

**TOWN OF MCADENVILLE MINUTES
DECEMBER 12, 2023**

The McAdenville Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 5:00 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 Joe Rankin. Also in attendance: Attorney Chris Whelchel, Police Captain Harris, and Town Administrator/Clerk Lesley Dellinger. Greg Richardson was absent.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Robinette called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Walt Griggs, McAdenville Baptist Church, opened the meeting with prayer.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Lesley Dellinger, Town Clerk of McAdenville, administered the Oath of Office for recently reelected Mayor Jim Robinette, and Council Members Joe Rankin and Reid Washam.

ADJUSTMENT & APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The December Agenda was approved as submitted by motion of Joe Rankin, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Reid Washam and unanimous vote.

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO TEMPORE:

The General Statutes direct that the Town Council, at its organizational meeting, elect a Mayor Pro Tempore, who is to serve at its pleasure. The direct role of the pro tem is to preside over council meetings and attend meetings in the Mayor's absence. Joe Rankin stated the Reid Washam has done a good job in the Mayor Pro-Tem role and asked if he would like to continue. Reid stated that he would. Joe Rankin motioned that Councilman Reid Washam be reappointed as Mayor Pro-Tem. This motion was seconded by Carrie Bailey and passed with unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- a) Approved the Regular Meeting & Closed Session Minutes of November 14, 2023.
- b) Approved Council's 2024 meeting schedule. Meetings will continue to be held on the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:00 PM except for the December meeting which will begin at 5:00 PM.
- c) Approved the reappointment of Jay McCosh as McAdenville's Centralina Regional Council Delegate for 2024.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Captain Harris, Cramerton PD, stated that Christmas Town was in full swing with minimal issues and offered to answer questions from the Council. Mayor Pro-Tem stated that the electronic message board at Hickory Grove Rd needs to be repositioned. Jay McCosh stated that the electronic speed sign on Main Street is still broken and that this was his second request to the CPD to investigate it and have it repaired. Captain Harris agreed to follow up on the two action items from the Board.

STAFF REPORT:

Financial Report – Lesley Dellinger stated that a budget amendment was made in Fund 52, *Grant Project for Water System Improvements*, adding expense categories to better align with the WithersRavenel professional service agreement. The changes will result in NO increase or decrease in the net appropriations in the SRP-D-ARP-0108 grant project Fund 52. She added that the finance officer is authorized to reallocate appropriations within departments and among the various line items not organized by departments as deemed necessary. A pre and post amendment Budget vs Actual for Fund 52 was provided for Council review.

NC League of Municipality offer of Grant Writing Services – Lesley Dellinger stated that the NCLM is utilizing their ARP LFRF allocation to offer up to \$30K toward Grant Services including project development, preparation of grant application & submittal, and grant management. The League has contracted with Witt O'Brien to provide this service to participating municipalities. To be eligible for the program the MAS, Cybersecurity & Technical Assistance Agreement adopted at the September 12, 2023 regular meeting will need to be amended to include Grant Services. A detailed description (Exhibit C) of the grant services provided and cost eligibility was included in the agenda packet for Council review. Staff has identified the following projects for funding consideration: construction of the River Link trail connector on Riverside Drive, the Main Street water main extension project (prioritized on Water/Sewer Capital Improvement Plan), and improvements and/or rework of the Main St/Wesleyan/Hwy 7 signaled intersection. Following discussion, a motion to amend the Municipal Accounting Services, Cybersecurity, and Technical Assistance Memorandum of Agreement with the NCLM to include up to \$30,000 worth of Grant Services was made by Joe Rankin, seconded by Carrie Bailey and passed with unanimous vote.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Mayor Pro-Tem Reid Washam provided an update from the monthly MPO meeting. The Wilkinson Blvd widening project let has been pushed out to July 2024 due to delays with FERC permitting. The I-85 widening project is set to let in November, but since this is a design/build

project the actual construction would not realistically commence for 12-18 months following the award. He added that it will still be a traffic nightmare when both projects are under construction.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM upon motion of Mayor Pro-Tem Washam, second by Joe Rankin and unanimous vote.

Jim Robinette, Mayor

Lesley Dellinger, Town Clerk