

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

The McAdenville Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 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: Town Administrator/Clerk Lesley Dellinger. Attorney Chris Whelchel 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 July Agenda was approved as submitted by motion of Jay McCosh, second by Carrie Bailey and unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- a) Approval of Minutes: Council approved the Regular Meeting held June 10, 2025, and Special Meeting held June 20, 2025 as presented.

- b) Planning Board Appointment: Council approved the Planning Board recommendation to appoint Greg Turner (Term 5/25 to 5/28) and Allison Paolini (Term 5/24 to 5/27) to vacant seats on the McAdenville Planning Board/Board of Adjustments.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

The public safety contract with the Gaston County Police began 7/1/2025. GCP Assistant Chief Johnson, Sergeant Anthony, and Officer Rogers were in attendance to meet the Council and answer questions. Officer Rogers is stationed in the community and acts as the liaison for staff. Assistant Chief Johnson stated that he used to help police McAdenville on nights and weekends when the Town operated its own police department and he looks forward to building a relationship with the Board and Town staff. The June statistics report prepared by the Cramerton Police Department was distributed. Assistant Chief Johnson added that he had reviewed McAdenville's statistics covering the last four years and that beginning in August he would have a monthly power point presentation during the Council meetings. Mayor Pro-Tem Washam

stated that he was very happy with the daily GCPD patrol presence in Town and thanked the three officers for attending the meeting.

STAFF REPORT:

Town Administrator, Lesley Dellinger, reported on the following:

New Business (Legacy Park Discussion)

Legacy Park was established in 2011 with CDBG grant funding. The land used for the park was donated by Belmont Land & Investment and secured with a 20-year lease agreement. Currently, redevelopment plans are being considered by Belmont Land, which include the Legacy Park site. The right to relocate the park, at the lessors' expense, is included in the current lease agreement.

Per the agreement, relocation expenses would include, but not be limited to, the preparation of the site, relocation or replacement of all improvements within the park, including, but not limited to any playground equipment, buildings, landscaping, irrigation systems, fencing, hardscapes, electrical systems and site lighting.

Staff requested the Council's input regarding the future closing of Legacy Park and whether the desire is to relocate the park to another Town parcel or if donating the playground equipment to a non-profit entity or local community organization is best. If relocating the park is preferred, then possible site considerations should be presented. Following discussion, Jay McCosh noted that Bill Carstarphen, Pharr President & CEO, was in attendance and requested that he be allowed to present comments on the subject. Mayor Pro-Tem Washam invited Mr. Carstarphen to speak. Bill Carstarphen stated that Belmont Land was developing plans and budgeting for a seven-figure park to be included with the redevelopment of the Mill #3 site. Once completed, the new park will be donated to the Town of McAdenville. He estimated the installation of the new park to be within 3-4 years. He added that if the Council could not determine a suitable location for relocating Legacy Park, then Belmont Land would reimburse the Town for the current value of the equipment and site preparation.

Following additional discussion, a motion to continue the Legacy Park conversation to the August 12th meeting was made by Jay McCosh, seconded by Carrie Bailey and unanimous vote.

TOWN SEAL REVIEW:

Staff presented the Council with recent revisions to the custom Town Seal for review and input. Council Members Carrie Bailey and Jay McCosh have been collaborating with the designer throughout the process. The current design includes a primary seal option with a realistic depiction of the Bell Tower to be considered as the official seal for the Town. This seal would be used on letterhead, legal documents, and signage. The second illustration is a more simplistic drawing that is visually cohesive to the official seal that will translate easily to informal or small-

scall applications like merchandise, embroidery, or social media avatars. The Council was pleased with the current versions and provided input for minor revisions.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bill Carstarphen, 135 Mockingbird Lane, presented positive comments on the new Town Seal designs. He added that the Council may want to consider a pine tree twig instead of a holly leaf to better align with the Christmas Town tradition.

COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Mayor Pro-Tem Washam stated that the pre-bid meeting for the ARPA funded water projects was held at Town Hall on June 27th. Four contractors participated in the meeting, and he is hopeful that three bids will be received for opening on July 11th. State statutes require receipt of three valid bids to avoid a rebid of the project. WithersRavenel staff are planning to reach out to several other preferred vendors to try and solicit bid interest.

Jay McCosh asked if staff could provide the number of residents requesting a second trash bin since the transition to Waste Pro. Lesley stated that this information was being tracked, and she could email the total to Councilmember McCosh the following day. He added that the Waste Pro trucks were taller than the previous vendor and that the tree canopy on Academy was being damaged. Lesley stated that a contractor would be in town in late July doing tree work and the Academy Street trees could be trimmed at that time. Councilmember McCosh said he would evaluate the situation and follow up with staff if Academy Street needed to be added to the tree maintenance list.

Greg Richardson asked staff to confirm the start date for the pinch point repairs with Scott Brown of Blue Ridge Trail Works so he could notify the Village HOA since their property would be used for access and material staging.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM upon motion of Carrie Bailey, second by Joe Rankin and unanimous vote.

Reid Washam, Mayor Pro-Tem

Lesley Dellinger, Town Clerk