

McADENVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 2017

The McAdenville Town Council met in Regular Session on February 14, 2017 at 5:00 PM in the Council Chambers of Town Hall, 125 Main Street.

PRESENT:

Mayor Jim Robinette; Council Members: Carrie Bailey, Jay McCosh, Erik Jacobs, Joe Rankin and Greg Richardson. Also present: Attorney Jim Windham and Interim Clerk Janice Costner.

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Robinette called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION:

Pastor Walter Griggs of McAdenville Baptist Church gave the invocation.

ADJUSTMENT & APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY AGENDA:

Upon motion of Jay McCosh and second of Greg Richardson the February agenda was unanimously approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon motion of Greg Richardson and second of Carrie Bailey the minutes of the January 10, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

WESLEYAN BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT:

Steve Rackley, NC-DOT Engineer, was present to update the Mayor and Council on the progress and schedule concerns associated with the Wesleyan Bridge Replacement Project. Mr. Rackley stated that the project was scheduled to be awarded on April 7, 2017 with a start date of May 1, 2017. The project is to be complete with incentive no later than November 1, 2017. A meeting will be held prior to the March meeting to review the final plans with the Mayor and Town Council. Mr. Rackley also advised that a public meeting would be held from 6:30 to 8:00 PM following the March 14, 2017 Council Meeting to answer any questions the residents may have regarding the project. In answering questions from the board, Mr. Rackley stated that if all bids came in over budget that the Chief Engineer had the authority to approve a bid up to 15% over the projected budgeted costs. If no bids are received the project would be moved to January 2018. During construction Peach Orchard Road would be used as a detour. "Local Traffic Only" Signs can be posted to reduce the amount of cut-through traffic. Councilmember Bailey advised Mr. Rackley of the Christmas Town 5-K Race that takes place on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Mr. Rackley suggested that the organizers of the 5-K should have an alternate route certified for the race in case the bridge is still closed.

SOUTH FORK SEWER PROJECT:

Matt Bernhardt and Eric Howard of Two Rivers Utilities were present to update the Mayor and Council on the funding for the sewer project including the Golden Leaf Grant monies and NCDEQ loan approval. Mr. Bernhardt said all funding news was good. The SRL loan has been approved and the Golden Leaf approval is expected in June. While this project has survived a lot

of issues the final changes are being worked on and all funding on go. Eric Howard advised there is a plan to bore under the new bridge for the sewer connection. The sewer project will begin after the bridge is complete and the greenway will be constructed following project. In answering questions from the board, Mr. Howard said as far as a time limit on the funds that an extension has already been received. Two Rivers works well with the contractor so hopefully all will go well and the project will finish on time. Bid award is scheduled for June 2017 and the project should finish within one year.

GOLF CART ORDINANCE:

A Golf Cart Ordinance has been under consideration for several months. Town Clerk, Lesley Dellinger, developed an Ordinance using the Town of Cramerton ordinance as a model. The Ordinance was emailed to the board prior to the meeting for review. Chief Ratchford advised that Cramerton's new ordinance was in effect now for all new users. Previously permitted users would fall under the new ordinance as their inspections were due. The police department no longer handles inspections. Following a brief discussion, motion was made by Erik Jacobs to pursue adoption of an ordinance for the Town of McAdenville. Motion was seconded by Jay McCosh. Voting in favor: Erik Jacobs, Jay McCosh, Carrie Bailey and Greg Richardson. Voting in opposition: Joe Rankin. The motion passed and the Golf Cart Ordinance will be placed on the agenda for the March 14, 2017 meeting.

STREET ACCEPTANCE POLICY:

Council reviewed and discussed a draft policy for accepting streets for maintenance within the Town of McAdenville. The draft included an occupancy requirement per phase, details of the inspection process and included a one-year financial guarantee on the part of the developer. Council will submit any necessary revisions to the Clerk prior to the March 14, 2017 Council Meeting when it will be presented for approval.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief of Police, Greg Ratchford, distributed the Police Department Monthly Report. In an earlier memo he had presented the data that was collected by the Wright Street Traffic Study. Traffic on Wright Street returned to normal in January with just a few vehicles over the speed limit. The Chief advised that the Stealth Radar cannot be placed on Wesleyan because there is nothing to attach it to. Any installation of a post for the radar would have to be placed in the right-of-way, not on private property.

COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION:

At the January meeting Jay McCosh was appointed to serve as McAdenville's Delegate on the Centralina Council of Governments. He reported that he attended the recent CCOG meeting where he was elected to the CCOG Executive Board and will be representing Gaston County. Mr. McCosh briefly reviewed CCOG's purpose and encouraged everyone to respond to an online survey regarding the direction you want the region to go. The survey address will be placed on the web-site and on the utility bills. He also encouraged the Mayor, Council and Clerk to attend a Regional Conference being sponsored by CCOG entitled "Creative Solutions for Thriving Communities" that will be held in Mooresville on Thursday, April 6, 2017.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mrs. Laura Stewart, 504 Lakeview Drive, thanked the Mayor and Council for all they do; questioned status of a War Memorial for the McDowell's son that was talked about back in 2015; purchase of Stealth Radar Machine for Wesleyan; issue on Wesleyan regarding trucks and moving vans; golf carts talked about for a long time – could a citizens committee help move things along; pot holes will need patching when road closes for bridge replacement.

(Board responses: War Memorial will be looked into after the completion of the overlook; to many obstacles to install radar; Wesleyan is a State Road – no parking allowed unless traffic control is provided; Mayor and Council appreciates and wants information from citizens and will always be open to suggestions from podium).

Matt Bernhardt, Two Rivers Utilities, advised that the “Traffic Engineering Coordination Committee” run by Gastonia City Engineers meets once a month. The next meeting is at the Garland Business Center on February 21 at 1:30 PM. They discuss any and all issues that come before towns and how they can help. He will email the Clerk all the information in case someone wants to attend.

Mr. Skip Fredrickson, 508 Lakeview Drive, thanked the Mayor and Council for considering the Golf Cart Ordinance; he also asked if there would be benches placed along the greenway.

CLOSED SESSION:

Upon motion by Carrie Bailey, second by Greg Richardson and unanimous vote a Closed Session was held as permitted under General Statute for the following purpose: Discussion of a Real Estate Matter – GS 143-318/11(a)(5); Personnel Matter – GS 143-318/11(a)(6).

Upon return from Closed Session, Mayor Robinette reported that the Council conferred with the Attorney regarding a Real Estate Matter. No action was taken. The Mayor also reported that the Board conducted a favorable annual review on the Town Clerk/Finance Officer. Motion was then made by Jay McCosh to adjust the salary of Lesley Dellinger to \$50,000 effective March 1, 2017. Motion was seconded by Carrie Bailey and passed unanimously.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion to adjourn at 7:00 PM was made by Carrie Bailey, seconded by Joe Rankin and passed unanimously.

Jim Robinette, Mayor

Janice Costner, Interim Clerk