

**TOWN OF MCADENVILLE MINUTES  
DECEMBER 9, 2025**

The McAdenville Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 5:00 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, and Town Administrator/Clerk Lesley Dellinger.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Washam called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pastor Walt Griggs, McAdenville Baptist Church, opened the meeting with prayer.

**ADJUSTMENT & APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The December Agenda was approved as submitted by motion of Joe Rankin, second by Carrie Bailey and unanimous vote.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

The items of the Consent Agenda were unanimously approved by motion of Carrie Bailey, second by Jay McCosh:

- a) Council approved the minutes from the Regular Meeting of November 11, 2025.
- b) Council accepted the resignation statement from Councilman Reid Washam to be effective upon official transition to Mayor seat.
- c) Council accepted the Gaston County Board of Elections Results for the Municipal Election held on November 4, 2025.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

GCP Assistant Chief Johnson and Officer Rogers attended the meeting. Assistant Chief Johnson presented Council with the McAdenville Crime Statistics report for November 2025, highlighting that there were no arrests and no case highlights to report. He added that special assignments for radar checks have been added for Beat 78 to better address speeding concerns. The department's first year of managing the Christmas light traffic is successful with minor adjustments being made to handle a handful of complaints. Command of the Ford Drive intersection has been briefed about the proper procedures for access. He stated that it's early in the event, but his office will remain responsive to complaints and Council's concerns throughout the month. After concluding his presentation, Assistant Chief Johnson invited questions and comments from the Council.

Mayor Pro-Tem Reid Washam commented that the new signage provided by the GCPD is great. Assistant Chief Johnson said that signage would be reviewed during the event debrief meeting with the Town and adjustments could be made for the next year if needed. Joe Rankin commented that the clearing of Mockingbird Lane this year is awesome. He has lived on Mockingbird for many years and the officers at this station are doing the best job he has seen. Assistant Chief Johnson thanked Councilman Rankin for his comment.

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

Kim Carver, McAdenville Town Staff, presented a letter from the family of Mayor Jim Robinette who passed away in May of 2025 following a long battle with multiple myeloma. The family asked that the written statement be recorded in the minutes.

*Dear Town Council & Town Staff,*

*I hope this message finds you well. I am writing on behalf of my family to share our sincere gratitude and to express how much it meant to my father, Jim Robinette, to serve as Mayor of McAdenville. As many of you know, he passed away this past May, and in these months since, we have reflected often on the deep pride and joy he felt in being part of this community.*

*Serving as Mayor was one of the greatest honors of his life. He truly loved McAdenville with sincerity and pride, and he believed wholeheartedly in public service, and he approached his role with dedication, humility, and a genuine desire to contribute to the community he cared so much about.*

*The friendships and partnerships he formed while working with the town council and town staff were incredibly meaningful to him. Whether he was working alongside council members, collaborating with town staff, or speaking with residents, he valued every interaction. I want to express how much he appreciated and enjoyed working with Lesley Dellinger, the town manager for many years. He spoke often of her professionalism, her steady leadership, and her commitment to the town. Their collaboration brought him great joy, and he valued her not only as a colleague but as a trusted friend. Jim cherished every opportunity to contribute to the place he called home.*

*Our family finds comfort in knowing that McAdenville and the people he worked with brought him such fulfillment. Thank you for the roles you each played in his life and for continuing the work that meant so much to him.*

*With heartfelt gratitude,  
Christy Robinette Anastasi (Jim' daughter)  
On Behalf of the Robinette Family*

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS:**

A recognition ceremony was held to honor outgoing Council Members Carrie Bailey and Jay McCosh for their years of dedicated service to the citizens of McAdenville as members of Town Council. Mayor Pro-Tem Washam spoke about their many accomplishments and presented them with awards of appreciation.

Following the ceremony for the outgoing Town Council Members, Mayor Pro-Tem Washam recognized community member, Kalis Egolf, for his yearly assistance with the Christmas decorations for Town Hall. He was presented with a ceremonial key to McAdenville in appreciation.

### ***Brief Recess***

### **OATH OF OFFICE:**

Roxann Rankin, Clerk of Superior Court, Gaston County, administered the Oath of Office for Mayor Elect Reid Washam, reelected Council Member Greg Richardson, and Council Members Elect Susan Elkins, and Fred McBee.

***Following the swearing in ceremony, the new Council took their seats at the dais and Mayor Reid Washam continued the meeting.***

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Discussion of Open Council Seat: Greg Richardson opened the discussion stating that it was customary to consider recent election results when filling an open board seat. He added that there was a very small margin in votes received in the recent election between the top four candidates. He recommended Jay McCosh to fill the vacant seat on Council adding that he has over 12 years of experience serving on the McAdenville Town Council and 8 years of service as the Town's Centralina delegate. Following discussion, a motion to appoint Jay McCosh to the vacant Council seat for the remaining two-year term was made by Greg Richardson. The motion was seconded by Joe Rankin and passed with unanimous vote.

**Roxann Rankin, Clerk of Superior Court, Gaston County, administered the Oath of Office for Jay McCosh and he took his seat at the dais.**

- b) Appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore: The General Statutes direct that the Town Council, at its organizational meeting, elect a Mayor Pro Tempore, who is to serve at its pleasure. The direct role of the pro-tem is to preside over council meetings and attend meetings in the Mayor's absence. Joe Rankin stated that he had the experience and time to serve in the Mayor Pro-Tem role and would like to be considered. Jay McCosh motioned that

Councilman Joe Rankin be appointed as Mayor Pro-Tem. This motion was seconded by Greg Richardson and passed with unanimous vote.

- c) Adoption of the Town Council Meeting Schedule for 2026: Motion to approve the 2026 Meeting Schedule was made by Jay McCosh, seconded by Greg Richardson and unanimous vote. Meetings will continue to be held on the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:00 PM except for the December meeting which will begin at 5:00 PM.
- d) Committee Appointments:
  - CCOG – Motion to approve the reappointment of Jay McCosh as McAdenville’s Centralina Regional Council Delegate for 2026 was made by Greg Richardson, seconded by Fred McBee and unanimous vote.
  - GCLMPO – Motion to approve the reappointment of Mayor Reid Washam as McAdenville’s MPO representative for 2026 was made by Jay McCosh, seconded by Greg Richardson and unanimous vote.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM upon motion of Joe Rankin, second by Susan Elkins and unanimous vote.

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Reid Washam, Mayor

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Lesley Dellinger, Town Clerk