

**TOWN OF MCADENVILLE MINUTES
APRIL 10, 2018**

The McAdenville Town Council met in Regular Session on April 10, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of Town Hall, 125 Main Street.

PRESENT:

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

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 APRIL AGENDA:

Upon motion of Joe Rankin, second of Greg Richardson and unanimous vote the April Agenda was approved as submitted.

APRIL CONSENT AGENDA:

Upon motion of Joe Rankin, Second of Carrie Bailey and unanimous vote, the following items were approved on the April Consent Agenda.

- a) Approved the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2018.
- b) Approved the recommendation of Mr. Ricky Floyd, 4 Pine Street, to the Gaston County Board of Commissioners as the ETJ appointee to the McAdenville Planning Board/Board of Adjustments for a three year term beginning in May 2018.
- c) The request for establishing voting wards within McAdenville will be considered once the registered voter population within the Town reaches 1500 persons.

APPOINTMENT TO VACANT COUNCIL SEAT:

Applications have been accepted from interested parties to fill the vacant seat on Council due to the passing of Council Member Erik Jacobs in December of 2017. Mayor Robinette opened the floor to Council for nominations. Joe Rankin motioned to appoint Reid Washam to the vacant Town Council seat for the unexpired term till November 2019; this motion was seconded by Carrie Bailey with unanimous vote. At this time the Mayor administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Washam.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

The Mayor and Council congratulated Brad Adams on his promotion and appointment to Chief of Police for the Cramerton Police Department. Chief Adams stated that he was very happy to continue his service to Cramerton and McAdenville and looked forward to a long tenure with the communities. He stated that the Cramerton PD was currently fully staffed with sixteen (16) full-time Officers and four (4) reserve Officers. The Chief updated Council on the recent meeting with the County Commissioners and their future plans for funding full time Student Resource Officers (SRO) at all Gaston County Schools. This enhancement to school safety will be funded if the School Bond Referendum is passed at the May 8, 2018 primary election. Currently the Cramerton Police Department staffs rotating SRO coverage for McAdenville Elementary and Lowell Elementary on a part time basis. If the Referendum passes and funding is available then an addition Officer may need to be added to cover the full time SRO requirements.

Council Member Baily asked for updates on the Code Enforcement case for 342 Main Street and the Minimum Housing case for 356 Main Street. Chief Adams stated that both cases were progressing and

that the Code Enforcement Officer would provide updates to the Town Clerk before the May 2018 meeting.

Mr. Beck, 224 Wright Street, inquired about the possibility of a Neighborhood Watch program being instituted in The Village. Chief Adams stated that the CPD would be happy to assist The Village HOA with setting up a Neighborhood Watch program and would conduct the public information meetings if requested. However, it is solely the responsibility of The Village HOA to sustain the program.

OPPORTUNITY OR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Steve D'Avria, new leader of the Gaston Regional Chamber, attended the meeting to formally introduce himself to Council and thank them for past support. He also thanked Council for their recent Resolution supporting the School Bond Referendum appearing on the Gaston County Ballot for the primary election to be held May 8, 2018.

Mrs. Beck, 224 Wright Street, asked if the final easement needed for the extension of the South Fork Blue-Way section of the Carolina Thread Trail discussed at the March 2018 meeting had been signed. Councilman Richardson stated that the involved parties had a meeting scheduled later in the week and that he was optimistic that the agreement would be signed.

Mr. Beck, 224 Wright Street, asked if the Town was any closer to securing the Holcomb property and being able to pave the gap along Wright Street. The Town Attorney stated that he felt a final agreement had been reached in reference to the Holcomb property and hoped to have a signed agreement within 30 days. Once the South Fork Sewer Project was completed in this area then the developer would proceed with paving the gravel area connecting the two sections of Wright Street.

COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION:

The Mayor announced that the voting location for McAdenville residents has been changed to West Cramerton Baptist Church located at 5006 Wilkinson Blvd in Gastonia. Council Member Bailey stated that the elections board was trying to move voting sites out of the schools for safety purposes and into areas that were handicapped accessible with abundant parking.

The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Robert Pressley, 118 Hickory Grove Road, had inquired if any decision was made regarding the wet area abutting his property. Mr. Pressley originally presented this issue to Council during the regular meeting of March 2017. The Clerk stated that this area has progressively worsened over the last year and recommended moving forward with the excavation to determine if the problem was due to a leaking water line. The Attorney stated that he would prepare a release from liability for the Town for the Clerk to have signed by the property owner prior to the excavation.

The Mayor stated that the Clerk has initiated the process with the NCDOT to request permission to increase the street lighting along Riverside Drive, Hillcrest Drive and Wesleyan Drive.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion to adjourn at 7:31 PM was made by Greg Richardson, seconded by Joe Rankin and unanimously passed.

Jim Robinette, Mayor

Lesley Dellinger, Town Clerk