

**TOWN OF MCADENVILLE MINUTES  
MAY 14, 2024**

The McAdenville Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 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; Mayor Pro-Tem Reid Washam, Council Members: Carrie Bailey, and Joe Rankin. Also in attendance: Attorney Chris Whelchel, Police Chief Adams, and Town Administrator/Clerk Lesley Dellinger. Council Members Greg Richardson, and Jay McCosh were absent.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Robinette called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Walter Griggs, McAdenville Baptist Church, opened the meeting with prayer.

**ADJUSTMENT & APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The May Agenda was approved as submitted by motion of Carrie Bailey, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Washam and unanimous vote.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

The items of the Consent Agenda were unanimously approved by motion of Joe Rankin, second by Carrie Bailey and unanimous vote:

- a) Approval of Minutes: Council approved the Regular Meeting of April 9, 2024, and Special Meeting/Budget Work Session of April 23, 2024.
- b) Contract to Audit Accounts: Council approved the Butler & Stowe Contract to Audit Accounts for the Town of McAdenville for the year ending June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$27,180.00. Audit prep cost is \$22,400 and writing the Financial Statement is \$4,780.
- c) Amend Meeting Schedule: A Special Meeting for the purpose of a budget work session was set for Monday, May 23, 2024, at 5:00 PM in the lower level of Town Hall located at 163 Main Street, McAdenville.
- d) Code of Ethics Policy: A formal policy outlining the standards of conduct for public officials and employees for the Town of McAdenville was approved and adopted.
- e) Ordinance 2024-002 – Amending the ARP/CSLFRF grant project ordinance.
- f) Public Hearing on the FY2024-25 Budget: A public hearing for the adoption of the Town of McAdenville Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 @ 6:00 PM in the Council Chamber of McAdenville Town Hall located at 163 Main Street.

**TRAFFIC CALMING DISCUSSION:**

Council Member Carrie Bailey requested the boards consideration for the addition of two 3-way stops in the McAdenville Village neighborhood. She stated that traffic calming measures are needed in the Village, and that rush hour cut through traffic could be slowed or deterred by adding stops signs at the Lakeview Dr/Cedar St & Church St /Cedar St intersections. Mayor Pro-Tem

Washam added that he had talked to numerous Church Street residents, and no one had been opposed to making the Church/Cedar intersection a 3-way stop. He added that additional regulatory signage like a Stop Ahead sign should be considered when traveling West on Church St due to the incline. Chief Adams stated that he did not have an issue with the requested changes at either intersection but asked that the Town Ordinance be updated to help with enforcement. Carrie Bailey added that she had discussed this request with Council Members McCosh and Richarson and both supported the idea. Mayor Pro-Tem Washam motioned to make the intersections of Church Street / Cedar Street & Lakeview Drive / Cedar Street a 3-way stop and authorized town staff to execute the change. The motion was seconded by Carrie Bailey and passed unanimously.

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

Police Chief Adams formally announced that the Town of Cramerton had made the decision not to renew the Police Service Agreement with McAdenville at the end of the current contract. He stated the current contract would expire on July 1, 2025, at 6:00AM. The current contract only required 90 days' notice of termination but considering the longevity of the relationship (initial contract was signed in 2010) the Town of Cramerton wanted to provide adequate time for McAdenville to investigate other options for police protection. Carrie Bailey asked if Chief Adams could provide more information as to why the decision was made not to renew the contract. Chief Adams replied that the Cramerton Board had conducted discussions regarding the contract in Closed Session and he did not feel comfortable disclosing this information. Mayor Pro-Tem Washam stated that he had a direct conversation with Cramerton Mayor, Nelson Wills, who stated the contract would not be renewed because maintaining adequate staff levels in the police department was becoming more difficult, and with the growth expected over the next several years their Board felt they needed to focus on Cramerton. Chief Adams then offered to answer questions from the Council related to the monthly incident report. No additional discussion was presented.

#### **LOWELL ELEMENTARY WATER PROJECT:**

The Interlocal Agreement with the City of Lowell for the Provision of Water Service to Lowell Elementary School and a Resolution approving the agreement is being presented for Council consideration. Lesley Dellinger provide background on the project stating that in 2021, McAdenville asked Gaston County to evaluate a water project for Lowell Elementary School to determine if it would qualify for ARPA funding. The County evaluated the request and recommended abandoning the McAdenville water service connection which consisted of over 675 ft of asbestos concrete line and extending a new connection from the City of Lowell water system allowing looping and fire protection. Since abandoning the connection was in the best interest of the children and employees at Lowell Elementary, and would be completed funded and managed by Gaston County, McAdenville agreed to move forward with the project with the following stipulation: McAdenville's position was that they would agree to the waterline extension into their jurisdiction but that it would only be allowed as long as Lowell Elementary existed as a public school owned by Gaston County. The water service from Lowell would not be allowed as a connection for any future development in McAdenville's jurisdiction. Gaston County has completed design for the project and is prepared to begin construction once the interlocal agreement between the City of Lowell and McAdenville is finalized. Chris Whelchel stated that the Interlocal Agreement being presented allows Lowell the authority to extend water service into McAdenville's jurisdiction to serve the existing school and prevents service extension to any future development. Mayor Pro-Tem Washam asked if language had been added to accommodate a future merger with TRU. Chris Whelchel confirmed that merger language was included.

Following discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Washam motioned to approve **Resolution 2024-001** authorizing the interlocal agreement allowing the waterline extension from the City of Lowell into McAdenville’s jurisdiction to serve Lowell Elementary School improving water quality and pressure issues associated with the age of the current service line. The motion received a second from Joe Rankin and passed unanimously.

**STAFF REPORT:**

Town Administrator/Clerk, Lesley Dellinger, reported on the following:

Old Business

Superior Court in McAdenville was canceled due to power outages associated with the recent storm. A future date will be considered.

Water & Sewer

Initial water/sewer system merger meeting was held on May 2, 2024, with TRU. Discussion topics were historic contracts for transfer of the system from Pharr Yarns, easement documentation, and current grant projects. The next meeting will be held on June 13, 2024.

The water/sewer billing piece with Black Mountain Software went live on May 1, 2024. Customers will see a new bill format with the 5/15 billing.

WithersRavenel has provided the following revised schedule for the Water Improvements & Water Rehabilitation grant projects:

McAdenville Project Timelines	
Task	Date
<b>SRP-D-ARP-0108</b>	
Resubmit to TRU	4/26/2024
Resubmit to Pharr	4/26/2024
Submit for Permitting	5/3/2024
Submit to State (NCDEQ)	5/10/2024
Advertise for Bid	9/15/2024
Construction Start	1/15/2025
Construction Finish	12/1/2025
<b>VUR-D-ARP-0099</b>	
Submit to TRU	5/29/2024
Submit to Pharr	5/29/2024
Submit for Permitting	6/14/2024
Submit to State (NCDEQ)	6/14/2024
Advertise for Bid	10/7/2024
Construction Start	2/1/2025
Construction Finish	12/1/2025
Recommended Deadline for Park Casing Installation	12/31/2024

Parks & Recreation

Blue Ridge Trail Works has provided a tentative state date of the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week of May 2024 for removal and replacement of the greenway boardwalk.

The CMAQ/CRP grant application was submitted on May 3<sup>rd</sup> to the GLCMPO for construction funding for McAdenville's section of the River Link Trail.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ashley Hannah, 503 Lakeview Dr & 329 Church St, stated that she has heard rumors about the Police contract with Cramerton ending and that she feels uneasy about the change. She added that her husband had witnessed an accident on Main Street in April involving several cars but that the CPD report had zero accidents recorded and felt it should be noted. Lastly, she stated that the Village HOA had provided a letter of support for the Town's Safe Streets for All grant application, and they appreciate any efforts Town Staff is making to improve the safety and walkability of the sidewalks in McAdenville.

Ashley Westmoreland, 544 Academy St, stated that the McAdenville Woman's Club is celebrating 70 years of service to our community with a service fundraiser for The Lighthouse Children's Advocacy Center. The Lighthouse offers legal and emotional support for children who are alleged victims of sexual abuse. All are invited on Saturday, June 8th from 3-7PM behind the bell tower near The River Room in McAdenville to help tie-dye or donate. There will be music, lawn games, and food. She added that she was disappointed in the news that the police contract with Cramerton would be ending, and she has concerns working with a new entity on future Christmas Town 5-K events.

**COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

Carrie Bailey stated that she had received emails from residents complaining about trash including fishing hooks in the rainbow bridge area due to the persons fishing at the pond. She asked if there was any action the town could take. Staff replied that the pond was private property, but the citizen concerns/complaints would be conveyed to the appropriate personnel at Pharr.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM upon motion of Joe Rankin, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Washam and unanimous vote.

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Jim Robinette, Mayor

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Lesley Dellinger, Town Clerk