patterson will check with the Philadelphia Travelers Motorcycle Club on the toy giveaway for this year.

**C. Economic Development Committee - Mayor Pro-tem Leroy Faber**

No report at this time.

**D. Mayor's Report**

- Mayor Gunter stated that TruVista has started efforts to bring internet service to this area. The project will be complete by summer of 2021.
- Mayor Gunter reiterated that the ordinances will be enforced with the help of Captain Connors and Richland County Sheriff's Department.
- A tailgate, sponsored by Mayor Gunter will take place on Election Day. The tailgate will take place at the Webber School and Eastover Park Precincts from 3:00pm-7:00pm.
- Mayor Gunter mentioned (2) events that he will need a Council member present:
  1. Mask giveaway at Mt. Nebo Church, Saturday, October 24, 2020
  2. RV Parade – St. Matthews Church to St. Phillip Church with Lawrence Moore (Carolina for All) Sunday, October 25, 2020. Mayor Pro-tem Leroy Faber will attend.
- Mayor Gunter ordered extra mask to have on hand for residents that maybe need them and for the Town workers.

**IX. Adjournment**

Upon a motion made by Mayor Gunter and seconded by Councilwoman Rhudine W. Robinson, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 4:54pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:  
Veronica Outing  
Town Clerk

**This is to verify that the minutes of October 12, 2020 the Town of Eastover Council was approved and adopted on October 12, 2020.**

**During a Town Council meeting upon which a quorum of the Eastover Town Council was duly authorized and present.**

**Approved by \_\_\_\_\_ Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: October 12, 2020**

**Phillip Gunter, Mayor of Eastover**

