

**TOWN OF MCADENVILLE MINUTES
JUNE 8, 2021**

The McAdenville Town Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of Town Hall located at 163 Main Street, McAdenville N.C.

PRESENT:

Mayor Jim Robinette; Council Members: Reid Washam, Carrie Bailey, Greg Richardson, and Joe Rankin. Mayor Pro-tem Jay McCosh participated remotely via telephone. Also present: Attorney Chris Whelchel, Police Chief Adams, and Town Administrator/Clerk Lesley Dellinger.

CALL TO ORDER:

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 AGENDA:

The June Agenda was approved as submitted by motion of Carrie Bailey, second by Joe Rankin and unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The items of the Consent Agenda were unanimously approved by motion of Greg Richardson, second by Reid Washam:

- a) **Budget Amendment Ordinance #2021-002:** Council approved the ordinance authorizing amendments to the Budget for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020. The amendments will result in a \$10,250.00 increase in the net appropriations for the General fund and will not affect the net appropriations of the Water/Sewer fund.
- b) **Approval of Minutes:** The Regular Meeting of May 11, 2021, and the Special Meeting/Budget Workshop minutes of May 4, 2021, and May 19, 2021, were approved as submitted.
- c) **Interlocal Agreement for Collection of Taxes:** Gaston County will increase the service fees charged to municipalities for distributing tax bills, collecting payments, and processing payments beginning July 1, 2021. Council is satisfied with the tax collection service being provided by the County and approved the revised Interlocal Agreement with Gaston County for the Collection of Taxes.
- d) **Resolution #2021-004 Accepting American Rescue Plan Act Grant Funds:** Council approved the resolution accepting the American Rescue Plan Act grant funds and agrees to comply with all law, rules, and regulations, mandated with their acceptance. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law on March 11, 2021, to assist with speeding up the recovery from the economic and health effects from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- e) **Resolution #2021-005 Supporting the LYNX Silver Line Extension into Gaston County:** Council approved the resolution supporting Gaston County's cooperation with

the City of Charlotte, CATS, and the Metropolitan Transit Commission to work together to secure sufficient federal funds to complete the extension of the LYNX Silver Line into Gaston County.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED 2021-2022 BUDGET:

Upon motion by Reid Washam, second by Carrie Bailey the Public Hearing on the proposed budget was opened. The Town Administrator/Clerk presented a slide show on the FY21-22 proposed budget for the General and Water/Sewer Funds highlighting changes from the previous year’s budget and planned capital improvement projects.

General Fund	\$ 1,005,191.00
Water & Sewer Fund	<u>\$ 940,885.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,946,076.00

The budget recommended that the Ad Valorem Tax Rate would remain the same at \$0.33 on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of taxable property as listed for taxes as of January 1, 2021; and the \$5.00 Vehicle Tag Tax will remain unchanged for any vehicle resident in the Town of McAdenville. An increase of 8.5% was recommended for the Water/Sewer rates to offset the five percent (5%) increase from the Town’s wholesale service provider and planned capital improvement projects.

The Mayor opened the floor and invited public comment. No public comments were submitted. Upon motion by Joe Rankin and second by Greg Richardson the public hearing period was closed.

ADOPTION OF BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022:

Upon motion by Carrie Bailey, second by Reid Washam and unanimous vote, Budget Ordinance #2021-004 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for the Town of McAdenville was approved and adopted in the amount of \$1,946,076.00. The ad valorem tax rate of \$0.33 cents per \$100 assessed valuation was established along with a Vehicle Tax of \$5.00 per year on any vehicle resident of the Town.

ADOPTION OF WATER/SEWER RATES AND FEE SCHEDULES FOR FY 2021-2022:

Upon motion by Greg Richardson, second by Joe Rankin and unanimous vote, the Water/Sewer Rates and Fee Schedules for fiscal year 2021-2022 were approved and adopted as part of the budget. The Water/Sewer rates were increased by 8.5% and the Fee schedule had moderate increases for residential and commercial zoning permits.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Adams stated that the monthly report was not available due to the software upgrade but that he hoped to have it available for distribution in July. He then offered to address any questions or issues from Council. The Mayor asked if there were any details available on the two car accident that occurred on Main Street near the intersection of Ford & Dickson earlier in the day. Chief Adams stated that increased policing of Main Street has been put in place due to the number of recent accidents but that additional details regarding today’s wreck were not available. Lesley Dellinger stated that the homeless population in Town seems to be reduced and asked if the CPD had instituted new policies to combat the problem. Chief Adams stated that the CPD has been

trying to connect the homeless population to Gaston County resources designed to help people in transition. He added that there had been several arrests of transitory homeless persons frequently seen in Town.

COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Mayor Robinette stated that the normal seating arrangement for Council and Staff could resume in July since everyone was vaccinated and the COVID positive rate continues to decline. There was no opposition to this suggestion from the other members of Council.

Lesley Dellinger stated that the canoe launch construction was progressing quickly and that the project should be completed before the end of the month.

Staff has solicited a proposal from Bloc Design for redesigning the greenway entrance. The Mayor, Greg Richardson and Lesley Dellinger met with Bloc Design staff virtually on May 27th to provide details of the Town’s vision for parking access, landscaping and possible amenity additions. Greg stated that he had met with Bloc Design staff onsite today to answer questions and that a proposal for engineering and landscape design should be available for consideration at the July meeting.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Robinette opened the floor for public comment. No comments were received.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM upon motion of Carrie Bailey, second by Reid Washam and unanimous vote.

Jim Robinette, Mayor

Lesley Dellinger, Town Clerk