

TOWN OF MCADENVILLE MINUTES NOVEMBER 10, 2020

The McAdenville Town Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, November 10, 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, Greg Richardson, and Joe Rankin. Also, present: Police Chief Adams, Attorney Jim Windham, and Town Administrator/Clerk Lesley Dellinger.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ADJUSTMENT & APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The November Agenda was approved as submitted by motion of Joe Rankin, second by Greg Richardson with unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the Regular Meeting of October 13, 2020 were approved by motion of Joe Rankin, second by Mayor Pro-tem McCosh with unanimous vote.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Adams offered to answer questions related to the CPD monthly report. He added that a second officer had completed the Subject Control & Arrest Technique Instructor Certification program allowing in house training moving forward. In addition, two new officers have been hired leaving only one vacancy in the department. The Mayor asked if the CPD was responsible for traffic control along Wilkinson Blvd when a power outage disables the traffic lights. He added that during a recent weather event the traffic light at the Wesleyan/Market Street intersection was out creating a very dangerous situation. Chief Adams responded that his department monitors this type of situation however the NC Highway Patrol or County officers typically handle traffic control along the larger State-owned roadways.

COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Greg Richardson stated that Southeastern Sealcoating & Striping may have to withdraw from the canoe/kayak launch construction contract awarded in July 2020 due to an unexpected medical issue with the owner. He added that new bids were being solicited from Blue Ridge Trails and Dellinger Construction. New estimates are expected to be higher than the current contract due to increased material costs resulting from the COVID pandemic. The FERC permit will not require an extension request if the construction is completed by the end of March 2021.

Reid Washam stated that he was disappointed in the second press release for the Christmas Town 2020 event. He felt the release encouraged people to come and failed to communicate effectively that the light display was being drastically reduced. The Mayor agreed that the decision to scale back the lighting was made to reduce the number of visitors and that the press release was sending the wrong message. Mayor Pro-tem McCosh asked for clarification on the

“shortened designated route” mentioned in the press release. Staff stated that the route through town remains the same as in previous years, and that the release mentioned a revised lighting schedule along a shortened route to convey that the lights were being scaled back. She added that the Town’s website would be updated with required COVID restrictions and encourage visitors to view the lights from their vehicles.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ashley Hannah, 329 Church Street, stated that there were mixed messages being delivered and asked if the Town was encouraging or discouraging foot traffic. She added that additional clarification on the Christmas Town Event was needed for the Town’s residents.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM upon motion of Carrie Bailey, second by Reid Washam and unanimous vote.

Jim Robinette, Mayor

Lesley Dellinger, Town Clerk