

TOWN OF MCADEVILLE MINUTES MAY 9, 2017

The McAdenville Town Council met in Regular Session on May 9, 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 MAY AGENDA:

Being no adjustments to the agenda it was unanimously approved by motion of Greg Richardson and second of Joe Rankin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon motion of Joe Rankin and second of Greg Richardson the minutes of the Special Meeting of April 7, 2017 and Regular Meeting of April 11, 2017 were approved unanimously.

POLICE WEEK PROCLAMATION:

A Proclamation in recognition of Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day was unanimously adopted by motion of Jay McCosh and second of Erik Jacobs. May 14-20, 2017 is designated as Police Week and May 15, 2017 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day. (A copy of the Proclamation is on file at Town Hall).

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Deputy Chief Brad Adams distributed the monthly police report for the Town of McAdenville. He also advised that the traffic count was conducted on Mockingbird and the results would be provided upon completion.

REQUEST TO SPEAK – MR. MARK CRAMER, GREATER GASTON DEVELOPMENT CORP.

Mr. Cramer, Executive Director of the GGDC, provided information on a funding request for the development of an Economic Positioning Strategy for Gaston County. This is a collaborative public-private approach for the Town of McAdenville and the County's other municipalities designed to take maximum advantage of their unique proximity and access to Charlotte-Douglas International Airport and its Intermodal Center. Development of the new plan will take approximately nine months and the requested financial support amount was based on the municipality's population. Mr. Cramer pointed out several benefits of the plan with one being it would put Gaston County, as a whole, on the new CLT

Airport map for recruitment purposes. The GGDC is requesting \$3,500.00 from McAdenville to support the project. Preliminary Cost Estimates for the project is approximately \$230,000 to be secured 50% from private sources and 50% from government sources. Gaston County, Gastonia, Belmont, Mount Holly, Cramerton, Bessemer City and Stanley have committed to the project. Mayor Robinette thanked Mr. Cramer for his presentation and stated that the request would be taken under advisement and discussed at the Budget Work Session planned for May 18, 2017.

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY:

Mayor Robinette advised that the purchase of property was the reason for recent Closed Sessions. The United Methodist Church located at 163 Main Street will be closing and the Town has decided to purchase and renovate the property for use as Town Hall. An agreement for the purchase has been signed with the United Methodist Church and a closing date of late June 2017 is anticipated. An inspection of the property has been conducted and a written report is expected by May 15th. A survey of the property would have to be done before the closing date. Motion was made by Erik Jacobs to purchase the Church property located at 163 Main Street in McAdenville at a cost of \$205,000. A second was made by Jay McCosh and the vote was unanimous.

BUDGET AMENDMENT:

Motion to adopt an Ordinance amending the FY 2016 Budget in the amount of \$205,000 for the purchase of property located at 163 Main Street was made by Joe Rankin, seconded by Greg Richardson with unanimous vote and as follows:

**ORDINANCE AMENDING BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF MCADENVILLE
FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Town Council meeting in open session of this 9th day of May 2017 that the following amendment to the Budget Ordinance for FY beginning July 1, 2016 is hereby adopted:

Section I: To amend the General Fund for the purchase of property located at 163 Main Street, the appropriations are to be changed as follows:

Increase General Fund Revenue Estimate as follows:

10-340-10 Fund Balance Appropriated	\$205,000
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Increase General Fund Expenditures as follows:

10-420-32 Capital Outlay	\$205,000
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PRESENTATION BY ROGER E. LAYMAN, ARCHITECT WITH LABELLA:

Mr. Layman stated that he had looked at the Church and felt it would be a great opportunity for the town. He reviewed an outline for a scope of work based on his initial meeting with Mayor Robinette and Town Clerk, Lesley Dellinger on April 19. Mr. Layman was confident his firm could design the new

needs for the building and didn't feel they would have a problem with the time frame the town wanted. Other projects Mr. Layman's firm is conducting presently included the Gaston County Library and the Gastonia Water Treatment Plant. A proposal for \$24,740 was presented to Council detailing the cost of services needed to complete the architectural and engineering documents required for construction. Mayor Robinette thanked Mr. Layman for this presentation and advised that while his cost was good he felt it important to get one more proposal.

SCHEDULE DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FY 2017-2018 BUDGET:

As required by law, Council is required to set a date for a Public Hearing on the proposed FY 2017-2018 Budget. By motion of Carrie Bailey and second of Greg Richardson and unanimous vote the Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2017-2018 Budget was scheduled for June 13, 2017. Comments from the public will be heard at that time. A notice of the Public Hearing will be advertised in the Gaston Gazette.

RESOLUTION FOR UTILITY ACCOUNT PROJECT ASSISTANCE FROM THE NC DEPT OF COMMERCE FOR THE SOUTH FORK SEWER PROJECT – PHASE II.

This item is in regards to a grant from the Department of Commerce to assist in the second phase of the South Fork Sewer Project. The Resolution authorizes Mayor Robinette to submit the grant application from the NC Dept. of Commerce for the South Fork Sewer Project in the amount of \$750,000. Motion was made by Carrie Bailey to adopt the Resolution for assistance from the NC Dept. of Commerce for the South Fork Sewer Project – Phase II. Second was by Jay McCosh with unanimous vote. (Copy of Resolution on file at Town Hall).

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mrs. Laura Stewart, 504 Lakeview Drive, stated she was very disappointed that only one Council Member responded to her email of April 11, 2017. She noted that the one response was from Councilman, Erik Jacobs. Mrs. Stewart asked Council not to take offense when people speak, to have a thick skin and focus on doing what's right. Mrs. Stewart also asked that Opportunity for Public Comment be placed last on the agenda as it once was.

COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION:

The Wesleyan Bridge will be closing at 10:00 AM on Monday, May 15; reminder of Special Meeting to hold a Budget Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 3:00 PM.

ADJOURN:

With no further business to come before the Board, motion to adjourn at 5:50 PM was made by Joe Rankin, seconded by Carrie Bailey with unanimous vote.

Jim Robinette, Mayor

Janice M. Costner, Interim Clerk