

## **TOWN OF MCADENVILLE MINUTES SEPTEMBER 12, 2023**

The McAdenville Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 12, 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, Jay McCosh, and Greg Richardson. Also in attendance: Attorney Chris Whelchel, Police Chief Adams, and Town Administrator/Clerk Lesley Dellinger. Council Member Joe Rankin 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 September Agenda was approved as presented by motion of Jay McCosh, second by Greg Richardson and unanimous vote.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

The items of the Consent Agenda were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Pro-Tem Washam, second by Carrie Bailey:

- a) **Approval of Minutes:** Council approved the regular meeting and closed session minutes of August 8, 2023.
- b) **McAdenville Elementary Support:** Council approved the Silver Level sponsorship for the 2023-2024 school year.

### **TRUCK ROUTE DESIGNATION & WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS FOR NC-7/MAIN ST:**

A resolution was presented for Council consideration requesting the NCDOT prohibit trucks with a gross vehicle weight in excess of 26,000 pounds on NC-7 (Main Street) between McAdenville West municipal limit (I-85 Exit 23) and SR 2000 (Hickory Grove Road); and designated a Truck Route for same vehicles on NC-7 between Riverside Drive and SR 2093 (Belmont Mt. Holly Rd/Main Street). This request is done to promote public safety and support the interest of residents and visitors in McAdenville's historic downtown district by diverting large truck traffic generated by the Oaks Commerce Industrial Park expansion around McAdenville. Lesley Dellinger added that the resolution, if approved, will need to be presented to both the Town of Cramerton and City of Bemont for support of the designated truck route because it would impact traffic patterns within their jurisdictions. Mayor Pro-Tem Washam stated that he felt the verbiage in the third paragraph needed to be expanded to include specific street names in addition to the State Road number for the designated truck route. Chris Whelchel supported this request and stated that the resolution could be presented for approval with the recommended change. Mayor Pro-Tem Washam motioned to approve Resolution No 2023-004, with stated changes to paragraph three, requesting the NC-DOT consider a truck weight restriction reduction and designation of a weight excess truck route. The motion was seconded by Greg Richardson and passed with unanimous vote. Mayor Pro-Tem Washam stated that he would take the lead on soliciting support for the Resolution from the Town of Cramerton and City of Belmont Board Members.

**NCLM MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING SERVICES PROGRAM:**

Representatives from the NC League of Municipalities provided a slide presentation and Q&A session on the ARPA funded Municipal Accounting Services (MAS) Program for Council during the August 8, 2023 regular meeting. Council had requested that consideration for participation in the program be continued to the September meeting allowing time for review of the legal documents. Lesley Dellinger provided a quick recap stating that the MAS Program provides a government specific hosted software solution (Black Mountain Software) to small municipalities through funding provided by an ARPA grant made to the League. The program is enhanced by a League run Accounting Assistance Program whose personnel will provide one on one assistance to municipal staff with accounting and reporting needs. Participation in the MAS program allows the costs for implementing, conversion, and software maintenance to be fully covered by ARPA grant funding, saving the town approximately \$88K over the next three years. Following discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Washam motioned to approve the Resolution, Memorandum of Agreement, and the License Agreement for the Town’s participation in the NC League of Municipalities Municipal Accounting Services Program. The motion was seconded by Carrie Bailey and passed with unanimous vote.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Chief Adams stated that the mobile radar sign had been deployed in the Village as requested during the August meeting to increase awareness of the posted speed limit since school is back in session. The handheld radar was also used along Mockingbird as requested by Mayor Robinette and proved to be very successful. Carrie Bailey stated that she is still witnessing speeding in the traffic circle on Wesleyan Drive during school hours. Chief Adams replied that it is more constructive to have the officer closer to the school for traffic control ensuring the safety of the children crossing the street along with the school crossing guard. Jay McCosh questioned if the electronic radar sign on Main Street was operational. Chief Adams replied that the sign is working but since the sign is solar powered the display may not work during periods of inclement weather.

**STAFF REPORT:**

Audit for FY2022-23 – Lesley stated that Butler & Stowe were on site today to begin the fieldwork for the FY2022-2023 audit. Sheila Thornton, Butler & Stowe CPA, recommended that the finance officer make a third and final budget amendment for FY2023, as allowed per the adopted budget ordinance. The following interdepartmental transfers were authorized within the same fund which do not exceed 10% of the appropriated monies for the department as follows:

<u>General Fund</u> (Changes will result in NO increase or decrease in net appropriations.)				
10-302-00	Interest Income G.F	increase	(R)	\$2,550.00
10-302-04	Interest Income P.B.	increase	(R)	\$205.00
10-340-10	Fund Balance Reserves	decrease	(R)	\$2,755.00

<u>Water / Sewer Fund</u> (Changes will result in a \$150.00 increase in net appropriations.)				
30-302-00	Interest Income W.S.	increase	(R)	\$150.00
30-600-39	Banking Service Charge	increase	(E)	\$150.00

Greenway Shelter & Signage – Lesley reported that the footings for the greenway picnic shelter have passed the County inspection, and the new concrete pad and connectors are scheduled to be

poured next week. Once the concrete is set, the stone wrappings will be added, and the picnic tables should be installed by month end. She has also communicated with Gaston Signs and installation of the kiosk and monument signs are on schedule to begin within the next 45 days.

Fire Station Improvements – The Board allocated monies for improvements to the inside of the Fire Station in the FY2024 budget. Lesley reported that the current HVAC unit is not set up to cool zones within the facility but rather operates off one thermostat which regulates the temperature in the entire building. Chief Foulk has requested that the addition of a mini-split unit be considered that would only heat/cool the left side of the lower level. Quotes were solicited and the lowest quote from Bryan Jenkins HVAC for \$8,300 was approved by staff after consulting with Mayor Robinette. Lesley added that a quote is expected soon from Preston with Bower-Traust for additional upgrades, mostly cosmetic in nature, for the same space.

Woman’s Club Request for T-Shirt Display Window at Fire Station – The McAdenville Woman’s Club is requested Council’s consideration to allow a temporary display in the window of their storage space at the Fire Department. The club is interested in setting up a window display for the 2023 MWC Christmas Town USA t-shirts that will be on sale from October 2023 until sold out (Early December). The Club’s goal is to get the shirt on display and direct potential buyers to Mona’s on Main or the River Room for purchase. Following discussion, the board agreed to allow the t-shirt display in the window of the lower right side of the fire station with the stipulation that no merchandise sales could be transacted on the premises. Staff was instructed to communicate that this was not blanket approval for future displays and that the Board reserved the right to revoke consent at any time.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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

**COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Washam asked if any progress has been made on halting the McAdenville Motors expansion at the corner of Wesleyan Drive and Wilkinson Boulevard. He added that he believes the NCDOT is still negotiating for purchases of the parcel. Attorney Whelchel stated that there had been some recent turnover at his firm and the initial contact letter has been delayed but is being worked on. Chris Whelchel requested a closed session be considered for the October meeting to provide updates to the Board on the legal actions related to the presumed violations.

Greg Richardson stated that he had contacted Bill Carstarphen to get an update on when the North Street Pocket Park would begin construction. Unfortunately, it was communicated that the project is no longer a priority for Belmont Land. He added that the design plans for the Space Dye facility have been revised to include an open concept plaza and Belmont Land feels the pocket park would be redundant. Alternative uses for the space will be considered in the future.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM upon motion of Jay McCosh, second by Carrie Bailey and unanimous vote.

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Jim Robinette, Mayor

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Lesley Dellinger, Town Clerk