

**TOWN OF MCADENVILLE MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2020**

The McAdenville Town Council met in Regular Session on February 11, 2020 at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of Town Hall located at 163 Main Street, McAdenville, N.C.

PRESENT:

Mayor Jim Robinette and Mayor Pro-tem Jay McCosh; 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 at 6:00 PM and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Walter Griggs, First Baptist Church, opened the meeting with prayer.

ADJUSTMENT & APPROVAL OF OCTOBER AGENDA:

The February Agenda was unanimously approved as presented by motion of Mayor Pro-tem McCosh and second of Reid Washam.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The items of the Consent Agenda were unanimously approved by motion of Greg Richardson, second by Joe Rankin and unanimous vote:

- a) **Approval of Minutes:** Regular Meeting of January 14, 2020, Special Meeting minutes of January 24, 2020 and the Closed Session minutes of January 24, 2020.
- b) **Acceptance of Carolina Thread Trail Grant for \$46,666:** Council approved the Grant Award funded by the Community Foundation of Gaston County which will be used for the design and engineering of a trail segment that will connect McAdenville to Cramerton along the South Fork River.
- c) **Response letter to Local Government Commission:** Council approved the response letter to the LGC explaining that the reduction in fund balance for FY17-18 & FY18-19 resulted from capital expenditures for property acquisition, design and building renovations for the new Town Hall facility.
- d) **Harrison Sanitation Contract Extension:** Council approved a six (6) month extension of the current waste collection contract with Harrison Sanitation ending 2/29/2020 at midnight to allow staff additional time to complete a formal RFP for waste collection bids.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT:

With Council's support, Austin Andrews partnered with the Piedmont Area Wildlife Stewards (PAWS) for his Eagle Scout project in McAdenville. The project scope included building and installation of ten (10) Wood duck houses with additional bird houses in the wetlands parallel to the Poplar Street greenway trail. Austin's Scout Troop #56 and PAWS will maintain the bird houses as an ongoing service project fostering native wildlife habitats in the bog area. Photos of the project were shared in a slideshow presentation.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Adams, Cramerton Police Department, presented Council with an updated monthly report for January. He stated that the solar radar sign on Main Street that has been malfunctioning was still under warranty and is being returned to the manufacturer for repairs.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Pharr President, Bill Carstarphen asked Council if the flood damage along the greenway trail had been assessed? Councilman Richardson responded that approximately 325 feet of trail in the pinch point area appears to have been compromised by the flood waters. The concrete along the damaged section is still intact, but the subgrade supporting the trail has substantial erosion damage. He added that extensive cleanup along the entire trail was needed and that repair proposals are being solicited.

Heather Catlett, 608 Academy Street, stated that a family of beavers living in the bog area are causing damage to her property. She requested that the Town assume responsibility for the removal of the beavers. Attorney Jim Windham stated that he would review the situation and provide Council with a recommendation related to the Town's liability.

Ashley Hannah, 329 Church Street, asked if the flood lines along the South Fork River would be adjusted or redrawn after the recent flood event; and offered to organize a HOA volunteer clean-up day for the greenway trail.

COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION:

The 2019 Christmas Town pedestrian counts, and traffic statistics were presented.

Staff updated Council on Pharr's request to begin discharging wastewater flow from their I-85 plant location into the Town's gravity sewer line.

CLOSED SESSION:

A Closed Session was held for discussion of a personnel matter as allowed under **GS 143-318-11(a)(6)** by motion of Carrie Bailey, second by Reid Washam and unanimous vote at 6:31 PM.

Upon return from Closed Session at 6:56 PM, Mayor Robinette reported that the Board conducted a favorable annual review of the Town Administrator/Clerk. Motion was made by Joe Rankin for a 5% salary increase for the Town Administrator/Clerk effective PPE February 23, 2020 with the addition of a monthly cell phone allowance beginning in March 2020. Motion was seconded by Reid Washam and passed unanimously.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM upon motion of Carrie Bailey, second of Reid Washam with unanimous vote.

Jim Robinette, Mayor

Lesley Dellinger, Town Clerk