

**TOWN OF MCADENVILLE MINUTES
JANUARY 14, 2020**

The McAdenville Town Council met in Regular Session on January 14, 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 and Greg Richardson. Also present: Attorney Jim Windham, Police Chief Adams and Town Administrator/Clerk, Lesley Dellinger. Council member Joe Rankin was absent.

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 JANUARY AGENDA:

The January Agenda was unanimously approved as submitted by motion of Mayor Pro-tem McCosh second by Reid Washam and unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon motion by Carrie Bailey, second by Reid Washam and unanimous vote, the minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 10, 2019 were approved.

PRESENTATION OF AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019:

Mr. Robert Adams, CPA, Butler & Stowe presented the Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2019. He stated that the audit had been completed and there were no instances of non-compliance, either with the accounting controls or regulatory matters. Management's discussion and analysis reports a positive cash flow and an increase in net position in both the governmental and business-type activities resulting in a total net position of \$7,785,036. The financial statements disclose a decrease in the governmental Fund Balance again this fiscal year of \$119,185 resulting from the Town Hall capital project which was completed in December of 2018. The water and sewer fund reported income of \$134,260 and added \$1,225,970 in fixed assets from Phase II completion of the South Fork Sewer Project. The liabilities of the Town remain low in comparison to total assets, with liabilities totaling approximately 9% of the asset base. A two-year fund balance analysis was provided detailing the unrestricted and spendable reserves as requested by Councilman Washam during the previous year's audit presentation. In closing, Mr. Adams stated that the town has a positive financial standing and that a clean audit report had been approved by the state.

After presenting the overview Mr. Adams welcomed questions and/or comments from Council. Reid Washam asked why there is no State stabilization on the water and sewer fund. Mr. Adams replied that with an enterprise/business fund the cash flows match the expenditures therefore the stabilization amount is not needed as opposed to the governmental fund where the revenues are received yearly or quarterly. Reid Washam stated that he found it problematic that the formal encumbrance required by the State was not being reported on the balance sheet. Mr. Adams referred this question to his partner, Cindy Smith, who replied that this information was not

required to be reported on the balance sheet due to the Town's size. No additional questions were presented by Council. The Mayor thanked Mr. Adams and Mrs. Smith for their presentation.

Motion to accept the Audit Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 was made by Mayor Pro-tem Jay McCosh, seconded by Greg Richardson with unanimous vote.

(A copy of the FY2018-2019 audit report is on file at Town Hall and available for inspection)

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS REVIEW:

Chief Adams stated that the influx of traffic and pedestrians during the Christmas Town event had been successfully managed by his staff with minimal incidents consisting of two (2) vehicular crashes and eight (8) arrests. He added that the arrest number was not higher than the other months throughout the year. He asked for Council's input regarding issues or successes that they observed during the event along with any comments expressed to them by residents or received through social media communications. Mayor Pro-tem McCosh stated that an additional officer position needs to be considered at the Mockingbird/Main intersection for future events and that "no parking" signage needs to be placed along Riverview at the beginning of the event. Greg Richardson stated that the newly designed crosswalk at the Wesleyan/Wilkinson intersection was entirely ineffective for moving pedestrians and that this should be communicated to the NCDOT. Reid Washam stated that he believes the pedestrian counts this year were far greater than last year and that the CPD did a great job managing the masses. He agreed that the parking along Riverside and Hickory Grove Road is dangerous and needs to be addressed with proper signage. Carrie Bailey stated that the main complaint received from residents was related to non-resident traffic entering Town via Wright Street and illegally parking in restricted residential areas. She requested consideration for closing the Wright Street entrance to non-permitted traffic during next years event. She added that the main complaint on social media was the inevitable "cutting in line" scenario on HWY-74 and asked if additional signage could be requested through the NCDOT. Chief Adams replied that additional signage was added at the Peach Orchard/HWY-74 intersection to move the Christmas Town visitors into the right lane and to reduce the "cutting in line" scenario. He added that every year his department evaluates the placement of signage during the event and how it impacts traffic flow so that it may be continually improved. The Mayor thanked Chief Adams and his staff for managing yet another successful and safe Christmas Town Event. He then announced that the public was welcome to submit constructive comments and suggestions on the 2019 Christmas Town Event via email at christmastownusa@pharrusa.com.

CLEAN WATER MANAGEMENT TRUST FUND GRANT OPPORTUNITY:

The Clean Water Trust Fund assist local governments and nonprofits with projects focused on improving water quality, sustaining ecological diversity, restoring the habitat for fish, wildlife and other species, and enhancing the filtering of stormwater runoff to reduce pollutants from entering water supplies. Staff requests Board approval to partner with Jennings Environmental in preparing a grant application for funding to improve the water quality in the Town's wetlands and pond area. Upon motion by Greg Richardson, second by Carrie Bailey and unanimous vote, motion for staff to partner with Jennings Environmental and proceed with preparing a grant application for the Clean Water Management Trust Fund to be submitted during the 2020 grant cycle was approved.

MCADENVILLE GREENWAY PROJECT:

Councilman Richardson reported that the natural surface trail had been completed and the fitness stations were installed which were the final items needed to complete the scope of work requirements for the PARTF grant. The final walkthrough with the PARTF representative is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15th at 10 AM. Richardson stated that the canoe launch, fencing and decorative landscaping were not part of the scope approved with the PARTF grant but were still included in the Town’s overall plan for the greenway. He added that the canoe launch will need to be completed by November of 2020 to avoid having to apply for a FERC permit extension with Duke Energy.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Adams, Cramerton Police Department distributed the monthly report for December 2019. He then asked if Council had any questions or concerns that needed to be addressed. Mayor Pro-tem McCosh questioned why the display on the radar sign on Main Street was operating intermittently? The Chief replied that the solar powered battery charging system was malfunctioning, and that the manufacturer was assisting with the repair.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Mayor opened the floor for public comment. No comments were received.

COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Mayor Robinette stated that the 2020 Montcross Chamber Member Directory would feature the McAdenville Christmas Lights on the cover.

Mayor Pro-tem McCosh stated that the Centralina Council of Governments (CCOG) was considering a name change to Carolina Community Partners and plans to rebrand their logo. He added that the Washington DC trip was being planned and that he was looking forward to attending and representing the Town of McAdenville.

Greg Richardson reported that McAdenville had been awarded a grant in the amount of \$46,666 from the Carolina Thread Trail. These grant funds are to be used for planning and construction documents for the CTT connection from McAdenville to Cramerton.

Reid Washam reported that the GLCMPO had elected a new chairman and that there were currently two open positions.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM upon motion of Carrie Bailey, second of Mayor Pro-tem McCosh with unanimous vote.

Jim Robinette, Mayor

Lesley Dellinger, Town Clerk