

**TOWN OF MCADENVILLE MINUTES**  
**APRIL 8, 2025**

The McAdenville Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 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, Police Sergeant Harris, 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 Walter Griggs, McAdenville Baptist Church, opened the meeting with prayer.

**ADJUSTMENT & APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The April Agenda was approved as submitted by motion of Joe Rankin, second by Jay McCosh and unanimous vote.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- a) Approval of Minutes: Council approved the Regular Meeting and Closed Session of March 11, 2025, Budget Work Session of March 19, 2025, and Special Meeting of March 25, 2025.
- b) Interlocal Agreement for County Tax Collection Services: McAdenville's current agreement with Gaston County is being revised to a collection fee of 0.95% of the total levy verses 85% of collected levy over six months. The new calculation method will increase annual cost by approximately \$1,884 in FY2027. The services provided by the County Tax Department will remain the same. Council approved the revised agreement for Conty Tax Collection Services beginning January 1, 2025, with the first invoice under the new system being billed in November 2026 for the 2025 collection year.
- c) P&P Street Cleaning Proposal: Council authorized a proposal in the amount of \$14,500 to pressure wash Lakeview Drive to minimize the stain caused by a hydraulic spill. Authorization of the proposal will require a line-item transfer in the current budget from Capital Outlay to Street Maintenance in the amount of \$10,000. This transfer will not change the net appropriation of the FY2024-25 General Fund budget.

- d) Proclamation for Clerks Week: Council supported the Clerks Week Proclamation honoring the vital contributions municipal clerks make to local government and recognizing Lesley Dellinger who serves as the Clerk for the Town of McAdenville.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Sergeant Harris attended the meeting as the CPD representative. He stated the monthly CPD report was included in the agenda packet and that he did not have anything additional to add.

Lesley Dellinger stated that Town Staff had authorized a request from SP8 Studios to film a scene for an independent feature film near the McAdenville Greenway Park in the South Fork River. Crews will be using the McAdenville Greenway parking lot for prep and access. Filming is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Additional information will be provided via email to the Cramerton Police Department and Town Council members.

### **STAFF REPORT:**

Town Administrator, Lesley Dellinger, reported on the following:

#### **Council Consideration Requested**

- **Interlocal Agreement for Law Enforcement Services:** The current police contract with the Town of Cramerton will end on June 30, 2025, and at Cramerton's request will not be renewed. Town Staff has been working with Gaston County to secure law enforcement services through the Gaston County Police Department (GCPD) and a contract for the interlocal agreement is being presented for Council consideration. The new contract closely mirrors the services included in the current Cramerton police contract and should be a seamless transition for the citizens in McAdenville. The only service not being continued in the GCPD contract is the crossing guard position at McAdenville Elementary. The contract is for five (5) years with a cost of \$255,000 for the first two fiscal years and a five percent cap for increases through June 2030. This is an annual reduction of over \$12K from the current service contract cost. The contract states that the GCPD will provide all police services to the Town on a 24/7/365 basis including high-visibility patrols and community policing services within the Town limits, provide School Resource Officers to McAdenville and Lowell Elementary schools, conduct criminal investigations, enforce Town traffic laws, and manage public safety during the annual Christmas Town festival and other community special events. Council approval is recommended. Carrie Bailey asked for clarification on the School Resource Officer duties. Clarification was provided by Lesley Dellinger. Joe Rankin asked if the contract had been reviewed by the Town's attorney. Chris Whelchel replied that the contract has gone through many revisions and the final version being presented to Council for consideration was thoroughly reviewed by him and the attorney for Gaston County.

A motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Law Enforcement Service with Gaston County beginning July 1, 2025 was made by Joe Rankin, seconded by Greg Richardson and passed with unanimous vote.

- Municipal Solid Waste Collection Services: The Town Council meet in Special Session on March 25, 2025, to vote on the preferred vendor for the MSW contract beginning June 1, 2025. Waste Pro was selected as the preferred vendor for solid waste, yard waste, and bulk waste collection. The council decided that curbside recycling service will not be included in the contract but may be considered as an additional service in the future. The contract for MSW is for 5 years with a renewal option for an additional two terms. The contract rate for collection of solid waste & yard waste is \$21.17 per residential unit. Bulk item collection is per item/event and will be billed directly to the customer. The increase over the current MSW contract is approximately 5% for the first year. The MSW contract will adjust annually based on the published CPI-U for water/sewer/trash collection and cap at 4% annually. The Council presented questions on the transition process, and yard waste guidelines for clarification.

Following discussion, a motion to approve the Municipal Solid Waste Collection Services contract with Waste Pro of the Carolinas beginning June 1, 2025, pending Chris Whelchel's review was made by Joe Rankin, seconded by Jay McCosh and passed with unanimous vote.

### **Water & Sewer Department**

- Update on Hallie Bently PRV Project: Current project bid is for \$821,396.00 which exceeds current town funding available for the project. A public/private partnership was being considered but will not materialize due to site plan changes in the Belmont Land Riverfront Development project. The new plan is to revert to the original replacement design with minor location modifications. These modifications are expected to cut the cost of the project to under \$400K. Town staff and TRU engineers are collaborating with Clayton Engineering to fast track the design and hope to have the project out to bid by late summer 2025.

### **Finance Department**

- RFP for Audit Services: Three proposals were received in response to the Town's advertisement for a 3-year professional service contract for audit services. Responses included Butler & Stowe CPAs, Strickland Hardee PLLC, and Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs. Staff reviewed proposals based on the firm's experience with governmental accounting and local accounts, certification and experience of staff assigned to perform audit, and overall cost. The recommendation is to remain with Butler & Stowe CPAs with an initial contract cost of \$26,000 and an estimated 2.7% increase over three years. This is a reduction of \$1,180 from the current year's contract. Single audit fees will

be added as needed for \$3,000/program. A formal contract will be presented for Council consideration at the May 12<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

- Reallocation of appropriations in the FY2024-2025 Budget: The finance officer is authorized to reallocate appropriations within departments and among the various line items not organized by departments as deemed necessary. Notification of such transfers shall be made to the Town Council at its next regular meeting following the transfers.

The following line items adjustments will be made in the General Fund budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

		<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Admin	Professional Servies	\$4,850.00	
Admin	Property Tax Collection		\$4,850.00
Admin	Capital Outlay	\$10,000.00	
Streets	Maintenance/Repair		\$10,000.00

Adjustments will result in no change in the net appropriations for the General Fund with a total budget of \$1,312,700.

#### **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Pastor Griggs, McAdenville Baptist Church, stated that McAdenville Baptist, Lakeview Baptist, and McAdenville Wesleyan churches will be hosting a combined outdoor service on Easter Sunday at the McAdenville Lake. The sunrise service will begin at 7AM with breakfast following the service at 8AM hosted at the Wesleyan Church. Everyone is Welcome.

#### **COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

Greg Richardson asked when the street cleaning on Lakeview was scheduled. Mayor Pro-Tem Washam replied that the company started pretreating the pavement today and the job should be completed by Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> if the weather cooperates.

#### **ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM upon motion of Joe Rankin, second by Carrie Bailey and unanimous vote.

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Reid Washam, Mayor Pro-Tem

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Lesley Dellinger, Town Clerk