

TOWN OF MCADENVILLE MINUTES AUGUST 9, 2022

The McAdenville Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, 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 Reid Washam; Council Members: Carrie Bailey, Jay McCosh, Greg Richardson and Joe Rankin. Also in attendance: Attorney Chris Whelchel, 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 Walt Griggs, McAdenville Baptist Church, opened the meeting with prayer.

ADJUSTMENT & APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The August Agenda was approved as submitted by motion of Jay McCosh, second by Joe Rankin and unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the July 12, 2022, regular meeting was approved by motion of Mayor Pro-Tem Washam, second by Greg Richardson and unanimous vote.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Adams had a family emergency and was absent. Council reviewed the CPD monthly report and did not present any follow up items for staff to relay to Chief Adams.

STAFF REPORT:

Lesley Dellinger reported that the two applications submitted in the Division of Water Infrastructure spring round had been approved totaling \$7,018,798.00 in available funding.

- Water System Improvement Project - \$3,269,750 award (all grant funding) which includes cross connection upgrades for industrial users and the water system interconnection on Wesleyan Drive.
- Waterline Rehabilitation Project - \$3,749,048 award (\$1,730,250 grant funding & \$2,018,798 SRF loan) which includes replacement and upsizing of water lines on Ford, Oak & Pine Drive, Poplar St & Aviary Ct, and Fur & Pine St in the Forrest Heights neighborhood. The Forrest Heights portion of the project will include an extension to loop the water lines providing fire protection to this area.

In addition to the funding award, Lesley stated that the town's request for a distressed utility designation was reconsidered and granted by the State Water Infrastructure Authority and Local Government Commission under criteria #4 at their August 2nd meeting. This designation allows McAdenville the opportunity to apply for an additional \$7 million in potential grant monies through the Viable Utility Reserve fund. It may also allow the town to swap the \$2,018,798 SRF loan offer for the Waterline Rehabilitation Project for grant funding. Since the designation was awarded under criteria #4 of the SWIA/LGC identification criteria, a formal MOU for system

consolidation will need to be in place between McAdenville and TRU prior to award consideration for VUR funding. Council consideration was requested in support of pursuing a formal MOU for utility system consolidation with the City of Gastonia. Joe Rankin stated that the Town entered contract operations with TRU in 2012 with the intentions of a future merger. He motioned to support moving forward with a formal MOU to set forth the basic understanding of both parties with regard to a proposed merger of McAdenville's wastewater collection and water distribution system into the City of Gastonia's existing system. The motion was seconded by Carrie Bailey and passed unanimously.

Lesley Dellinger provided information on the I-85 widening project and the aesthetic options being considered for the Gaston County corridor from Belmont to Hwy 321. A slide show presentation was given illustrating the betterment options and cost for form liners, railing, lighting, and landscaping. She added that McAdenville and Lowell would be expected to share in the cost of the betterments added to the Exit 23 bridge. The elected officials will be receiving a survey allowing them to give feedback on preferred aesthetic options within the next two weeks.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Dewayne Hedrick, owner/operator of 115 Craft in McAdenville, stated that he would like Council to consider creating a food truck policy that would allow for a single use or yearly permit option. Council questioned Mr. Hedrick about possible locations for food trucks if utilized at his retail location.

COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Carrie Baily presented a quote from Gaston Printing for \$41,397.40 for proposed greenway signage. The proposal included a monument sign with a river rock base and cedar frame, twenty directional signs for along the trail, and sidewalk stenciling. She added that the signs would need to be reinforced due to their location in the floodway. Carrie will consult with staff on ways to value engineer the project and reduce cost.

Reid Washam stated that he has contacted the NC-DOT for improvements to the crosswalks on Wesleyan at the traffic circle and in the curve by the lake. He added that the estimated cost for a signaled crosswalk is \$28K, but he feels reflective paint and new signage should be in the budget. Carrie Bailey agreed that new paint and better signage is a must and thanked Reid for his efforts.

Carrie Bailey asked if staff had received any new information on the proposed pocket park for the historic district. Mayor Robinette replied that he had talked to Bill Carstarphen and Pharr is looking into the recorded ownership of the alley.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM upon motion of Mayor Pro-Tem Washam, second by Greg Richardson and unanimous vote.

Jim Robinette, Mayor

Lesley Dellinger, Town Clerk