

TOWN OF MCADENVILLE MINUTES OCTOBER 11, 2022

The McAdenville Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 11, 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 Dan O'Shea, 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 Walt Griggs, McAdenville Baptist Church, opened the meeting with prayer.

ADJUSTMENT & APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The October Agenda was approved as submitted by motion of Mayor Pro-Tem Washam, second by Greg Richardson and unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The September 13, 2022 minutes were approved with no changes by motion of Greg Richardson, second by Joe Rankin and unanimous vote.

TOWN CODE ORDINANCE REVIEW:

The following Town Code sections were reviewed for clarification and revision consideration.

- a) Chapter 8, Section 8-1: Temporary Vendors Prohibited During December. Council considered modifying the December vendor ordinance to allow food trucks to expand the food options available to Christmas Town visitors. Following discussion, the attorney was asked to revise the ordinance allowing food trucks on private property when sponsored by an existing food and beverage establishment for consideration by the board. Motion to postpone the December Vendor Ordinance revision to the November 8, 2022 regular meeting for consideration was made by Carrie Bailey, second by Joe Rankin with unanimous vote.
- b) Chapter 5, Section 5-2: Particular Noise. Council discussed revising the ordinance to include specific regulations for commercial businesses. No action was taken.
- c) Chapter 5, Section 5-9: Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages. Council asked for clarification on how this ordinance will be enforced during the Christmas Town event since there are several commercial businesses with ABC permits. Chief Adams stated that meetings can be arranged with current ABC permit holders to verify the area in which alcohol consumption must be contained. He added that the NC open container laws are clear cut and enforceable.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Adams offered to answer questions and address concerns related to the September CPD report. He then provided updates from the September 28th Christmas Town meeting with NCDOT and law enforcement. The first item of concern is that the NCDOT is not able to provide additional lighting at the Market/Wesleyan intersection and only has five (5) electronic message signs available for this year's event. He stated that portable lighting for the Market/Wesleyan intersection was important for pedestrian safety and that 2-3 additional electronic signs were needed for proper management of traffic flow and recommended looking into rental options. Another change is the reduction in Highway Patrol personnel available for the event. HP Staff is not available to man the railroad crossing in Lowell and the Market/Wesleyan intersection. Chief Adams stated that he would try to move his staff around as needed but could not guarantee that personnel would be available to cover these areas. He added that this is a very dangerous event due to the number of vehicles and pedestrians sharing a common path through Town and he planned to follow up with Christy Gliddon at Pharr on funding for additional safety equipment.

STAFF REPORT:

- a) Status of DWI fall grant applications: Lesley Dellinger stated that three applications were successfully submitted to DWI by the September 30th fall funding deadline. (1) Resubmission of the Water Line Rehabilitation Project to try and obtain full grant funding verses grant/loan combination. Estimated project cost is \$3,749,048. (2) New sewer application includes replacement of sewer lines on Willow, Poplar Street and Aviary Gardens. Estimated cost for this project is \$4,962,000 and it scored 59 points on DWI's Priority rating system. (3) New water line application includes upsizing and replacement of water lines on Main Street and upsizing and looping the water lines on the north side of the South Fork River bridge. The work on the Hickory Grove Road side of the river would allow for fire protection and greatly improve water quality and pressure. Estimated cost for this project is \$4,605,500 and it scored 49 points on DWI's Priority rating system. Lesley added that McAdenville is eligible for up to \$15 million in VUR grant funding. The total cost for the approved spring application and the new fall applications is \$16,586,298 which slightly exceeds the available VUR grant funding.
- b) Engineering RFQ for the Water System Improvement Project Grant: Lesley Dellinger stated that the Request for Qualifications for the application funded in DWI's Spring round should be ready for publication by the end of the week. The purpose of the RFQ is to solicit interest from qualified firms for engineering design services for the Wesleyan interconnect and industrial backflow project. The Intent to Fund letter for the Spring Award has a December 1st deadline for the Engineering Report submittal to DWI. It appears that McAdenville will not meet this deadline, but staff is working with WithersRavenel to hopefully get confirmation of an extension for this first milestone. Lesley added that this was truly an unattainable deadline for a system of our size, and that McAdenville is not the only award recipient having difficulty meeting the December 1st deadline.
- c) Scope and Fee Proposal for Riverlink Extension: Lesley Dellinger stated McAdenville has been working with Cramerton and the CTT on the Riverlink Extension Project.

McAdenville's intent was to "tag on" to Cramerton's selected engineering contractor for design of our portion of the trail along Riverside Drive for continuity and hopefully a cost savings. Unfortunately, the proposal for design services for the Riverside Drive portion of the trail came in at \$194,000 which is \$94,000 overbudget for the project. If the proposal is rejected, staff can work on scope modifications with Withers to try and bring the project cost in line with the approved budget. Mayor Pro-Tem Washam made a motion to reject the \$194,000 proposal from WithersRavenel for design services for McAdenville's portion of the Riverlink Trail. The motion was seconded by Greg Richardson and passed unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Mayor Robinette asked if additional quotes had been solicited for greenway signage and if a revised quote had been received from Gaston Signs. Staff replied that no additional action has been taken, but efforts will be made to reduce the current cost of the proposal from Gaston Signs and additional companies will be contacted for cost comparison.

Staff stated that the Women's Club approached Chief Foulk about the possibility of using the bottom right side of the Fire Station for office/storage space. The email from Ms. Westmoreland detailing the request was provided to Council for review. Lesley added that Chief Foulk does not feel the Club's use of the space would negatively impact his Fire Station operations. Following discussion, Council agreed to consider the request and asked the attorney to review the property lease agreement with the Town of Cramerton and advise options at the November meeting.

CLOSED SESSION:

A Closed Session was held to consult with the Town's attorney on administrative procedure as allowed under **GS143-318.11(a)(3)** by motion of Carrie Bailey, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Washam at 7:15 PM.

Upon return from Closed Session at 7:31 PM, Mayor Robinette reported that the Board reviewed the administrative procedure for street closures and provided the attorney with direction for mediating a public/private street ownership question. No formal action was taken.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM upon motion of Carrie Bailey, second by Joe Rankin and unanimous vote.

Jim Robinette, Mayor

Lesley Dellinger, Town Clerk