

**TOWN OF MCADENVILLE MINUTES
JANUARY 9, 2024**

The McAdenville Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 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 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. Council member Carrie Bailey opened the meeting with prayer.

ADJUSTMENT & APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The regular meeting minutes of December 12, 2023 were approved as submitted by motion of Greg Richardson, second by Carrie Bailey and unanimous vote.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Adams stated that the radar speed sign on Main Street has been repaired. He was happy to report that the repair was handled in house for approximately \$140. He then offered to answer questions regarding the CPD monthly report or other items of interest to the Council. Carrie Bailey asked if he was aware that an individual was charging for parking on Hickory Grove Road during the Christmas Lights. Chief Adams replied that his department was not aware till the last days of the event, and it would be addressed if it happens in 2024. Reid Washam asked what measures have been taken to prevent the parking of car haulers on Wesleyan and 29/74 for deliveries to McAdenville Motors. Chief Adams replied that his staff had spoken with the drivers of several car haulers and that they may need to begin issuing citations.

STAFF REPORT:

Town Administrator, Lesley Dellinger, reported on the following:

Old Business – The joint resolution for Truck Route Designation and Weight Limits has been forwarded to the NCDOT for consideration by Town Attorney, Chris Whelchel.

Financial Report – A Budget vs Actual for FY23/24 through December 31st was included in agenda packet for board review. Lesley stated that general fund revenues from property tax collections are at 89% of the estimated \$678,000 total, and additional revenues are in line with budget estimates. The water/sewer revenues as of 12/31/2023 exceed expenditures by 7%. It was noted that monthly metered sewer charges continue to increase with only 25% of the budget remaining at 12/31/2023. Lesley added that Complex 46 water consumption will be billed directly to Mannington Mills as of January 15, 2024. The new meters are in service and being read by our contracted staff. Lesley recommends a new rate study be considered by the board.

Parks & Recreation – Confirmation of the direct state allocation of \$125K has been received for the River Link Trail and Lesley is working with Alice Briggs, WithersRavenel, on a trail funding strategy. The existing Funding Support contract with Withers is being utilized which has approximately \$7K remaining and could be amended to a fee-not-to-exceed format if necessary. The current grants are being considered.

1. CMAQ: Call for funds to be issued February 2024 and will be due March/April. Local match of 20%. CTT and Town funds can count towards the match. Current plan is to apply for entire project amount of \$1.2 million.
2. Great Trails State Program: up to \$500k max, 25% flexible match, program application and guidelines still not available. Per Alice, the application process should be finalized in Summer of 2024 with the application process in the Fall.
3. Recreational Trails Program: \$100k max, 25% match, Next application round is Fall 2024. River Link trail may not qualify because “sidewalks” are not eligible. Investigation is needed since McAdenville portion is considered a trail connector.

Lesley presented the mock-up for the greenway kiosk and asked for final revision suggestions. Jay McCosh requested that the font for the sign be changed to Trajan Pro which coordinates better with existing town branding.

Christmas Town Event – Expenses for traffic control finished under budget at approximately \$30K because many of the traffic spots were not able to be filled. Fire Chief Lance Foulk has requested that Council consider eliminating the pay rate differential for Police and Firemen for next year’s event, because Firemen were utilized in high impact areas like Peach Orchard and the Main St / Wesleyan intersection due to shortages in police volunteers. Lesley added that the pedestrian count information provided by the MPO was included in the agenda packets and that this year’s attendance was in line with the 2022 numbers with over 59 thousand hits.

Discussion – Carrie Bailey asked if volunteers are an option for filling the open spots for traffic control. Chief Adams stated that volunteers are not an option due to liability concerns. She then asked if the extra money in the Christmas Safety budget could be used to purchase signs and barricades for future events. Chief Adams said that he would provide Town Staff with a list of items that would be helpful for future lighting events as well as for general use. Reid Washam

stated that the Carstarphen Bridge access was executed well by the County Sheriff's Office; and that the trash overflow was helped significantly by Buck's staff and the volunteers from the Wesleyan Church. Jay McCosh asked if there were any complaints or issues with the food truck vendors. Chief Adams stated that no complaints were received related to the food vendors.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Mayor Robinette announced that the GBA was hosting a Newly Elected Officials dinner on January 17th and encouraged the board to attend.

Jay McCosh stated that he had an opportunity to meet with US Senator Thom Tillis at the Centralina Organizational Board meeting. He added that Cramerton Mayor, Nelson Wills, is organizing a Committee of Mayors to work on a regional funding solution for the proposed Catawba Crossing over the Catawba River. Mayor Vi Lyles and newly elected Gastonia Mayor Richard Turner have expressed interest in participating on the committee and it would be great if McAdenville was represented as well.

CLOSED SESSION:

A Closed Session was held for discussion of a personnel matter as allowed under **GS 143-318-11(a)(6)** by motion of Carrie Bailey, second by Joe Rankin at 6:49 PM.

Upon return from Closed Session at 7:07 PM, Mayor Robinette reported that the Board conducted the annual performance review of the Town Administrator/Clerk. Carrie Baily motioned to adjust the Town Administrator/Clerk annual salary by 3% and increase dependent coverage benefits. The motion was seconded by Joe Rankin and passed unanimously.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM upon motion of Greg Richardson, second by Carrie Bailey and unanimous vote.

Jim Robinette, Mayor

Lesley Dellinger, Town Clerk