

**TOWN OF MCADENVILLE MINUTES**  
**APRIL 14, 2026**

The McAdenville Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 14, 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: Town Administrator/Clerk Lesley Dellinger and Attorney, Chris Whelchel.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Washam called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Josh Baker, McAdenville Wesleyan Church, opened the meeting with prayer.

**ADJUSTMENT & APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

The items of the Consent Agenda were approved by motion of Mayor Pro-Tem Rankin, second by Greg Richardson and unanimous vote:

- a) **Approval of Minutes:** Council approved the regular meeting and closed session of March 10, 2026.
- b) **Amend Meeting Schedule:** Council approved amending the meeting schedule to add a Special Meeting/Budget Work Session for Saturday, May 2, 2027 at 9:00AM. The meeting will be held in the lower level of McAdenville Town Hall located at 163 Main Street and is open to public attendance.
- c) **Set Public Hearing for the FY2026-27 Budget:** The General Statutes require a public hearing be held on the proposed budget to provide an opportunity for public input prior to adoption consideration. Council approved setting the Public Hearing on the FY2027 Budget for Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of McAdenville Town Hall located at 163 Main Street.
- d) **Proposed Text Amendment to UDO:** Council approved Ordinance 2026-04 amending Chapter 5 Permit and Modifications Procedures, Section 5.16.5; Chapter 6 Zoning

Districts, Section 6.4; and Chapter 13 Subdivision Regulations, Section 13.15.3(c)1 of the McAdenville Unified Development Ordinance.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Officer Rogers, McAdenville's Community Coordinator GCPD, attended the meeting and presented the Crime Statistics report for March. He stated that there was one arrest for DWI on Wesleyan/Main Street, one larceny/vehicle break-in on Mockingbird Lane, and one fraud investigation related to stolen property. Total calls volume for the month was 197, including 18 traffic stops inside the Town limits. Officer initiated checks have been increased for the greenway with the warmer weather along with the usual checks at the Fire Station, McAdenville Motors, and both elementary schools. Once the slide presentation was completed, questions and comments were invited from the Council. Mayor Washam stated that he had seen car haulers unloading on the median strip on Wilkinson and asked if this was allowed. Officer Rogers confirmed that the median strip could be used for this purpose and it is a frequent occurrence along the east end of Franklin Blvd in Gastonia. He added that patrol officers have been put on alert following a report of a civil disturbance involving a driver making deliveries to McAdenville Motors. GCPD Command Staff have visited the site and spoken directly with the owner. The owner provides instructions in multiple languages to the car haulers with parameters for deliveries, but GCPD cannot force him to rearrange his merchandise to accommodate said deliveries. Officer Rogers has met with Pastor Josh Baker of the McAdenville Wesleyan Church to discuss trespassing accusations related to delivery drivers and reviewed options for installing signage to help with future enforcement. Mayor Washam thanked Officer Rogers for his report and the continued efforts in addressing the Town Council's priorities.

**STAFF REPORT:**

Town Administrator, Lesley Dellinger, reported on the following:

**Water/Sewer:**

- The monthly construction meeting for the DWI grant projects was held today at Town Hall. Staff relayed the following project updates: The waterline installation on Saxony Drive is progressing with approximately 200 ft of line remaining along with vault and meter installation. Lesley Dellinger was asked to facilitate a meeting with the City of Lowell to discuss the emergency interconnect. The Forrest Heights waterline looping project will require a change order for an insertion valve to complete the tie-ins. State Utilities plan to return to Dickson Road for meter and backflow installation next week which will complete the improvements for the I-85 industrial location. In May, the State Utility crews will finish the project on Ford Drive then move back to Wesleyan Drive to begin the water main tie-ins from Poplar & Main Street extending service to Hickory Grove Road. The waterline

replacement on Poplar Street is scheduled to begin in mid to late June. Crews and Town staff walked the Poplar Street project today for field notations. Project construction is still on schedule for completion in October 2026.

### **Parks & Rec:**

- River Link Sidewalk Connector – The 65% plans for the Riverlink connector have been reviewed and returned for corrections to WithersRavenel. An issue has been identified by the DOT Environmental Staff involving a culverted stream within the project area. This was alarming because finding a culverted stream in the project area would involve FERC which would add time and cost to the project. (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission oversee projects affecting water quality.) WithersRavenel has reviewed Blue Line & Satellite imagery, and their Environmental Staff were on site yesterday. Withers located the pipes identified by the DOT Environmental staff and believed they may connect to a natural spring on the North side of Riverside Dr. They are prioritizing survey crews to find the depth of the piping, which is hopefully outside the scope of the sidewalk project eliminating the need for FERC involvement. Council Member Richardson added that the pipes are well below road grade and feels they are outside the parameters of the project. He hopes the environmental report can be addressed and dismissed in a timely manner.

### **Fire Service Contract:**

- The current Fire Service Contract with Town of Cramerton expires on 6/30/2026. Both parties are open to extending the contract, and Town Staff has been in talks with Cramerton over the last month. McAdenville's recent proposal is for an additional 3-year term and a 10% increase with a step year. The current contract is \$68,500 and the new proposed agreement would end at \$75K/year. The Town of Cramerton is set to review McAdenville's counter proposal at their April 21<sup>st</sup> work session. Following discussions, Fred McBee asked if McAdenville had ever considered partnering with Community Volunteer Fire Department. Lesley stated that Community House was considered when McAdenville closed their volunteer fire department, but she was not aware of the specific details of the negotiations. Mayor Washam added that Cramerton was not a volunteer fire department and had 24/7 full time staffing at the station.

Lesley Dellinger reminded Council of the Elected Officials Dinner on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6PM.

### **COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

Susan Elkins asked if Town staff had additional information on the Gaston 250 July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration/parade. Staff replied that parade registration information had been received from Gaston County and that contact info for several professional float companies was available. Information would be forwarded to Council member Elkins.

Mayor Washam thanked Council Member Elkins for getting the pedestrian lane repaired at the Wesleyan/Wilkinson intersection. He added that letters had been sent to State Representatives requesting direct funding assistance for Sidewalk and Pedestrian Safety Improvements for McAdenville. To facilitate the funding request, Mayor Washam has met with Senator Brad Overcash and Representative John Torbett; and has requested letters of support for the project from Pharr, Gaston Business Association, and Gaston Tourism. Mayor Washam also provided an update on the Water/Sewer Merger Meeting schedule and asked the Town Attorney for an update on utility easement acquisitions and the Elm Street dedication.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM upon motion of Susan Elkins, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Rankin and unanimous vote.

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Reid Washam, Mayor

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Lesley Dellinger, Town Clerk