

McAdenville Town Council
May 12, 2015

The McAdenville Town Council met in Regular Session on May 12, 2015 at 5 p.m. in the Council Room, McAdenville Town Hall, 125 Main Street.

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

Councilman Robinette and Councilman Richardson were absent.

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Buchanan called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

INVOCATION:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman McCosh motioned to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2015 Regular Meeting as written. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

BUSINESS AGENDA:

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Buchanan stated that a few years ago Council had discussed the installation of a memorial for resident Stan McDowell's son that was killed during combat at the steps that lead to McAdenville Elementary from McAdenville Village. Ex-councilman Jesse Bachman was heading up the efforts to raise money from businesses and residents within the community to help with the costs. The Town Administrator has reached out to Mr. Bachman and he will be providing all the information he had previously collected and any funds raised so that this project can be completed. Mayor Pro-tem Bailey stated she would be glad to take over the project.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion-Adopt Resolution R-2015-09 of support for the extension of the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Tax Credits

The previous tax credits that were established in 1998 for properties listed on the National Register expired at the end of 2014. These credits incentivized over \$1.36 billion of private

investment throughout North Carolina and created a large number of jobs. This resolution is a show of support for the continuation of these tax credits.

Councilman Rankin motioned to adopt the resolution R-2015-09 of support for the extension of the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Tax Credits. Councilman Bailey seconded the motion and without discussion the motion was passed unanimously.

Motion-Adopt Proclamation for National Police Week 2015

Councilman McCosh motioned to adopt the proclamation designation May 15th as Peace Officers' Memorial Day and the week in which May 15th falls as National Police week. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

Discuss/Appoint – Planning Board/ BOA Members

At last month's meeting, the Town Administrator advised Council that there were two regular seats and one alternate seat open on the Planning Board/BOA that needed to be filled. These seats are critical to the Board's ability to conduct business. Since that time, three applications have been received.

After a short discussion, Mayor Pro-tem Bailey motioned to appoint Dennis Terry and Kevin Lamp as regular Planning Board members and David Elkins as an alternate member. Councilman McCosh seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

Discussion – Partial ETJ Relinquishment to Gaston County and establish date of public hearing

The Town Administrator stated she would like for Council to consider relinquishing a part of the Town's current ETJ to the County. Over the years there has been great confusion over who has the responsibility of enforcing Minimum Housing and Code Enforcement in these areas. The Town receives no tax revenues from these residents and these residents receive no benefits from the Town. This change would have no effect on the Town with the exception of relieving the Town of the responsibility for Minimum Housing and Code Enforcement.

If the Town ever decides to annex this area, the process is the same regardless of whether the property is located within the Town's ETJ or not. There is no benefit, with regards to the process, to keep the property in the ETJ.

The Town Administrator stated that ETJ along Highway 74 wasn't originally being considered for relinquishment; however Council can decide to relinquish both areas or neither. The County is staffed with individuals that only handle code enforcement and minimum housing so their procedures, processes, and man-power are greater than McAdenville's and could potentially handle this responsibility better than McAdenville.

A bill is currently in legislation that would eliminate all ETJ areas throughout North Carolina. Cramerton and Gastonia have both relinquished all of their ETJ areas to the County and there is sure to be others that follow.

A vote is needed to establish a date for a public hearing.

After discussion, this matter will be tabled until the two members of Council that are absent can be present to discuss.

Motion-Acknowledge receipt of recommended budget for the Town of McAdenville for FY 16 and establishing date of public hearing as June 9, 2015.

With no discussion, Councilman Rankin motioned acknowledging receipt of the recommended budget for the Town of McAdenville for FY 16 and to establish the date of the public hearing as June 9, 2015. Mayor Pro-tem Bailey seconded the motion and the motioned was passed unanimously.

Notice was received today that we did not receive the \$20,000 grant application that was submitted to Catawba Land Conservancy for the proposed canoe launch. All funds were granted to Cramerton. The Conservancy felt as if there would be a redundancy if there was another canoe launch in this area.

SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

The Town Administrator informed Council that there was an apparent sink hole under the section of sidewalk on Church Street that Sidewalk Levelers recently went out to raise. While in the area they reviewed the sidewalks of Church, Cedar, and Academy. They have provided an estimate for these areas that totals \$1490.

Mayor Pro-tem Bailey motioned to accept Sidewalk Levelers estimate and proceed with the repair. Councilman McCosh seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

Councilman McCosh asked Mr. Carstarphen if any determination had been made with regards to the pool. Mr. Carstarphen stated that at this point the pool would be going down the hill and to the right of Lakeview Drive. The surveying appears to indicate that some of the addition permits from the state would not be required if placed in this location.

Mayor Buchanan stated that some residents had expressed concern to him over there not being any playground equipment in the park for smaller children. He asked the Town Administrator to speak to Steve Austin to determine if there were any "add-on" grants that could be located to possibly purchase additional playground equipment.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Mayor Buchanan adjourned the meeting at 6:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Crystal Certain
Town Administrator/Clerk