

TOWN OF MCADENVILLE MINUTES JULY 14, 2026

The McAdenville Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 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: 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 Griggs, McAdenville Baptist Church, opened the meeting with prayer.

ADJUSTMENT & APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The July Agenda was approved as submitted by motion of Fred McBee, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Rankin 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 Jay McCosh, second by Greg Richardson and unanimous vote:

- a) **Approval of Minutes:** Council approved the Regular Meeting and Closed Session minutes from June 9, 2026.
- b) **Budget Amendment:** Council approved Ordinance No. 2026-006 amending the General Fund and Water/Sewer Fund budgets for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Changes will increase the total budget by \$146,755.00 to \$2,281,005.00.

APPOINTMENT OF FINANCE PERSONNEL:

Mayor Washam issued the Constitutional Oath and Statutory Oath for Kim Carver to serve as the Finance Officer for the Town of McAdenville. He then issued the Statutory Oath for Mayor Pro-Tem Joe Rankin to serve as the Deputy Finance Officer for the Town. Following the oaths, a motion to approve Resolution No 2026-003 appointing the Finance positions and updating check signers was made by Susan Elkins, second by Jay McCosh and unanimous vote.

ON-CALL ENGINEERING CONTRACTS:

Following a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process for on-call professional engineering services, Town staff recommended awarding contracts to Willis Engineers and Colliers Engineering & Design. These contracts will provide qualified engineering support on an as-needed basis for the Town's ongoing infrastructure and developments needs. Mayor Washam added that seven proposals were received following the RFQ advertisement and a selection committee of two staff members and two elected officials reviewed and scored the proposals. Lesley Dellinger added that two contracts were being recommended because Willis Engineering only does water and sewer projects and the recent projects highlighted in their proposal aligned with McAdenville's needs. Colliers Engineering & Design can assist with a broad range of engineering services including street & sidewalk projects, construction inspections, and environmental consulting. Both firms have strong financial support staff and experienced grant writers. Following discussion, motion to approve the on-call water and wastewater engineering contract with Willis Engineering as presented was made by Greg Richardson, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Rankin and unanimous vote. Next, Fred McBee motioned to approve the on-call professional engineering contract with Colliers Engineering & Design subject to minor modifications or clarifying edits from Colliers that will be reviewed and approved as to form by the Town's Attorney Chris Whelchel. The motion was seconded by Jay McCosh and passed unanimously.

EMERGENCY INTERCONNECT AGREEMENT:

The Water System Improvement project includes installation of new 10" watermain on Saxony Drive and replacement of the emergency interconnect vault & meter which was supplied by the City of Lowell water distribution system. The interconnect was originally installed to supply water to the Pharr textile mills on Saxony Drive prior to the expansion of the McAdenville system but has only been used for emergencies or planned system maintenance over the last 15 years. Prior to reconnecting the two systems, Town staff recommends establishing a formal Interlocal Agreement between the municipalities. Chris Whelchel drafted an agreement for Council's consideration which has also been presented to the City of Lowell for review. Lowell's review of the agreement has been delayed due to their Town Manager vacancy. Following discussion, Jay McCosh motioned to approve the Interlocal Agreement for the Provision of Emergency Water Service between the Town of McAdenville and the City of Lowell subject to minor modifications or clarifying edits from the City of Lowell that will be reviewed and approved as to form by the Town's Attorney, Chris Whelchel. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Rankin and passed with unanimous vote.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Officer Burr, McAdenville's Community Coordinator GCPD, presented the Crime Statistic report for June. There was one arrest, 183 calls for service, 100 special checks, and 7 traffic stops

recorded for the month. Mayor Washam asked if special checks at the greenway parking lot were being done after dark. Officer Burr responded yes, adding that GCPD has been running tags and doing early morning checks to see if anyone is spending the night. No additional questions were presented by the Council.

STAFF REPORT:

Town Administrator, Lesley Dellinger, reported on the following:

Water/Sewer:

- Hallie Bentley PRV Project – The PRV has been delivered and is being tested. BW Solutions has scheduled installation for Tuesday, August 4, beginning at 9:30 p.m. Water service will be suspended during the installation, which is expected to last three to five hours. State Utilities will coordinate its work on Ford Drive to avoid an additional water outage for residents.
- The monthly construction meeting for the DWI grant projects was held today 7/14/2026 at Town Hall. Staff relayed the following project updates: The work on Poplar is underway and will continue into next month. The new waterlines on Ford/Pine & Oak should be placed in service mid-August. The 6” meter connection on Saxony is on hold till the interlocal agreement is executed with Lowell. A second crew will mobilize in late July to resume work on the Wesleyan Drive watermain extension. Crews will need to install the 10” gate valve at the old space dye location and install new pipe for the tie-in at the Carstarphen bridge. This construction will impact traffic flow at the 3-way intersection in the center of Town till its conclusion. The good news is that both projects are on budget and the target end date for all construction is still September 4th.

Old Business:

- I-85 Bridge Betterments – The DOT hosted a meeting on July 6th for municipalities participating in the bridge betterments for Phase 1 of the I-85 widening project. Staff shared the two medallion designs that Council chose at the June meeting with the betterments lead at the DOT. Feedback from the DOT is still pending. The Firm Date for medallion design submittal has been extended to October 9th which gives us two meetings to make a final decision. Bridge lighting options were also discussed during the meeting. The conduit and pedestals for lighting will be included in the bridge design, and the individual municipalities will handle the lighting installation once the bridge construction is completed. The cost of light installations and future utility costs will fall to the municipality. The MPO would like the lighting to be consistent throughout the corridor. Additional discussion will be needed, but the initial recommendation was to go with Acorn Lighting fixtures offered by Duke Energy through their municipal lighting program.

COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Fred McBee asked if lights could be added to the trail section from Academy Street to Poplar. Greg Richardson stated that there were no regulations preventing lighting of the trail. Fred added that he feels the section from Academy St to Poplar is used by residents to visit the downtown businesses in the evenings and adding lights would improve safety. Staff was directed to include lighting options for the Academy/Poplar section of trail when gathering quotes for the greenway parking lot.

Greg Richardson reported that McAdenville Village residents are concerned about a vehicle parked on the street that has not moved for an extended period. The current Town Ordinance states that a vehicle cannot be “stored” on a public street, and a text amendment may provide the teeth needed for police to enforce this type of violation. Greg added that the Town Code for Alexandria VA would be a good reference. Mayor Washam asked Chris Whelchel to review the Town’s current Ordinance and present recommendations. Fred McBee added that Lakeview Church may allow extended parking arrangements for residents with multiple vehicles in their private parking lot.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM upon motion of Mayor Pro-Tem Rankin, second by Greg Richardson and unanimous vote.

Reid Washam, Mayor

Lesley Dellinger, Town Clerk