

**TOWN OF MCADENVILLE MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019**

The McAdenville Town Council met in regular session on September 10, 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 and Greg Richardson. 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, McAdenville First Baptist Church, opened the meeting with prayer.

ADJUSTMENTS & APPROVAL OF MAY AGENDA:

By motion of Reid Washam and second by Greg Richardson the September agenda was approved.

CONSENT ADGENDA:

The items of the Consent Agenda were unanimously approved by motion of Carrie Bailey and second by Mayor Pro-tem McCosh:

- a) **Approval of Minutes:** Regular Meeting of August 13, 2019.
- b) **Planning Board Business:** Council approved the Planning Boards recommendation to appoint William Clark and Denise Palm-Beck to the open seats on the McAdenville Planning Board. Mr. Clark and Ms. Palm-Beck will also serve as alternates to the Board of Adjustments and complete the current 1-year term ending May 2020.
- c) **Resolution 2019-002 to Acknowledge Commitment to Combat Opiate Addiction:** Council approved the resolution confirming their commitment to participate as a partner with the Gaston Controlled Substance Coalition to combat opiate addiction in Gaston County.
- d) **Proclamation in Remembrance of September 11, 2001:** The Mayor and Council encourage all citizens of McAdenville to honor the victims of September 11, 2001 by reaffirming their commitment to patriotism through volunteerism, community involvement and service.

SOUTH FORK SEWER UPDATE:

Stephanie Scheringer, Two Rivers Division Manager, was present to update Council on the South Fork Sewer Project. She stated that the new infrastructure including sewer lines and the pump station were completed and placed in service on July 19, 2019. To date no problems have been encountered with their operation. The contractor is still working on several punch list items but the project is expected to close out on budget. There is approximately \$135,263 in contingency funding remaining and this has been approved for use in the demolition of the Town owned WWTP and asphalt resurfacing of the Pharr owned portion of Lakeview Drive from Main St to the culvert bridge. Demolition of the WWTP should be completed by the end of October and the resurfacing by late November prior to the Christmas Town lighting ceremony on December 2, 2019. Ms. Scheringer formally invited Council to attend the Phase II

South Fork Sewer Dedication Ceremony planned for Friday, September 27th at 1:00PM at the Pharr Family YMCA. She added that all four funding agencies of the project were expected to be in attendance.

GREENWAY UPDATE & DISCUSSION:

Councilman Richardson stated that Bridge Brothers is on site preparing the footings for the bridge installation which is tentatively scheduled for mid-October. He stated that two quotes for boardwalk in the 120 LF of boggy near the Lakeview Drive entrance had been received. Blue Ridge Trail Works had the lower bid at \$57,500. This quote included helical piers up to a depth of 10 feet. It is anticipated that the 48 helical piers in the boggy area would require additional depth to reach suitable soil. Each additional foot would add \$40/ft per pier to the base bid. Richardson stated that Labella is working with Blue Ridge Trails to lower the bid through value engineering and that alternative construction methods were being considered.

CURB SIDE RECYCLING UPDATE:

Staff reported that the Republic MFR (Material Recovery Center) located in Conover NC had agreed to accept and process the Town's single stream recycling at a non-contracted rate of \$125.00 per ton as spot tons. The data from the Town's previous recycling program estimates collection between 12-15 tons a month. Harrison Sanitation has agreed to resuming recycling collection twice monthly and handle the cost associated with designating one can at each resident for recycling by placing new stickers on the lids. Staff stated that NCDEQ was rolling out their Recycle Right NC Campaign this month which will provide educational information for municipalities at no charge. The educational materials available include printable flyers, postcards, cart tags and a social media toolkit. Staff anticipated that 4-6 weeks would be necessary to update residents and distribute the education material. Council Member Bailey stated she fully supported the reinstatement of the Town's curbside recycling program and offered to assist staff with the process. Councilman Washam asked if funding was available in the current approved budget to cover the additional \$20-\$25K per year expense. Staff reported that additional funding was added to the FY19-20 budget due to the unstableness of the recycling market. Council showed unanimous support for reinstating the Town's curbside recycling collection and thanked the Administrator for her efforts.

DIVISION OF WATER INFRASTRUCTURE SRL LOAN:

Staff is requesting that Council reconsider drawing on the \$320,494 in funding approved for Phase II of the South Fork Sewer Project. In the FY19-20 budget the decision was made to allocate fund balance to cover the Town's portion of the SFS project verses assuming the 20-year debt service. Currently, the available interest rates on cash investments are greater than the loan rate of 1.53 per annum and there is no penalty or restrictions for early payoff. Staff recommends drawing on the approved loan and investing excess fund balance to draw on the higher return in anticipation of future improvements. Reid Washam stated that replacement of the PRV (pressure reducing valve) system attached to the McAdenville water system needs to be prioritized due to its age and unavailability of replacement parts. Estimates for this repair including engineering are between \$68,000 and \$88,000. In addition, the Asset & Inventory Assessment project is anticipated to be completed in early 2020 which will further define our water system needs. Following discussion, Council instructed staff to move forward with preparing a budget amendment appropriating SRL loan funds to be presented at the October meeting for consideration.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Adams, 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 August. He added that he was excited to announce that bicycles had been purchased by the CPD and training was underway to begin bike patrols of Goat Island Park, the Carolina Thread Trail-Southfork Blueway and McAdenville’s future Greenway. This will be a great way to utilize the SRO (school resource officer) in the summer months and provide an option for increased physical fitness of the entire team.

As requested by the Mayor, Chief Adams reported on the average vehicular speed data being collected by the electronic speed signs placed on Main Street and Wesleyan Drive. Data was compared for four days with the display being on and then four days with the display being blacked out. The Wesleyan Drive sign recorded 2,900 vehicles with an average speed of 24 MPH with the display on and 2,549 vehicles with an average speed of 25 MPH with the display off. The Main Street sign recorded 4,515 vehicles with an average speed of 25 MPH with the display on and 5,145 vehicles with an average speed of 26 MPH with the display off. Chief Adams stated that he feels the signs are doing their job as a traffic calming device and would recommend adding an additional sign at the Hickory Grove entrance to Town.

Reid Washam reported that he, the Mayor and Town staff had meet with Chief Adams after the August meeting to discuss the road closure request from the McAdenville Village HOA. Washam stated that the Town had agreed to allow the closure of the entrances to Church Street and Academy Street from the Wesleyan Drive traffic circle from 5:30 – 8:30 PM on Thursday, October 31 with the following conditions: the Village HOA would be required to hire an off-duty police officer who would be stationed at the traffic circle to assist pedestrians and manage vehicular traffic and assume responsibility for notifying Village residents of the street closure via email and their social media site. As an added safety measure, Chief Adams agreed to position the CPD speed trailer in the Fire Station parking lot across from the pond to assist with traffic calming along Wesleyan Drive.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ashley Hannah, 329 Church Street, thanked Council for their consideration in allowing Church & Academy St closures off the traffic circle from 5:30-8:30 on October 31, 2019. She stated that the Village HOA would be responsible for notifying residents of McAdenville Village of the street closure and handle hiring an off-duty police officer to assist the movement of pedestrian traffic across Wesley Drive. She added that she would be happy to assist Town staff with the distribution of recycling education material by adding it on the Village Facebook page.

COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Mayor Robinette formally thanked Mr. Bill Carstarphen who was in attendance for Pharr’s contribution for the Town’s new directional signage.

Reid Washam stated that he had questioned Randi Gates of the Gaston-Lincoln MPO about the published start date for the HWY 29/74 widening project. Ms. Gates confirmed that the project was being fast tracked by the NCDOT to begin ROW acquisition in late 2019, but that the official published project start date is October 2020. Councilman Washam also questioned the recent NCDOT’s delayed projects report that listed the Catawba River Bridge on two separate lines but omitted the South Fork River Bridge along HWY 29/74. He is concerned that this was a typing error and plans to follow up with staff at the next MPO meeting.

Carrie Bailey stated that Council should consider recording or live streaming the monthly Council Meetings so that more residents would have access.

The Town Administrator presented Council with three options provided by Belmont Land for plantings at the natural trail entrance on Academy Street. Council requested the Schip Laurel bushes be used as a natural barrier at the sidewalk termination.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM upon motion of Reid Washam, second of Carrie Bailey with unanimous vote.

Jim Robinette, Mayor

Lesley Dellinger, Town Clerk