

TOWN OF MCADENVILLE MINUTES JULY 9, 2024

The McAdenville Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of Town Hall located at 163 Main Street, McAdenville N.C.

PRESENT:

Mayor Pro-Tem Reid Washam; Council Members: Carrie Bailey, Jay McCosh, Greg Richardson, and Joe Rankin. Also in attendance: Attorney Chris Whelchel, CPD Captain Debbold, and Town Administrator/Clerk Lesley Dellinger. Mayor Jim Robinette was absent.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pro-Tem Washam 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 July Agenda was approved as presented by motion of Jay McCosh, second by Carrie Bailey and unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The regular meeting minutes of June 11, 2024 were approved by motion of Joe Rankin, second by Reid Washam and unanimous vote.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Captain Debbold was in attendance and stated that the monthly CPD report was included in the agenda packet and offered to answer questions or address any concerns of the board. Lesley Dellinger asked for clarification on why traffic incidents are sometimes recorded in incorrect months on the CPD report. Captain Debbold replied that the report date on the CPD report correlates with when the traffic violation is uploaded into the state computer system which sometimes takes 5-10 business days. He then provided Council with an update on a recent meeting with Town Staff in which the current contract was discussed, including a detailed review of services that were important to include when negotiating a service contract with a new entity. Captain Debbold added that he will be happy to work with the new agency by providing information on how the CPD organizes and manages traffic during the Christmas Town Event. Mayor Pro-Tem Washam stated that Town staff will be meeting with the Gaston County Police the week of July 17th and the information shared during the meeting with Chief Adams and Captain Debbold was helpful and appreciated.

STAFF REPORT:

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

Water & Sewer

- The new online bill payment option for utility bills went live on 6/17/2024. The overall response from residents has been positive with 76 portal account registrations as of 7/5/2024.

- The Utility Billing on 7/15/2024 will reflect the 10% rate increase approved with the FY2024-2025 budget. Mayor Pro-Tem Washam added that the 10% increase included a 7 ½ % passthrough due to the wholesale rate increase by Two Rivers Utilities.

Fire Station Damage

- The storm damage repairs are complete at the fire station. The insurance claim for the storm damage was \$31,048.67. Total cost for repairs was \$36,759.59. The decision was made to have the roof replaced vs spot repairs due to age resulting in additional cost.

Administration Changes

- The part-time Special Project Manager position has been accepted by Maria Stroupe. Maria recently retired from the Town of Dallas with over twenty-two years of service. During her tenure at Dallas, she served in many roles including the Administrative Service Director, Finance Director, and lastly as the Town Manger.
- The Finance Director position interviews have concluded. A conditional offer will be issued to the top candidate by July 12th.

Financial Update

- The following line-item adjustments were authorized by the Finance Officer in the FY2023-24 budget. These changes will result in NO increase or decrease in the net appropriations for the General Fund or Water/Sewer Fund.

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| 10-5210-535 (E) | Postage & Printing | Increase | \$ 160 |
| 10-5400-561 (E) | Fire Dept-Capital Outlay | Increase | \$ 18,650 |
| 51-5810-551 (E) | Supplies | Increase | \$ 500 |
| 51-5820-521 (E) | Water-Maint/Repairs | Increase | <u>\$ 2,500</u> |
| | | | \$ 21,810 |

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| 10-5210-511 (E) | Professional Services | Decrease | \$ 160 |
| 10-5400-522 (E) | Fire Dept-Maint/Repairs | Decrease | \$ 18,650 |
| 51-5810-579 (E) | Misc Expense | Decrease | \$ 500 |
| 51-5830-521 (E) | Sewer-Maint/Repairs | Decrease | <u>\$ 2,500</u> |
| | | | \$ 21,810 |

- Butler & Stowe CPA's will be onsite July 30th to begin test work for the FY2024 Audit. Lesley provided budget vs actual reports for all major funds for Council review and offered to answer questions. She stated that the preliminary reporting shows an increase in fund balance for the General Fund and a small profit in the Water/Sewer fund.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sheryl Beck, 224 Wright Street, asked that the Town consider cleaning up the bog by removing several large trees that fell during the storm on May 8, 2024. She also requested that a Children at Play caution sign be placed on Wright Street.

COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Jay McCosh stated that there had been rumors of a firearm being discharged in the bog related to the beavers living in the wetlands and asked if a report had been filed with the CPD. Captain Debbold replied that he was not aware of a formal complaint being submitted. Councilman McCosh added that he and Town staff had scheduled a meeting with a local designer to discuss creating an official Town Seal for McAdenville. He hopes to have a proposal to present at the August meeting for Council consideration.

Mayor Pro-Tem Washam stated that the replacement boardwalk on the greenway was very close to being finished. He added that the contractor had done a great job securing the boardwalk to the concrete which should prevent problems when flooding occurs in the area.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM upon motion of Carrie Bailey, second by Joe Rankin and unanimous vote.

Reid Washam, Mayor Pro-Tem

Lesley Dellinger, Town Clerk