

**TOWN OF MCADENVILLE MINUTES
NOVEMBER 12, 2019**

The McAdenville Town Council met in Regular Session on November 12, 2019 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, Police Chief Adams 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 NOVEMBER AGENDA:

The November Agenda was unanimously approved with the addition of a Request to Speak by Bret Baronak, Carolina Thread Trail Director as item 4 (a) by motion of Joe Rankin and second of Reid Washam.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon motion by Greg Richardson, second by Reid Washam and unanimous vote, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 8, 2019 were approved with the following correction: The return from closed session time will be corrected to 7:29 PM.

REQUEST TO SPEAK – BRET BARONAK, DIRECTOR CTT:

Carolina Thread Trail Director Bret Baronak presented Council with a grant opportunity funded by a donation from the Community Foundation of Gaston County. The grant is for trail design and engineering services in the amount of \$46,666. The Town was encouraged to partner with the Town of Cramerton in obtaining a design firm to reduce redundancy in planning and lower the overall cost of creating the construction documents. The South Fork River corridor is in the top three CTT priorities for the County and this grant would go a long way toward keeping the current momentum of the proposed Blueway connection between Spencer Mountain and Goat Island Park. The Mayor asked if the grant required matching funding by the Town. Mr. Baronak stated that no matching funds were required but that the Town's application would be viewed more favorably by the awarding committee if additional Town funds were available. He added that a representative from the Town would need to be present for questions at the grant review meeting on Tuesday, November 19. Greg Richardson stated that he was available to represent the Town on November 19th. A motion was made to sign the Carolina Thread Trail grant application for \$46,666 prepared by Bret Baronak to be used for design and engineering documents for the CTT extension connecting downtown McAdenville to Goat Island Park by Greg Richardson, second by Mayor Pro-tem McCosh and unanimous vote. The application was presented to Mayor Robinette for signature.

MCADENVILLE GREENWAY PROJECT:

Greg Richardson presented photos of the recent progress along the greenway. He added that asphalt striping beside the Spruced Goose Station, toe plates for the bridges and ADA railing

should be completed in December. Proposed landscaping ideas were presented, but Richardson stated that most of the landscaping would be installed in the spring of 2020 and that the current landscaping was for stabilization purposes to prevent erosion over the winter. Lesley Dellinger presented Council with the current PARTF budget. She stated that the remaining items needed to complete the project scope may exceed the current budget by \$35-\$50K.

CENTRALINA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT MEETING UPDATE:

Mayor Pro-tem McCosh currently serves as the vice Chairman on the CCOG Executive Board representing Gaston County. He stated that CCOG has an opportunity to organize face to face meetings for some of the smaller Town's with our representatives in Washington. McCosh plans to attend the meetings in Washington this Spring to represent McAdenville along with CCOG. He asked for Council's input on areas of interest or issues that they would like presented.

CROSSROADS WATER SYSTEM PVR REPLACEMENT:

Staff presented council with a scope of work proposal from Clayton Engineering & Design for \$19,500. The project scope would consist of the evaluation of an existing pressure reducing valve, PRV, and the design of the removal and replacement of the existing PRV. Included in the design will be any necessary permitting through NCDEQ and necessary construction administration to certify the project. Councilman Washam stated that the current PRV is very old and replacement parts are difficult to locate. If this valve were to fail water service would be suspended to the entire southeast corridor of Town. He added that the PRV replacement will be a top priority once the asset & inventory assessment is completed. Lesley Dellinger added that staff at Two Rivers was working with Clayton Engineering to eliminate item 1(c) from the scope which would lower the proposal by \$1,000.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Adams, Cramerton Police Department, presented Council with an updated monthly report for October 2019. The Chief reported that his officers were prepared for the McAdenville Bowl Parade on Saturday, November 23rd and the Christmas Town 5K on Saturday, November 30th. Each event was staffed appropriately, and he did not anticipate any issues.

Reid Washam asked if the road closures for Halloween went smoothly. The Chief reported that the weather had reduced the number of trick or treaters, but the road closure and addition of the off-duty officer had worked well to improve the overall safety of the pedestrian traffic. Jay McCosh inquired if the electronic speed sign on Main Street was in stealth mode or in need of repair. The Chief reported that the solar power unit attached to the sign was not receiving an adequate charge and that the positioning of the solar panel was being reconsidered. Greg Richardson stated that he was concerned that the use of skateboards along the greenway may be dangerous due to the steep topography. The Chief reported that there was an existing ordinance prohibiting skateboarding on Town Property but that signage along the greenway stating the rules was necessary. Carrie Bailey asked if the Town was ready for Christmas Town from a public safety standpoint. The Chief stated that the Sheriff's department had provided one less officer this year but that the CPD had enough coverage to fill the gap.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Anna Clark, 163 Church Street, thanked Council and the CPD for the consideration given to the Village HOA's request for increasing pedestrian safety during Halloween. She then asked if the

Village HOA could have input as to what type of trees and shrubs will be used along the greenway areas that border HOA property due to future maintenance concerns.

COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Mayor Robinette thanked the voters for their support in the November 2019 election, and added a reminder that the December 10th Council meeting would be held at 5:00pm due to the Christmas Lights.

Reid Washam stated that there were grant opportunities available for a feasibility study on Utility Regionalization. He added that Withers & Ravenel would be a great choice to contract with for obtaining the grant since they were currently doing our asset & inventory assessment and were familiar with the water & sewer systems in McAdenville and the City of Gastonia.

Carrie Bailey asked if the paving of Lakeview Extension was scheduled. Lesley Dellinger responded that the contractor should begin paving later this week and would be completed by Friday, November 22. She then asked that Council considered purchasing “No Parking” signage to be placed along Hickory Grove Road & Riverside Drive to improve pedestrian safety and prevent personal property damage. Bailey stated that during last years Christmas Town event the residents along the northeast side of the Carstarphen Bridge sustained substantial property damage due to vehicles parking along the road to walk into Town to view the lights. Following discussion, Councilmember Bailey motioned that the Town would purchase up to 20 No Parking signs to be distributed upon request to residents along Hickory Grove Road and Riverside Drive. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-tem McCosh and passed with a vote of 4 to 1 with Councilman Rankin voting against the motion.

Jay McCosh stated that he would like to meet the new CPD officers and requested that Chief Adams arrange to have them attend future Council meetings for introductions. He then requested that staff investigate having pea gravel or some type of stone added to the gap between the decorative concrete and retaining wall at the pond.

CLOSED SESSION:

A Closed Session was held for discussion of a contract renewal matter as allowed under **GS 143-318-11(a)(5)** by motion of Carrie Bailey, second by Reid Washam with unanimous vote at 7:26 PM.

Upon return from Closed Session at 7:55 PM, Mayor Robinette reported Council had discussed the terms and conditions of the interlocal agreements with the Town of Cramerton for Fire and Police service. No action was taken.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM upon motion of Joe Rankin, second of Carrie Bailey with unanimous vote.

Jim Robinette, Mayor

Lesley Dellinger, Town Clerk