

**MCADENVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING / BUDGET WORK SESSION
MARCH 19, 2025**

The McAdenville Town Council met in Special Session on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 12 noon in the lower level of McAdenville Town Hall, 163 Main Street. Proper notice was given.

Members Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Reid Washam; Councilmembers: Carrie Bailey, Joe Rankin, Jay McCosh; and Greg Richardson. Staff: Town Administrator/Clerk Lesley Dellinger.

Mayor Pro-Tem Washam called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM. He stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss revenues and expenditures in the Water/Sewer Fund for FY2025-26, and review staff comments on the municipal solid waste contract proposals.

Lesley Dellinger presented Council with current budget vs actual reports and stated that FY2026 water & sewer revenues will be comparable to the current year. Profit margins are expected to be narrow, but the fund should finish this fiscal year in the black. Staff discussed the 5% wholesale rate increase proposed by TRU and provided monthly residential rate estimates with a 5%, 7.5%, and 10% increase. Staff recommended a 7.5% rate increase in FY2026 to adhere to the schedule proposed in the adopted rate study. The updated water/sewer CIP was presented. The CIP consists of 3 sewer projects and 9 water projects with an estimated cost totaling \$16,977,415.00. Mayor Pro-Tem Washam updated members on recent personnel changes in engineering staff at WithersRavenel and possible obstacles for completing construction by 12/31/2026, which is the deadline for all ARP expenditures. Lesley Dellinger added that the Hallie Bentley PRV project may have to revert to the original design due to cost and that anticipated funding through the OSBM for the Main Street waterline project will most likely not materialize. The total for unfunded CIP projects is \$9,958,617.00 not including expected overruns on the APA funded grant projects.

Lesley Dellinger stated that staff had completed their evaluation of the MSW proposals and felt Waste Management and Waste Pro best met the criteria outlined in the RFP. Both companies have high tech safety & camera systems on their trucks, prioritize driver training, and provided detailed maintenance schedules for their fleet. Waste Management was the lowest bidder of the two but did not offer recycling or bulk pickup. Lesley requested a Special Meeting be held for Council to select their preferred vendor providing staff with adequate time to secure a contract and avoid an interruption in collection service. Additional information was provided to members for review prior to the Special Meeting, which was set for Tuesday, March 25th at 6:00PM.

Staff requested available dates for the next budget workshops. The consensus was Saturday, April 5th from 10AM - 2PM. The next workshop will focus on finalizing FY2026 budget expenditures for General, Water/Sewer, Powell Bill, and Grant Project funds.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:34 PM by motion of Carrie Bailey, second by Joe Rankin with unanimous vote.

Reid Washam, Mayor Pro-Tem

Lesley Dellinger, Town Clerk