

**TOWN OF MCADENVILLE MINUTES  
JANUARY 13, 2026**

The McAdenville Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of Town Hall located at 163 Main Street, McAdenville N.C.

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Reid Washam and Mayor Pro-Tem Joe Rankin; Council Members: Susan Elkins, Fred McBee, Jay McCosh, and Greg Richardson. Also in attendance: Attorney Chris Whelchel, and Town Administrator/Clerk Lesley Dellinger.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor 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 January Agenda was approved as submitted by motion of Jay McCosh, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Rankin and unanimous vote.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- a. Council approved the minutes from the Organizational Meeting on December 9, 2025.
- b. Budget Ordinance No 2026-001 amending the General Fund, Powell Bill, and Water/Sewer budgets for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 was approved. The amendment will increase the FY2025-26 total budget by \$34,250.00 to \$2,134,250.00.
- c. Council approved the updated ARPA policies presented by staff for compliance with the revised DWI grant recipient rules for the Water System Improvement (SRP-D-ARP-0108) and Water Rehabilitation Project (VUR-D-ARO-0099).

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Officer Rogers, McAdenville's Community Coordinator GCPD, attended the meeting. He introduced himself to the new Town Council members and began the monthly slide presentation for December 2025. A brief explanation of why Beat 78 was formed and how it helps with reporting was provided. Officer Rogers stated that there were no arrests in December, with three reports of found property, and one missing person incident that was cleared. There was an increase in special checks initiated by officers and the public for the month. Officer Rogers stated that there was a special slide added which detailed the calls received during the Christmas Lights between 5:30-10:00pm. He added that this was the first year that Gaston County had managed the Christmas Town event and that they had a few difficulties in the first week but overall felt the management of the event was highly successful. A debriefing meeting will be scheduled for Town and GCPD staff in February. At the conclusion of the slide presentation, Officer Rogers offered to answer questions from the Council. Mayor Washam stated that he contacted Officer Rogers about a traffic control issue on Hickory Grove Road during the lighting

event. The issue was addressed quickly with no future problems. Fred McBee commented on what a great job the GCPD did with the mobilization efforts to locate the missing person.

## **STAFF REPORT:**

Town Administrator, Lesley Dellinger, reported on the following:

### Christmas Town Event

- The pedestrian counts from this year's Christmas Town event have been provided by the MPO. Counters were situated at the Main Street crosswalk and on Wesleyan Drive north of the traffic circle. The total count was 50,612 which was a 7% increase from 2024. Traffic counters were requested from the NCDOT, but they were not provided so we do not have a vehicle count for this year's event.
- Trash management during the Christmas Town event is always a challenge. The McAdenville Women's Club covered the cost for this year's event and provided enough funding to double the number of roll out bins and add additional collection days during the last two weeks. The total cost for trash collection for the event was \$2,418.20.
- Council Comments: Mayor Washam commented that Pastor Josh Baker, McAdenville First Wesleyan Church, did trash pick-up every day along Wesleyan Drive during the lights. Councilman Richardson commented that the crowds on Lakeview Drive have increased to amounts similar to Wesleyan and that rainbow bridge has become a safety issue. Adding that the bridge is very dark, has no safety railing, and is crowded with pedestrians and vehicular traffic.

### Bridge Aesthetics for I-85 Widening Project

- The Town voted in June 2025 to participate in project costs for the bridge betterments for the NC-7 (McAdenville Road / Main St) interchange providing an opportunity to have a site-specific logo on the bent caps for both sides of the bridge. Town staff presented the initial concept designs for the medallions for Council input. Following discussion, the Council felt that the design could be improved and Council member Susan Elkins offered to connect staff with a designer used by the McAdenville Woman's Club.

### Gaston 250 – July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade

- The Gaston 250 committee is organizing a countywide parade to be held in Dallas (Gaston County's original seat) on July 4, 2026 at 2pm. The committee is asking each municipality to have a float in the parade with elected officials and Town leadership. If Council is interested in participating, a volunteer planning/design committee would be necessary to assist staff. The Council directed staff to obtain availability and pricing for a prefabricated float for discussion at the next meeting.

### Water & Sewer

- Updates were provided from the monthly construction meeting for the grant funded water projects held Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

- The pre-construction meeting for the Hallie Bentley PRV project is scheduled for Tuesday January 20<sup>th</sup>.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mayor Washam opened the floor for public comment. No comments were presented.

**COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

Greg Richardson questioned why a house along 29/74 had not been demolished by the NCDOT with the widening project. He provided additional details regarding the location and staff confirmed that the property was in the Town's ETJ. Mayor Washam said he would reach out to his contact at the NCDOT for more information.

Mayor Washam asked Chris Welchel for clarification on sign protocol on private property for the March 3<sup>rd</sup> election stating that numerous large signs had been on display since mid-December. Mr. Welchel said he would need to review the Town's ordinance and report back.

Greg Richardson asked staff if progress was being made with the River Link sidewalk project. Staff stated that the 65% design plans uploaded to the EBS portal in September were still pending review from the NCDOT. Progress was being made with amending the STIP so that the monies earmarked for PE and ROW in the CMAQ budget can be moved to construction. This would allow the Town to contract with Telics for ROW/Easement acquisition. Councilman Richardson asked to be included on future correspondence for the project.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

A Closed Session was held for discussion of a personnel matter as allowed under **GS 143-318-11(a)(6)** by motion of Mayor Pro-Tem Rankin, second by Jay McCosh at 6:52 PM.

Upon return from Closed Session at 7:12 PM, Mayor Washam reported that the Board conducted the annual performance review of the Town Administrator/Clerk.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM upon motion of Fred McBee, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Rankin and unanimous vote.

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Reid Washam, Mayor

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Lesley Dellinger, Town Clerk