

**MCADENVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING / BUDGET WORK SESSION
MAY 4, 2021**

The McAdenville Town Council met in Special Session on May 4, 2021 at 5:30 PM via a zoom webinar due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Proper notice was given.

Members Present: Mayor Jim Robinette, and Council Members, Joe Rankin, Reid Washam, Greg Richardson, and Carrie Bailey. Staff member Lesley Dellinger was also present. Mayor Pro-Tem Jay McCosh joined the meeting in progress at 6:00 PM.

Mayor Robinette called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM. He stated the purpose of the meeting was to review the proposed budget estimates for FY2021-2022.

Water/Sewer Fund:

Lesley stated that the W&S rate study had been completed by the Rural Water Association and that the recommendation was for a 3.5% increase in FY21-22 and a 2% yearly increase for the following 4 years. This consecutive increase schedule would provide additional funding to begin working on the CIP projects identified with the Asset & Inventory Assessment Plan. Lesley added that the Town's recommended increase would be in addition to matching any increases imposed by TRU. Carrie Bailey verified that TRU would be executing a 5% increase in rates beginning July 1, 2021 therefore making McAdenville's actual rate increase 8.5%. Lesley confirmed that the 8.5% increase assumption was correct. Reid Washam asked what this increase would look like in dollars to the average W&S customer in Town. Lesley stated that the minimal bill would increase by \$3.91/month. Follow discussion, Council agreed to move forward with the 5-year rate increase plan recommended in the Rural Water Rate Study. Council then reviewed the estimated revenue and expenditures for the water/sewer fund. Lesley explained that two CIP projects were slated in FY21-22 with a total estimated cost of \$250,000. It is expected that the American Rescue Plan grant funds will be allowed for W&S infrastructure improvements, but detailed instructions are still pending. The FY21-22 budget was balanced with a moderate fund balance infusion of \$36,000.

General Fund:

Council reviewed the estimated revenues and expenditures for the general fund. Greg Richardson asked for confirmation on how much funding was allocated for greenway improvements. Lesley replied that approximately \$76,500.00 was allocated for capital outlay and \$20K for engineering to fund greenway improvements projects. She added that monies were also allocated for development of a Comprehensive Land Use Plan to meet the 160D legislative requirements and to cover increases in the Christmas Town safety budget and anticipated attorney fees. The estimated general fund revenues were sufficient to cover the budgeted expenses without the utilization of fund balance for FY21-22. However, the Town still has considerable reserves available if Council would like the greenway improvement budget increased or additional projects added. Following discussion, Council agreed that additional time was needed to further review the proposed budget and that an additional workshop should be scheduled.

Next Budget Work Session:

The Mayor set the final budget work session for Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 5:30 PM.

There being no further business to discuss, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:45 PM by motion of Carrie Bailey, second by Greg Richardson and unanimous vote.

Jim Robinette, Mayor

Lesley Dellinger, Town Clerk