

**TOWN OF MCADENVILLE MINUTES
MARCH 13, 2018**

The McAdenville Town Council met in Regular Session on March 13, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of Town Hall, 125 Main Street.

PRESENT:

Mayor Jim Robinette; Council Members: Carrie Bailey, Jay McCosh, Greg Richardson and Joe Rankin. Also present: Attorney, Jim Windham and Town Clerk, Lesley Dellinger.

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 MARCH AGENDA:

Upon motion of Carrie Bailey, second of Joe Rankin and unanimous vote the March Agenda was approved with the following addition: **Resolution 2018-01** supporting a \$250,000,000 School Bond Referendum and the Quarter-Cent Sales Tax Referendum will be inserted as Item 7 with the remaining Items being shifted down.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon motion of Greg Richardson, second of Jay McCosh the minutes of the February 13, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.

REQUEST TO SPEAK:

Carolina Thread Trail Senior Director Andy Kane was present to speak to Council about the future plans for extending the CTT through McAdenville connecting three communities from Poston Park to Goat Island Park via a continuous Riverside trail. There is over 1500 miles of thread trail in the Carolinas but only two communities currently have greenways next to water. Mr. Kane stated that 2300 feet of greenway is needed through McAdenville and all the property has been secured except for 100 feet. The CTT has approved \$2,500 in grant funding to purchase the needed 100 foot easement, however the property owner is not willing to provide the easement unless access to Town water service is provided to his property.

Councilman Richardson voiced his support for extending the CTT through McAdenville. He stated that Cramerton has funding in place and is going out to bid in the next two weeks to extend the 10 foot paved Greenway Trail from Goat Island under Wilkinson Boulevard and connecting it to the existing Trails beside the South Fork Village apartments. "Imagine being able to walk, run or ride a bike from downtown McAdenville to downtown Cramerton without having to use a road with vehicular traffic. This will be an amazing amenity for the residents and a year round draw to the Town" said Richardson.

Councilman McCosh asked if we had any estimates on what the total cost would be to the Town to extend water service to the property in question. The Town Clerk stated that the approximate cost would be around eleven thousand dollars. Councilman McCosh asked if there were any other funding opportunities available in addition to the \$2,500 grant from the Carolina Thread

Trail. He also inquired if the Town had surplus funds in their current budget. The Town Clerk stated that the General Fund had surplus monies available but she could not confirm the exact amount without referencing the actual budget. Councilman McCosh stated that he felt the Town should confirm the needed funding was available prior to committing to the expense of extending water services.

Council Member Baily stated that the Town needs to think “long term” and “big picture” and that this is a worthwhile investment to bring people to McAdenville year round.

Councilman Richardson motioned that the Town move forward with entering into an agreement to extend Town water service to the property owned by Sonny and Gene Carter in exchange for the 100 foot easement across parcel numbers 134449 & 134450 whereas the CTT extension could be completed through McAdenville. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bailey. Voting in favor: Greg Richardson, Carrie Bailey and Joe Rankin. Voting in Opposition: Jay McCosh. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE (UDO) & ZONING MAP FOR THE UDO:

Planning consultant Jeff Kirchner presented Council with the McAdenville, NC UDO and UDO Zoning Map recommended by the Planning Board. Motion to approve **Ordinance 2018-001** amending the McAdenville Zoning Ordinance to adopt the Town of McAdenville Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) and Zoning Map for the UDO was made by Joe Rankin, seconded by Jay McCosh and passed unanimously. The Town Clerk was instructed to upload the entire UDO document and Zoning Map to the planning section of the Town’s website. The Mayor and all of Council thanked the Planning Board, Town Clerk and consultant Jeff Kirchner for all their efforts in completing this three year process.

RESOLUTION FOR SCHOOL BOND & SALES TAX REFERENDUM:

The Gaston county board of Education has identified over Six Hundred and Fifty Million (\$650,000,000) of school facility needs that must be addressed in the near future of Gaston County. A School Bond Referendum will appear on the Gaston County Ballot for the primary election to be held May 8, 2018 requesting authority to issue Two Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000) in new school bonds. A one-quarter cent (1/4¢) local Sales and Use Tax Referendum will also be on the May 8, 2018 ballot. This tax would be earmarked for application solely to repaying the existing, newly approved, and future school bonds and other educational capital needs, and could generate approximately Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000) in additional revenues above the current property tax receipts per year. Motion to approve **Resolution 2018-001** supporting a \$250,000,000 School Bond Referendum and the Quarter-Cent Sales Tax Referendum was made by Carrie Bailey, seconded by Jay McCosh and passed unanimously.

(A copy of the **Resolution 2018-001** is on file at Town Hall)

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Deputy Chief Brad Adams of the Cramerton Police Department presented Council with a Monthly Report for February 2018. He stated that everything was running smoothly within his department and asked if Council had any specific concerns.

OPPORTUNITY OR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Reid Washam, 204 Wesley Drive, stated that he fully supported Council's decision to invest in the Carolina Thread Trail easement. He believes that the riverside trail will be an asset to the Town's future growth.

Jerry Helton, 127 Sanford Road, thanked Council for taking comments from the public and local business owners into consideration and making adjustments to the UDO document and zoning map to better serve the community. He also asked that Council consider adding street or pedestrian lighting along Wesleyan Drive from McAdenville Elementary School down to the intersection of Wilkinson Boulevard.

Sheryl Beck, 224 Wright Street, stated that she felt the McAdenville Woman's Club would be open to a financial donation for the Carolina Thread Trail extension along the South Fork River.

Rebecca Ashley, 505 Chamberlain Court, asked when the construction of the Kayak/Canoe launch would be constructed and how close the natural surface trails would be to the Village Neighborhood. Councilman Richardson stated that a FERC permit is required for the Kayak/Canoe launch and that it would be one of the last pieces of the Greenway completed. He also clarified that the proposed natural surface trail that was to run parallel to the paved riverside trail has been eliminated from the construction plans.

COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION:

The Mayor stated that the needed fascia board and gutter replacement on the front of the Fire Department will be done within the next several weeks. He also confirmed that the need for additional parking at the future Town Hall facility would be eliminated by the adoption of the Unified Development Ordinance and New Zoning District; hopefully offsetting the additional cost associated with adding a second means of egress from the top floor and wheelchair lift.

Council Member Bailey stated that she was interested in creating a Facebook page for the Town of McAdenville. She felt this would be a "no cost" means to alert the residents of planned events and service disruptions. She requested that a notice be placed on the monthly W&S bills once the page is established. Councilman McCosh stated that a Town Twitter feed may be another "no cost" idea to consider. The Town Clerk stated that she was obtaining information and quotes from automated calling companies to present at the April Budget Workshop.

Attorney Jim Windham stated that further discussion of the easement connected to the Holcomb Family property at 218 Wright Street had been postponed to late March.

Council Member Bailey stated that there were several Town owned streets in need of repaving and requested the Town Clerk add this item to the April Budget Workshop Agenda.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion to adjourn at 8:10 PM was made by Joe Rankin, seconded by Carrie Bailey and unanimously passed.

Jim Robinette, Mayor

Lesley Dellinger, Town Clerk