

**TOWN OF MCADENVILLE MINUTES
DECEMBER 8, 2020**

The McAdenville Town Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, December 8, 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, 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 December Agenda was approved as submitted by motion of Reid Washam, second by Greg Richardson with unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Upon motion of Mayor Pro-tem McCosh, second by Carrie Bailey and unanimous vote, the following items were approved on the December Consent Agenda.

- a) Approved the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2020.
- b) Approved Council's 2021 meeting schedule. Meetings will continue being held via a webinar hosted on zoom until the COVID indoor meeting restrictions are lifted. Meeting time will be 6:00 PM on the second Tuesday of each month.
- c) Approved Christmas Bonus for full-time employees.

CANOE/KAYAK LAUNCH CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:

Staff reported that Southeastern Sealcoating & Striping has postponed construction on the canoe/kayak launch due to a medical issue with the owner and that a firm start date cannot be provided. Staff recommends rescinding their contract awarded July 24, 2020 and consideration of additional bids. Motion to rescind the agreement with Southeastern Sealcoating & Striping for construction of the canoe launch by a mutual release of liability agreement to be prepared by the Attorney was made by Mayor Pro-tem McCosh, seconded by Joe Rankin with unanimous vote. Greg Richardson stated that an estimate had been received from Blue Ridge Trail Works, Inc and that an additional quote is expected from Piedmont Building Systems, LLC for consideration. He added that estimates may be higher than the original contract due to increases in material costs resulting from the COVID pandemic. Staff recommended meeting to review the new bids once the termination agreement was executed with the current contractor.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Adams stated that his department has had great success with managing the Christmas light traffic. Staff has been moved around to accommodate the different flow of pedestrian traffic and to manage access control into the Village neighborhood. He added that there had been a

homicide in Cramerton the first week of December and that the case was quickly resolved, and an arrest had been made. Chief Adams then asked for questions or comments from Council.

Mayor Pro-tem McCosh stated that the officer stationed at the Academy side was only managing the outflow of traffic onto Wesleyan and not the inflow onto Academy. Chief Adams stated that both the entrance and exit at Academy should be managed and that it would be addressed. Carrie Bailey asked what the expectation was for the officer stationed at the traffic circle and if they should be expected to be out of their vehicle. Chief Adams stated that the responsiveness of the officer at this post would be addressed. Carrie Bailey then asked if an officer was needed at Main and Mockingbird to manage traffic. Chief Adams stated that this intersection is monitored and staffed when needed. He added that funding for an additional officer at this location could be considered in future budgets. Joe Rankin stated that he lives near the intersection of Main and Mockingbird and that he only witnessed a substantial backup on Saturday evening between 6:00 and 7:00pm for approximately one hour. Reid Washam stated that the County officers stationed at the bridge on Hickory Grove Road seemed to have trouble identifying the resident passes and granting access. Chief Adams replied that the first priority of the officers at that intersection is to ensure that traffic is flowing safely and secondly to manage resident access. Staff stated that the Governor's new Executive Order says all activities should cease by 10PM and asked if the lighting time should be adjusted. Chief Adams stated that he would talk to the Attorney to see if adjustments need to be made to comply with the current Order. The Mayor thanked Chief Adams and his staff for their efforts and flexibility with managing the event under the current COVID restrictions.

STREET LIGHTING REVIEW:

Lesley Dellinger presented council with the proposed location map and Duke Energy service agreement for adding street lighting to sections of Main Street and Wesleyan Drive. She stated that the lighting plan includes installing 24 new 110-watt LED fixtures to existing wooden poles between the I-85 exit ramp and Town Hall, and 9 new LED fixtures to existing wooden poles from the Wesleyan Drive traffic circle to Wilkinson Boulevard. The total cost for the lighting installation would be \$12,865.68 which would be paid in 36 equal payments of \$357.38/month. Carrie Bailey asked if staff had considered the impact street lighting would have on future Christmas Town events. Staff replied that the lighting plan had to meet the minimum DOT standards since it was along a state-owned roadway, and that the Christmas Town tradition was taken into consideration in the design. Joe Rankin stated that he respects the tradition of the McAdenville Christmas Town celebration but believes the lighting should be designed to best serve the needs of the community for the other eleven months of the year. Mayor Pro-tem McCosh asked if there were examples of the proposed lighting in the area. Staff replied that a map listing several nearby locations of 110-watt LED roadway lighting would be forwarded for Council review.

COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Reid Washam stated that he participated in the GCLMPO November virtual meeting and that NCDOT revenues have increased which means funding for local road projects is looking better in 2021.

The Mayor stated that the Town's monthly cost for sewer treatment is expected to increase beginning in January 2021 and asked staff to provide additional details. Lesley Dellinger stated that since the Town's WWTP plant came off-line that the sewer flow has increased by 70% from the 2017/2018 estimates. TRU contributes this increase in flow to the Town accepting discharge from the Coat's I-85 manufacturing facility and from a significant line break that was discovered under the Space Dye plant post demolition which is now repaired. In an effort not to overbill McAdenville, TRU has been adjusting the monthly metered sewer billings to reflect lower flow amounts to be more in line with the estimates provided in 2017/2018. Additionally, TRU hired Frazier Engineering to conduct an independent flow study. Town Staff will be meeting with TRU representatives on December 9th to review the flow study data and discuss the procedure for future billings.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

William Clark, 136 Church Street, thanked Council and staff for their efforts and many successes during such a difficult year.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM upon motion of Joe Rankin, second by Mayor Pro-tem McCosh and unanimous vote.

Jim Robinette, Mayor

Lesley Dellinger, Town Clerk