

TOWN OF MCADENVILLE MINUTES JULY 13, 2021

The McAdenville Town Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of Town Hall located at 163 Main Street, McAdenville N.C.

PRESENT:

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

The items of the Consent Agenda were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Pro-tem McCosh, second by Carrie Bailey with unanimous vote:

- a) **Approval of Minutes:** Regular Meeting of June 8, 2021.
- b) **Budget Amendment Ordinance #2021-005:** Council approved the Ordinance authorizing the final amendments to the Budget for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020. The amendments are interdepartmental transfers within the same fund not exceeding 10% of the appropriated monies for the department whose allocation is being reduced.
- c) **Contract to Audit Accounts:** Council approved the Contract with Butler & Stowe to Audit Accounts for the Town of McAdenville for year ending June 30, 2021, in the amount of \$23,150.00. Audit prep cost is \$19,300 and writing the Financial Statement is \$3,850. This is an increase of 2.4% from the previous year's contract.

UTILITY COLLECTION SYSTEM PRESENTATION:

NC Rural Water Sustainability Analyst, Troy Cassidy, provided a slide show presentation on the Manhole Inspection & Management Plan report. The assessment of the Town's collection system was to help fine tune the AIA plan by direct "boots on the ground" investigation and smoke testing to identify I&I issues and make recommendations for improvements. Mr. Cassidy will also serve as a consultant at no charge when the Town hires a contractor to perform the recommended repairs. By addressing the I&I issues identified in the Manhole Inspection & Management Plan, Mr. Cassidy estimated the Town could save up to \$50K/year in metered sewer charges billed by Two Rivers Utilities. This savings will offset the reserves needed to fund future CIP project budgets projected at \$200K/year. Mr. Cassidy thanked the Board for the opportunity to work in McAdenville and commended them on their proactive efforts toward ensuring the fiscal sustainability of the Town's W&S system.

MOTOR VEHICLE POLICY FOR GREENWAY:

Council requested that an official policy be written to restrict the use of motor vehicles on the greenway. Town Attorney, Chris Whelchel, drafted the Motor Vehicle Policy Statement for Public Greenway Space and presented it for Council consideration. He stated that the policy would ensure the safe, beneficial, and quiet enjoyment of the Town of McAdenville's greenway spaces by all residents and other visitors regardless of ability, disability, or age. Additionally, in adopting this Policy regulating motor vehicle access on the public greenway, Council will have to amend the following Town Code sections for congruity: **Chapter 6** – Motor Vehicle and Traffic, Sections 6-1, and 6-41 & **Chapter 15** – Parks and Recreation, Sections 15-23 and 15-29. Greg Richardson questioned allowing the use of skateboards on the greenway and asked the Board for opinions. Following discussion, it was determined that skateboard use should be restricted along the greenway as it is in Legacy Park and added to the Town Code revisions in Chapter 15, Section 15-29(h). Carrie Bailey stated that the CPD will need to provide a clear understating to the Board on how these rules will be enforced if passed. Greg Richardson made a motion to adopt the Motor Vehicle Policy Statement for Public Greenway Space, and that it supersedes the correlating Town Code amendments for the next thirty-days. The motion was seconded by Joe Rankin with unanimous vote.

CANOE LAUNCH CONTRACT AMENDMENT:

Staff reported that the canoe/kayak launch construction is complete and passed final inspection by Gaston County on June 29, 2021. The contractor, Blue Ridge Trail Works, submitted an invoice for additional work incurred in the amount of \$5,450 which is over the approved 10% contingency approved with the current contract of \$24,500. Council consideration was requested to amend the approved contract amount to cover the construction overages. Greg Richardson confirmed that there were issues with the Stewart Engineering plans related to the elevation which resulted in additional work not anticipated by the contractor. The Mayor added that the County inspector required the sidewalk connector be ADA compliant which also contributed to the overages. The Town's contracted engineering service, LaBella, conducted inspections during construction and confirmed that the extra work and materials invoiced were valid, and the charges were within customary limits. Following discussion, Greg Richardson motioned to approve the additional work invoice for the canoe/kayak launch from Blue Ridge Trail works in the amount of \$5,450. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-tem McCosh with unanimous vote.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Captain Jones was present to provide the monthly report and address Council concerns. He stated that the CPD had recently done a speed study along Main Street. The radar readings were collected at the intersection of Popular and Main and included both weekday and weekend times. The study included 61,097 vehicles and found that the average speed was 24 MPH. The Mayor inquired about the numerous wrecks along Main Street and Wesleyan Drive. Captain Jones stated that there had been six (6) wrecks recently in McAdenville. He added that speed was not the primary factor in the reported accidents, but rather inattentive drivers.

Carrie Baily stated that unlicensed golf carts are still being driven in the Village and around Town. She questioned why these drivers are not being ticketed. Mayor Pro-tem McCosh added that he had seen adolescents driving golf carts in the Village that he knew were not 16-years of age. Captain Jones stated that the department's goal regarding unlicensed golf carts was to educate the drivers of the rules.

COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Mayor Robinette requested that staff contact the DOT regarding mowing at the intersection of Mockingbird Lane and Wilkinson. He added that the height of the grass was interfering with the line of sight of oncoming traffic.

Mayor Pro-tem McCosh requested that staff contact the DOT regarding the condition of the pedestrian lane markers at the intersection of Wesleyan Drive and Wilkinson Blvd. He added that the installation of the pedestrian lane was not well planned and should be removed completely so that the right turn lane could be utilized.

Joe Rankin requested that staff contact the appropriate party regarding the condition of the four (4) properties located at the corner of Main Street and Mockingbird Lane. He added that the yards were overgrown and that the sidewalk in front of the rental units were also consumed with weeds.

Carrie Bailey asked if the request for residential traffic calming received from Ms. Mullinax had been endorsed by the Village HOA Board. Staff replied that the HOA board had officially endorsed Ms. Mullinax's request and that the initial traffic calming study meeting was scheduled for the following week. Carrie then asked for clarification on the Town's solicitor's permit process. Staff replied that the Town's ordinance requires temporary solicitors to apply for a permit at Town Hall and pay a small fee. Carrie requested to be notified when permits were issued for door-to-door sales so that it could be posted on social media. In addition, she asked staff to design a solicitor's badge and require it be worn by anyone approved to sale door-to-door. Next Carrie stated that she had contacted a dealer that specialized in the resale of stained-glass windows to estimate the value of the salvaged windows from the Town Hall renovation. The stained-glass windows stored in the basement of Town Hall were considered a basic design and worth about \$200 each. The dealer recommended donating the windows to a local church or other charity organization.

Greg Richardson stated that he had a recent conversation with Duke Energy and that the looping of the Town's electrical grid should be completed by this October. He added that this electrical loop would reduce the frequency of outages and shorten repair times.

Lesley Dellinger stated that additional design bids were being solicited for upgrading the entrance of the McAdenville Greenway Trail.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Pastor Walter Griggs, McAdenville Baptist Church, stated that the church has an organist position open and are looking to set up interviews for qualified candidates.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM upon motion of Carrie Bailey, second by Mayor Pro-tem McCosh and unanimous vote.

Jim Robinette, Mayor

Lesley Dellinger, Town Clerk