

**TOWN OF MCADENVILLE MINUTES  
OCTOBER 10, 2023**

The McAdenville Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 6:05 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, 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 by motion of Joe Rankin, second by Greg Richardson and unanimous vote with the following changes:

- Item #4 - Grant Project Update by WithersRavenel was removed from the agenda and rescheduled to the November 14, 2023 regular meeting.
- Item #10 – Closed Session was removed from the agenda at the request of the Town Attorney.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The regular meeting minutes of September 12, 2023 was approved as submitted by motion of Greg Richardson, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Washam and unanimous vote.

**ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD – WATER REHABILITATION PROJECT:**

The Town of McAdenville has been approved for a Viable Utility Reserve (VUR) grant, funded from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) State Fiscal Recovery fund in the amount of \$3,749,049. The offer is made by the Division of Water Infrastructure (DWI). The Water Rehabilitation Project includes water line replacement and improvements in the following areas: (1) Poplar Street, (2) Ford Drive/Pine Drive, and (3) Forest Heights/McAdenville Avenue/Fir Street. Each of these areas are rated as a high priority on the town’s current CIP due to the age of the lines and frequency of repairs. Staff presented the following items for Council’s consideration and vote:

1. Resolution 2023-006 accepting the DEQ/DWI grant offer in the amount of \$3,749,049 and making the applicable assurances for executing the Waterline Rehabilitation Project was approved by motion of Mayor Pro-Tem Washam, second by Joe Rankin and unanimous vote.
2. Grant Project Ordinance 2023-005 appropriating funds for DEQ/DWI grant award #VUR-D-ARP-0099 in the amount of \$3,749,049 to complete the Waterline Rehabilitation project including engineering and construction was approved by motion of Jay McCosh, second by Carrie Bailey and unanimous vote.

3. WetherRavenel Agreement for Professional Services in the amount of \$650K for the Waterline Rehabilitation Project including engineering, field investigation, permitting, funding administration, bidding, and construction management was continued to the November 14, 2023 regular meeting for consideration by motion of Carrie Bailey, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Washam, and unanimous vote.

#### **DWI INTENT TO FUND – SEWER REHAB TO SUPPORT REGIONALIZATION:**

The Division of Water Infrastructure has reviewed the Town’s Sewer Rehabilitation grant application submitted in the 2022 fall cycle and approved the project as eligible to receive funding in the amount of \$4,962,000 from the State Revolving Fund (SRF). Terms include \$500,000 in loan forgiveness with the remaining balance payable over twenty years with 0% interest. The sewer rehabilitation project includes replacement of approximately 1,600 LF of 8-inch VCP pipe with new 8-inch DIP sewer line along Willow Drive. Staff stated that the debt service for a loan of this size would cost the town approximately \$225K annually for 20 years. Following discussion, Council voted to reject the loan offer due to the hardship it would create to the Town and its water/sewer customers for repayment. The motion to reject DWI’s loan offer CS370861-01 in the amount of \$4,962,000 was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Washam, seconded by Greg Richardson, and passed with unanimous support.

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Chief Adams stated that the Christmas Town safety meeting was held on September 20<sup>th</sup> and that adequate support from area law enforcement departments will be provided for the 2023 Christmas Town event. He added that Captain Debbold is working on filling the available slots for traffic control within the Town Limits and that the increase in the hourly payrate should be helpful with recruitment. The NCDOT agreed to provide up to five electronic message signs for the event and help with the placement of traffic cones, but did not have portable roadway lighting available for the crosswalk on Wilkinson Blvd. Christy Gliddon agreed to add the needed lighting to their budget for the event. The CPD monthly report was distributed, and Chief Adams offered to answer questions from the Board. Mayor Pro-Tem Washam requested that an officer be positioned in the Wesleyan traffic circle on October 31<sup>st</sup> for Halloween. Chief Adams responded that he would do his best to have an officer stationed in the traffic circle but it may be difficult to cover for the entire evening with the increased demand typically experienced on Halloween.

#### **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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

#### **COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Washam provided an update from the recent MPO meeting. He stated that McAdenville has two items on the approved Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP). The conversion of the stoplight at the Main & Wesleyan intersection to a 3-way stop and the relocation of Riverside Drive out of the floodway are in the top 19 projects. He added that this is a 10-year plan that is not currently funded, but it’s a plus to have the Town’s needs on the NCDOT & MPO radar. Inclusion on the STIP may also prove helpful with future grant opportunities.

Lesley Dellinger asked if anyone on the Council was available to attend the Christmas Town Event Planning Meeting on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 10am? Jay McCosh agreed to attend as the Town representative.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 6:21 PM upon motion of Carrie Bailey, second by Joe Rankin and unanimous vote.

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Jim Robinette, Mayor

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Lesley Dellinger, Town Clerk