

MCADENVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 11, 2017

The McAdenville Town Council met in Regular Session on April 11, 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 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 APRIL AGENDA:

Upon motion of Joe Rankin and second of Greg Richardson the April agenda was unanimously approved with the addition of a Closed Session to discuss a Real Estate Matter under **GS 143-318.11(a)(5)**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon motion of Jay McCosh and second of Erik Jacobs the minutes of the March 14, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

A PROCLAMATION FOR MACADENVILLE CLASSICS WEEK:

The Latin students of Master's Academy Classical Club requested a proclamation for McAdenville Classics Weeks for April 21-27, 2017. This request corresponds to the National and N.C. Classics Week as they celebrate the study of Classics and all it encompasses here and in the Charlotte area. Motion to approve the Proclamation was made by Greg Richardson, seconded by Joe Rankin and passed unanimously. (A copy of the Proclamation is on file at Town Hall).

GOLF CART ORDINANCE:

At the March 14, 2017 Meeting, Council voted 3 to 2 to work toward the development of a Golf Cart Ordinance with minimal restrictions and regulation. As directed by Council a revised Ordinance was presented to Council for adoption. Councilmember Richardson voiced his concern about the lack of safety provided by traditional carts and suggested the citizens interested in having an alternate form of transportation consider a Low Speed Vehicle (LSV). In North Carolina LSV's are allowed to be driven on any street that has a posted speed limit of 35 MPH or less. They can be purchased new for around \$5K or you can convert a standard cart to the required street legal specification for approximately \$2-3K. Low Speed Vehicle's (LSV) are regulated by the state and require registration, inspection, and proof of insurance like automobiles. Councilmember McCosh added that

some municipalities that have adopted golf cart ordinances are currently reconsidering those decisions due to the safety and liability issues that have resulted. He cited the communities of Pine Hurst and Oak Island as examples.

Councilmember Joe Rankin made a motion to deny adoption of the Golf Cart Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jacobs and unanimously approval by Council.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Deputy Chief Brad Adams was present to report on police activity for the month. The Town Clerk advised Deputy Chief Adams that an unidentified citizen had removed the bamboo along the rear of the lot at 317 Wesleyan Drive without permission of the property owner. This bamboo had been reported to Town Hall the previous day as obstructing the street along Forrest Heights Drive. Deputy Chief Adams stated he would follow up with the property owner regarding this matter.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Mayor opened the floor for public comment and none was received.

COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Councilmember Richardson reported that Stewart engineering has completed the permitting for the natural surface trails along the bog and river front and suggested breaking this piece out from the larger construction pieces. North Carolina **General Statutes 143-131(a)** allows construction projects under \$30,000 to be omitted from the bidding process. Deno Contos, owner/operator of Benchmark Trails, Inc in Greenville South Carolina has been highly recommended by members of the Carolina Thread Trail and the Catawba Land Conservancy for trail construction. Deno Contos provided professional advice for the PARTF grant application to the Town free of charge in 2012. Mr. Contos has provided a highly competitive quote of \$3/linear foot for the natural trail construction which would bring the construction cost in under the \$30,000 threshold. Councilman Richardson recommend that Council separate the natural surface trail construction from the larger scope which includes the wooden boardwalk, asphalt trails and bridges so that the Town could forgo the open bidding process and begin construction within two months. Upon motion by Jay McCosh, second by Greg Richardson and unanimous vote, the natural surface trails piece of the McAdenville Greenway was separated from the larger project and Benchmark Trails Inc., will be used for construction.

The Town Clerk stated that the bids opened for the Wesleyan Bridge Replacement at 2PM today, April 11, 2017. The low bid of \$1,769,000.00 was awarded to Orders Construction of West Virginia. The bid was 35% over the NCDOT estimates but has been approved by the Chief Engineer on the project. Construction is scheduled to begin May 1, 2017.

Councilmember Richardson requested that the Town look into moving some of the large boulders that have been unearthed in the new home construction by Bonterra Builders along Academy Circle in McAdenville Village. He felt they would be a nice addition along the future greenway.

Follow-up item: Mr. Pressley, 118 Hickory Grove Road, attended the March 14th Council meeting and asked for Council's help with a wet area in his yard that he believes is resulting from a leak in the Town's water system. Stephanie Scheringer, Two Rivers Utilities (TRU), was present to report the findings from the site investigation. Ms. Scheringer presented photos of the property and reported that a line of some type had been located on the property adjoining Mr. Pressley's land but that their above-ground equipment is unable to determine if there is a leak. The next step would be for TRU to excavate the area at a cost of \$1,000 - \$1,500. She suggested rechecking the area in the hot, dry part of this summer before moving forward with the excavating. Council agreed and requested that the Town Clerk contact Mr. Pressley to explain the course of action and to follow up with TRU staff by the July 11th Council meeting.

CLOSED SESSION:

Upon motion of Greg Richardson, second of Erik Jacobs and unanimous vote a Closed Session was held under **GS 143-318.11(a)(5)** to consider a Real Estate matter.

Upon return from Closed Session, Mayor Robinette reported that a Real Estate matter had been discussed and the Attorney was instructed to continue negotiations for the purchase of property to be used as a future site for McAdenville Town Hall.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion to adjourn at 6:15 PM was made by Joe Rankin, seconded by Greg Richardson and passed unanimously.

Jim Robinette, Mayor

Lesley Dellinger, Town Clerk