

**TOWN OF MCADENVILLE MINUTES
AUGUST 13, 2019**

The McAdenville Town Council met in regular session on August 13, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of Town Hall located at 163 Main Street, McAdenville, N.C.

PRESENT:

Mayor Jim Robinette; Mayor Pro-tem Jay McCosh, and Council Members Reid Washam, Carrie Bailey, Greg Richardson, and Joe Rankin. Also present: Attorney Jim Windham and Town Administrator/Clerk Lesley Dellinger.

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Robinette called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Walter Griggs, First Baptist Church, opened the meeting with prayer.

ADJUSTMENTS & APPROVAL OF MAY AGENDA:

By motion of Mayor Pro-tem McCosh and second by Greg Richardson the August agenda was approved with the addition of item 4-a, Request to Speak by Roxann Rankin.

CONSENT ADGENDA:

The items of the Consent Agenda were unanimously approved by motion of Joe Rankin and second by Reid Washam:

- a) **Approval of Minutes:** The Regular Meeting of July 9, 2019.
- b) **McAdenville Elementary Sponsorship:** Silver level corporate sponsorship for the 2019-2020 school year

REQUEST TO SPEAK – ROXANN RANKIN:

Roxann Rankin addressed Council on behalf of the McAdenville Woman’s Club requesting consideration for displaying a plaque listing McAdenville Veterans of World War II. Ms. Rankin explained that the plaque had been in storage for many years and needed cleaning and some touch ups but was a nice piece of Town history. She suggested that the Woman’s Club may consider casting a plaque providing additional details on the history of the piece. Council agreed to display the plaque at Town Hall and thanked Ms. Rankin for her efforts.

WESLEYAN DRIVE & HWY-74 CLOSURE:

Staff provided information on the NCDOT road construction in progress on the west side of Wesleyan Drive. The project includes narrowing the outbound lane of Wesleyan Drive to two lanes and the installation of flexible delineators and reflective marking to create a designated pedestrian lane.

I-85 WIDENING – MAIN ST / HWY 7 INTERCHANGE:

Planning and developing are underway on a proposed project in Gaston County that involves improving approximately 10 miles of I-85 from the U.S. 321 interchange (Exit 17) in Gastonia to the N.C. 273 interchange (Exit 27) in Mount Holly. Work would involve widening I-85 in the project area from six to eight lanes, upgrading interchanges and relocating/replacing roadway and railroad bridges. Staff provided photos and information on the two proposed interchange concepts being considered by the NCDOT for Lowell/McAdenville Exit 23. Information can be obtained at NCDOT Customer Service at 1-877-DOT-4YOU (1-877-368-4968) or online at www.ncdot.gov/projects/I-85-widening-Gaston-county.

Councilman Rankin added that the recent surveying activity along Main Street, Ford Drive, Mockingbird Lane and Dickson were associated with the widening project and/or the GIS mapping of the Town's water/sewer lines.

CAROLINA THREAD TRAIL UPDATE:

McAdenville has partnered with the Catawba Lands Conservancy and the Town of Cramerton to extend the CTT from the Main St/South Fork River Bridge to Goat Island Park providing a vehicle free connection between the two downtowns. Cramerton had received preliminary approval to use \$450K in CMAQ grant funding toward the CTT extension project. Unfortunately, they were notified in late July that this funding had been reduced to \$80K and was restricted to design work cost. The Catawba Lands Conservancy is searching out additional grant opportunities for the McAdenville section of the trail.

REZONING ON HWY 7 / MCADENVILLE ROAD:

Staff presented information on the proposed rezoning of the Villages at South Fork which is a new 174 residential neighborhood being developed in Cramerton that borders the McAdenville town limits along McAdenville Road. Revised plans have been submitted to allow for access for a future greenway trail and the addition of townhomes.

GREENWAY UPDATE & DISCUSSION:

Councilman Richardson presented a slideshow of photos highlighting the greenway construction. He stated that the 25-space parking lot by the river would have decorative lighting fixtures along with a paved entry/exit connector to Lakeview Drive. The Town is still awaiting confirmation that Lakeview Drive will be resurfaced from Main Street to the culvert bridge as part of the South Fork Sewer Project. That the Town's FERC application had been approved and the permit should be received by late September. Richardson confirmed that the trail area near the Lakeview entrance would require approximately 120LF of boardwalk and that Labella Engineering planned to distribute requests for bids by the end of this week.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Captain Debbold, Cramerton Police Department, presented council with an updated monthly report detailing the type and number of responses the CPD has addressed in McAdenville for the month of July. He stated that the monthly report only displayed July's information because their department switched to a new reporting system on July 1st. Data from the previous system needs to be manually added for the first half of 2019. He added that the department was actively working the shooting incident that occurred on August 8th but he was unable to provide additional details because it was an open investigation.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Anna Clark, 136 Church Street, requested Council consider initiating some form of traffic calming in the Village neighborhood on October 31st due to the large numbers of children trick-or-treating. Councilwoman Bailey stated that this item had been discussed previously by Council and that she felt it should be considered as a matter of public safety. Mayor Pro-tem McCosh agreed and asked staff to meet with Chief Adams to see if issuing a Special Event Permit and closing the streets would be an option.

COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Mayor Robinette formally thanked Pharr for the Town's new directional signage.

Joe Rankin asked staff to follow up on the street markings and signage request to Belmont Land for the handicapped parking space located in front of the Post Office on Main Street.

Reid Washam stated that the parking spaces along North Street and the first space beside the outdoor eating area on Main Street should be restricted to compact cars.

Mayor Pro-tem McCosh added that the street parking on Poplar adjacent to the public lot was no longer visible and needed to be repainted. And requested that staff follow up on the resolution acknowledging commitment to combating opiate addiction in Gaston County.

The Town Administrator announced that a Community Crime Watch Meeting was being held at the Spruced Geeses on Wednesday, August 28th at 6:30 PM. She added that there were two seats open on the McAdenville Planning Board and that she had applications available if anyone was interested in serving. And lastly, that the Town's website has been redesigned and encouraged citizens to visit the page www.townofmcadenville.org for Town specific news and events.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM upon motion of Joe Rankin, second of Carrie Bailey with unanimous vote.

Jim Robinette, Mayor

Lesley Dellinger, Town Clerk