

**TOWN OF MCADENVILLE MINUTES  
AUGUST 14, 2018**

The McAdenville Town Council met in Regular Session on August 14, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of Town Hall, 125 Main Street.

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Jim Robinette; Council Members: Carrie Bailey, Jay McCosh, Reid Washam, Greg Richardson and Joe Rankin. Also present: Attorney Jim Windham and Town Clerk, Lesley Dellinger.

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mayor Robinette called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION:**

Pastor Walter Griggs of McAdenville Baptist Church gave the invocation.

**ADJUSTMENT & APPROVAL OF AUGUST AGENDA:**

Upon motion of Joe Rankin, second of Greg Richardson and unanimous vote the agenda was approved with the addition of a Closed Session as allowed under **GS 143-318.11(a)(5)** to consult with the Attorney as Item 13.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the July 10, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved by motion of Greg Richardson and second of Joe Rankin.

**REQUEST TO SPEAK:**

Braedon Childers, 16 year old McAdenville resident, presented Council with a proposal to construct a Gaga Ball Pit in Legacy Park which will serve as his Eagle Scout Service Project. Braedon explained that Gaga Ball is a fast-paced, high-energy sport that is similar to dodgeball, but safer and more contained. Braedon's proposal included a 20 foot octagonal court constructed of pressure treated wood and a prefabricated bracket system. A pit this size would be able to accommodate up to 15 players depending on the age and size of the players; but the game can be played and is just as fun with 2-3 participants. As part of his Eagle Scout designation, Braedon would be responsible for raising the funds needed to purchase the materials and the building would be done by his Troop with adult volunteers. Once constructed the structure would require little to no maintenance from the Town. Braedon loves McAdenville and wants to give back to the Town and he feels the Gaga Ball Pit would add a new dimension to Legacy Park by adding a high energy physical activity option that promotes socialization for kids of all ages. Council discussed the request questioning location, legality and aesthetics. Following discussion the request was continued until the September meeting.

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING TIME:**

A vote to officially change the monthly meeting time to 7:00 PM took place in September, 2017 in hopes of increasing attendance. Mayor Robinette stated that attendance has not significantly increased and discussion followed on changing the time back to 5:00 PM. Following considerable discussion, motion was made by Joe Rankin to change the meeting time to 6:00 PM with second by Carrie Bailed and unanimous vote.

**HISTORICAL PLAQUE FOR 163 MAIN STREET:**

In June 2017, Council approved the request of the United Methodist Church to place a plaque at the site of the new Town Hall at 163 Main Street. The Council would have final approval of the plaque size and design. Two options were presented for consideration. Council unanimously chose Option 1 (the size 18"x20" with black and white photos and alternate wording as presented by UMC) by motion of Carrie Bailey, second of Joe Rankin.

**GREENWAY CONSTRUCTION:**

Greg Richardson stated that due to the numerous issues with Stewart Engineering he was going to assume the role as project manager for the greenway. Benchmark Trails has completed the cutting and compaction of the natural surface trails in the area behind the fire station. The installation of the stone steps and gravel for vegetation control will be the next step. The Town has received quotes for the paving and the foot bridges but is still waiting on estimates for the canoe launch and bog walk. The Town will apply for a 1 year extension with the PARTF grant, but plans to have the majority of the greenway completed by summer 2019.

**TOWN CLERK REPORT:**

As requested by Council, Clerk Lesley Dellinger investigated the possibility of an *Online Bill Pay Option* for the Town. A Proposal was submitted by Sturgis, the only company that offers a full service system compatible with the town's current software. The proposal included the design and maintenance of an online bill pay website linked directly to the Town's current utility billing software. Residents would be assessed a processing fee by the software according to the amount of their utility bill. Cost to the town for installation and implementation of software would be less than \$2,000.00 with a monthly recurring cost of \$250. After discussion, the matter was continued until a later date.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Chief Brad Adams, Cramerton Police Department, presented Council with an updated monthly report detailing the type and number of responses the CPD had addressed in McAdenville for the month of July, 2018. Reid Washam inquired if the CPD had been contacted by the State DOT engineer in charge of the smart traffic system proposed for the Gaston County corridor. The Chief advised that he had been contacted. Carrie Bailey inquired if any progress had been made since the meeting with the NCDOT regarding the traffic control issues at the intersection of Wesleyan & Main and the road condition of Wesley Drive between the traffic circle and said intersection. The Chief stated that he was still waiting on a response from the appropriate department within the NCDOT.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Laura Lewis, 504 Lakeview Drive, expressed concern about time change for meetings.

Rebecca Ashley, 505 Chamberlin Court, thanked Greg Richardson for his work on the Greenway Project; had questions on completion date for the canoe launch and paving of Lakeview Drive Extension from the Carstarphen Bridge to Rainbow Bridge.

**COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

Mayor Robinette reported town hall renovation is ahead of schedule, the South Fork Sewer Project is behind schedule due to weather and that the AIA Grant has been awarded to the City of Gastonia with McAdenville included; Reid Washam reported on the MPO meeting held in July; Greg Richardson asked if there was still interest in concreting the grassy area at the Wesley bridge.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

A Closed Session was held to consult with the attorney as allowed under **GS 143-318.11(a)(5)** by motion of Carrie Bailey, second by Greg Richardson at 8:10 PM.

Upon return from Closed Session at 8:48 PM, Mayor Robinette reported that the Pharr land acquisition and construction contracts for the greenway bridges and paving were discussed.

Upon motion by Jay McCosh, second by Carrie Bailey and unanimous vote, authorization was given to the Mayor to approve future greenway construction contracts as long as the total expenditures do not exceed the total PARTF budget allocations.

**ADJOURN:**

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:55 PM by motion of Carrie Bailey and second by Reid Washam.

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Jim Robinette, Mayor

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Lesley Dellinger, Town Clerk