

McAdenville Town Council
February 10, 2015

The McAdenville Town Council met in Regular Session on February 10, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Room, McAdenville Town Hall.

Mayor Farrell Buchanan presided with Mayor Pro-Tem Carrie Bailey, Councilman Jim Robinette, Councilman Greg Richardson, Councilman Jay McCosh and Councilman Joe Rankin in attendance.

Others present included Jim Windham, Town Attorney; Crystal Certain, Town Administrator/Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Buchanan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Upon the request of Mayor, Pastor Griggs led those assembled in the Invocation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING

The Town Administrator stated an amendment, the addition of a motion on Resolution 2015-03 as number two under New Business was needed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Robinette motioned to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2015 regular meeting as written. Councilman Richardson seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Public Hearing – To accept public comment concerning a Community Development Block Grant Application for Town water system improvements.**

Councilman Robinette motioned to open the public hearing. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

The Mayor opened the public hearing and asked for any comments or questions from audience members about the CDBG application and/or the Town's current or past CDBG projects.

Steve Austin stated that the application before the Council is a request for \$1,511,011 in CDBG funds to install approximately 8,800 linear feet of water lines as described in the Preliminary Engineering Report for the necessary improvement to consolidate the Town of McAdenville water system with Two Rivers Utilities. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$1,511,011 which includes all construction, engineering, construction oversight and grant administrative costs for the project. The cost estimate and preliminary engineering report/design was provided by Two Rivers Utilities and the Engineering Department of the City of Gastonia. No match is required for this application; however, any funds that the Town may commit to this project will weigh in the Town's favor with DENR. Matching funds could be spread over a three-year budget cycle.

The project would address the Town's nearly 3 million gallons per month water loss due to extremely old and leaking lines and address the lack of back-flow prevention between the Town's public water system and a private industrial system. The Town has received a Notice of Deficiency from the DENR about that lack of back-flow prevention. The project would also be the next critical step in merging the Town's water system with Two Rivers Utilities.

Mr. Austin stated that the State of North Carolina anticipates receiving \$26 million dollars that will be split into two grant rounds of \$13 million dollars each, and that CDBG funding in NC may only be used for water and sewer infrastructure and economic development projects.

He stated that 100 percent of the CDBG funding must be used to benefit low-to-moderate income people. The Town of McAdenville qualifies as an area benefit project in that US Census data verify that 51.96% of the residents of the town qualify as low and moderate income. The proposed project will benefit the Town as a whole.

He stated that the Town has one open CDBG grant to install 3,600 LF of gravity sewer to serve 30 homes in the Forest Heights Drive neighborhood. That project is in compliance and on schedule. The Town also closed one previous CDBG project that rehabilitated 8 single family units, installed handicap accessible sidewalks, replaced water and sewer lines, installed fire hydrants and built one new park in the downtown area. That project was completed in 2012 ahead of schedule, within budget and with no compliance or audit findings.

He stated that the Town has a Citizen Complaint policy and procedure that provides a process in which citizens may make a complaint or grievance known and addressed regarding the CDBG program(s). The Town Administrator is the main contact and that once a complaint is received the Town must respond in writing within 10 days.

Mr. Austin also stated that no persons, households, businesses or institutions would be displaced or relocated as a result of the proposed CDBG project. All work would be

performed in existing rights of way. He also reminded the Council that the Town has a current Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan as required for the Town's current CDBG project.

Councilman Robinette motioned to close the public hearing. Councilman Richardson seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

2. Motion – To adopt Resolution 2015-03 approving the Town's CDBG application for water system improvements.

Councilman Rankin motioned to adopt Resolution 2015-03 approving the Town's CDBG application for water system improvements. Councilman Richardson seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Mayor Pro-tem Bailey stated that she has noticed that when turning left off of Wilkinson Boulevard onto Wesleyan Drive, there have been many occasions that traffic has been backed up with a car trying to turn left into McAdenville Motors. McAdenville Motors have their other entrances blocked with cars. Captain Adams stated that NCDOT is currently looking at that intersection for improvements so this may resolve itself. If not, maybe some cones could be placed in the road that would require those persons to drive down Wesleyan, around the round-about and back down to McAdenville Motors; as of right now, the motorist is trying to make a legal left turn.

Councilman Richardson was interested to know if there were any plans to add landscaping around the retention pond at the dentist office. If any known plans are in place, they would be on the site plans that were submitted before construction. These plans are available for review.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, Mayor Buchanan adjourned the meeting at 5:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Crystal Certain
Town Administrator/Clerk