

TOWN OF MCADENVILLE MINUTES MAY 9, 2023

The McAdenville Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 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, Greg Richardson, and Joe Rankin. Also in attendance: Attorney Chris Whelchel, Police Sergeant Berry, and Town Administrator/Clerk Lesley Dellinger. Council member Jay McCosh was absent.

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 May Agenda was unanimously approved by motion of Carrie Bailey, second by Greg Richardson with the following changes: Addition of item 3(e) – Adoption of Local Water Supply Plan, and item 3(f) – Setting Public Hearing for FY2023-24 Budget.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The items of the Consent Agenda were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Pro-Tem Washam, second by Joe Rankin and unanimous vote:

- a) **Approval of Minutes:** Council approved the regular meeting minutes of April 11, 2023, and special meeting/budget work session minutes of April 17, 2023.
- b) **Amend Meeting Schedule:** A special meeting to work on the fiscal year 2023-24 budget was set for Monday, May 15, 2023, from 5:00-6:30 PM in the Town Hall conference room located at 163 Main Street.
- c) **Planning Board Appointment:** Council approved the three (3) year term renewal of May 2023 to May 2026 for Sara Gilbert-Kay and Andy Westmoreland to the McAdenville Planning Board / Board of Adjustment.
- d) **Budget Amendment for FY2022-2023:** Ordinance No 2023-001 authorizing amendments to the Budget for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022, was approved by Council. The amendments will result in no increase or decrease in the net appropriations of the General Fund.
- e) **Adoption of Local Water Supply Plan:** Resolution No 2023-003 approving the 2022 LWSP submittal for McAdenville PWSID 01-36-045 to the Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Resources was approved by Council.

- f) **Public Hearing on the FY2023-24 Budget:** The public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 municipal budget for the Town of McAdenville was set for Tuesday, June 13, 2023 @ 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of Town Hall.

ARMSTRONG FORD DAM REMOVAL:

Greg Richardson provided the Council with information on the Armstrong Ford Dam Feasibility Study funded by the Catawba River Health Committee partners. The study supports the partial removal of the old DMV dam on the South Fork River that parallels the Armstrong Ford Road bridge in Belmont. The removal of the dam would improve the flow of the South Fork River, support existing wildlife, allow recreational passage through the area, and help with flood mitigation. Greg stated that the water levels in McAdenville could be lowered 1 to 1 ½ feet which may negatively impact the canoe/kayak launch site at the greenway, but the overall benefit toward future flood levels is worth it. The projected cost is \$8 million for removal of a portion of the dam, but there is currently lots of money available in Raleigh for flood mitigation projects. Cramerton and members of the Catawba River Health Committee plan to go to Raleigh to solicit money for the project if they can get unanimous support for the project from the municipalities that will be impacted. Greg added that a resolution of support for the project is being drafted for consideration at a future meeting.

NCDOT APPROVAL FOR TRUCK ROUTE & WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS:

Mayor Pro-Tem Reid Washam provided an update on the progress being made regarding truck traffic mitigation efforts related to the expansion of the Oaks Commerce Business Park located off Hickory Grove Road. Reid has been working with Blake Guffey, NCDOT District 1 Supervisor, on truck route designation around McAdenville and weight restrictions for HWY 7/Main Street. The Town's request has been approved and the NCDOT is requiring resolutions; one from McAdenville supporting the weight restrictions on NC7/Main St, and a joint resolution between McAdenville, Belmont, and Cramerton designating a truck route along HWY 7 to I-85 Exit 26, Belmont Abbey College. Reid stated that the alternate route north on Hickory Grove Road to Woodlawn is not allowed due to the narrow turn radius at the Woodlawn intersection. Chris Whelchel stated that he has been in contact with the NCDOT and is drafting the required resolutions. The language for the truck route must be stated with specificity and he will obtain NCDOT approval of the language prior to presenting the resolutions for Council consideration.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Sergeant Berry was in attendance for Chief Adams who was detained. Sergeant Berry stated that he would relay Council concerns to Chief Adams who would follow up with the Board. Mayor Pro-Tem Washam stated that he felt increased patrols of the greenway parking lot were needed. He has recently noted broken glass and increased trash in the area. Greg Richardson added that

he often sees vehicles parked in the lot at dusk and it does not appear that the vehicle occupants are using the trail. Mayor Pro-Tem Washam instructed town staff to contact George Altice with Pharr to see if the private streetlights along Lakeview could be turned back on. He feels the lighting may deter people from conducting unwanted activities in the parking lot after dark. Carrie Bailey added that she has seen several posts about street parking where Academy Street dead ends past the Wright Street intersection and asked that the CPD include this area in regular patrols. There is no need for parking in this area to access the trail when it is easily accessible from the Poplar Street parking lot.

STAFF REPORT:

Interlocal Agreement for Installation and Maintenance of Water Infrastructure to benefit Lowell Elementary School – Follow up item from April meeting. Lesley Dellinger has been working with Gaston County on an ARPA funded project to improve the water quality and reliability of the service for Lowell Elementary School. An interlocal agreement between Gaston County, Lowell and McAdenville was approved at the April meeting pending no substantive or material changes were requested by the other parties. Lesley stated that the project coordinator with Gaston County had reached out stating that the project was being placed on hold due to a regulation discovered in the ARPA grant final rule. It appears that projects utilizing ARPA funding may not generate new revenues; and if they do, then the revenues generated must be repaid to the APRA grant pool. Gaston County will need to make modifications to the interlocal agreement to address the revenue stipulation. Since the contact revisions will be substantive, staff requested Council rescind its approval of the Interlocal Agreement for Installation and Maintenance of Water Infrastructure to Benefit Lowell Elementary School. Motion to rescind approval of the interlocal agreement approved at the April meeting was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Washam, seconded by Carrie Bailey and unanimous vote.

Little Library Locations – Photos depicting the desired locations for the Little Libraries sponsored by the McAdenville Woman’s Club were presented for approval. The Academy Street location near the greenway footbridge was approved. The preferred spot near the kayak launch was modified to avoid interference with the future park kiosk. Council instructed staff to relay the approved locations to the club so they could proceed with installation of both Little Library boxes.

Additional Updates – Lesley Dellinger stated she and several Council members met with Chris Etherton of Gaston Printing & Signs earlier that day to discuss signage. Updated renderings of the proposed kiosk and monument sign were presented. Discoveries made regarding the location of the 12” water line location near the South Fork River bridge were discussed along with the reason for the water outage in the north side of town experienced early in the day.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION:

No comments were presented.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM upon motion of Greg Richardson, second by Joe Rankin and unanimous vote.

Jim Robinette, Mayor

Lesley Dellinger, Town Clerk