

TOWN OF MCADENVILLE MINUTES OCTOBER 13, 2020

The McAdenville Town Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:00 PM in a virtual format via a webinar hosted on zoom. The webinar was available live, and the link was distributed to the Sunshine List and made available on the Town's website.

PRESENT:

Mayor Jim Robinette and Mayor Pro-tem Jay McCosh; Council Members: Reid Washam, Carrie Bailey, and Joe Rankin. Also, present: Police Chief Adams, and Town Administrator/Clerk Lesley Dellinger. Council Member Greg Richardson was absent.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Robinette called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

ADJUSTMENT & APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The October Agenda was approved as submitted by motion of Mayor Pro-tem McCosh, second by Reid Washam with unanimous vote.

CONCENT AGENDA:

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

- a) **Approval of Minutes:** Regular Meeting of September 8, 2020.
- b) **McAdenville Elementary Sponsorship:** Silver level sponsorship for the 2020-21 school year was approved.
- c) **Approval of the Agreement to participate in the NC Rural Water Association Acquisitions, Mergers, & Partnerships Program case study:** NCRWA will study the process McAdenville went through from start to finish in the South Fork Sewer Project to develop a road map for other small systems faced with similar decisions. McAdenville agrees to provide necessary data to include in the case study, the cooperation of its staff, and to receive a formal presentation of the outcomes of the case study when finalized. There is no cost to the Town for participation.

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6-1 & 6-41 OF THE MCADENVILLE TOWN CODE PROHIBITING THE USE OF GOLF CARTS AND UTILITY VEHICLES INSIDE THE TOWN LIMITS:

The Mayor stated that Ordinance No. 2020-004 prohibiting golf carts was being presented for adoption consideration. He opened the floor to Council for any additional comments. Mayor Pro-tem McCosh stated that after further research he believes the Town could draft an ordinance allowing golf carts that would address Council's current concerns related to liability, safety, and cost. The liability concerns could be eliminated by requiring a signed waiver and safety issues could be addressed by passing a golf cart ordinance which requires additional safety equipment on the carts and prohibiting operation on certain roads. Due to the Town's limited staff, the registration of the carts would need to be arranged through an agreement with another municipality and the cost for this service could be covered by assessing a yearly inspection fee. The Mayor Pro-tem added that he had discussed the possibility of Cramerton's Code

Enforcement department conducting golf cart inspections for McAdenville and that their Town Manager David Pugh stated it was a consideration that could be presented to the Cramerton Board. Following his comments Mayor Pro-tem McCosh motioned to continue consideration of the ordinance amending Section 6-1 & 6-4 of the McAdenville Town Code to the November 10, 2020 meeting. The motion failed due to lack of a second. Joe Rankin stated that his position has not changed since Council denied adoption of a golf cart ordinance in 2016. He added that the purpose of Ordinance 2020-004 was to provide clarity on the Town's existing rules and support Cramerton PD with enforcement. The Mayor thanked both board members for their comments and called for a motion and vote on Ordinance 2020-004. Joe Rankin made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-004 amending Chapter 6, Section 6-1 & 6-4 of the McAdenville Town Code prohibiting operation of golf cart or UTV on any street, highway, or greenway within the Town limits. The motion was seconded by Reid Washam and passed with a vote of 3 to 1. Voting in favor: Joe Rankin, Reid Washam and Carrie Bailey; Voting against: Mayor Pro-tem McCosh.

DISCUSSION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY:

Mayor Pro-tem McCosh stated that he believes the amount of traffic entering McAdenville Village via rainbow bridge has drastically increased since Lakeview Extension was paved. He feels the installation of speed bumps would greatly reduce vehicular speeds therefore increasing pedestrian safety. Carrie Bailey replied that the Town passed a Neighborhood Traffic Calming Policy in 2016 which outlines the process through which a resident or community HOA could petition the Town for the addition of speed control devices on Town owned streets. She confirmed with staff that the policy is posted on the Town's website. Councilwoman Bailey added that any petition for traffic calming devices needs to be initiated by the affected residents verses a member of Council.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Adams offered to review, and answer questions related to the CPD monthly report. Councilmember Bailey asked for clarification on why zero traffic violations were issued during the month of September. Chief Adams responded that his officers have been exercising caution due to COVID-19. He added that traffic stops are happening, and verbal warnings are being issued, but that risks are being minimized by limiting the transfer of articles.

COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Carrie Bailey inquired if the elimination of lights in certain public areas during the Christmas Town event would be reconsidered if the COVID-19 restrictions were lifted. She added that eliminating the lights around McAdenville lake had been a hot topic of discussion. The Mayor replied that Pharr representatives communicated that the light preparation must begin in early September to be ready for the December event. The decision to scale back Christmas Town 2020 was made based on the pandemic conditions and restrictions present in August. Only the areas designated for lighting at that time have been prepped so there is not an option to add the trees surrounding McAdenville Lake.

Lesley Dellinger stated that even though the lights are being drastically scaled back that the amount of public safety personnel would remain the same since there was no way to accurately estimate the crowds. She added that the resident passes have been ordered and should be available by the second week of November.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ashley Hannah, 329 Church Street, asked why the resident stickers were being utilized when the Christmas Town event was being scaled back. The Town Clerk replied that the traffic control measures would be executed in the same manner as previous years. Resident stickers would be required for access into Town via the Carstarphen Bridge and to Church St & Academy St from the traffic circle on Wesleyan Drive.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM upon motion of Joe Rankin, second by Reid Washam and unanimous vote.

Jim Robinette, Mayor

Lesley Dellinger, Town Clerk