

McAdenville Town Council
September 8, 2015

The McAdenville Town Council met in Regular Session on September 8, 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 Rankin, Councilman Jay McCosh and Councilman Greg Richardson in attendance.

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Buchanan called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Robinette motioned to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2015 regular meeting as written. Councilman McCosh seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CONSIDER – Partial ETJ Relinquishment

Last month Council requested a map illustrating the parcels owned by Belmont Land & Investments in our ETJ be presented back to them as Belmont Land has requested that their parcels remain as-is. That map was provided with the agendas. There is one complete parcel 185048 and one partial parcel 208358 that was being considered for relinquishment.

After discussion, Councilman Robinette motioned to relinquish the parcels in the northern portion of McAdenville's ETJ, with the exceptions of 183035, 219028, 208358 and 185048 in 90 days to Gaston County. Councilman McCosh seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

2. CONSIDER – Contribution to Alliance for Growth

A few months back, Mr. Bob Clay approached the Council requesting a monetary donation of \$5,000 to Alliance for Growth in efforts of improving Gaston County's image. The Council made no decision that night with regards to the contribution and now he has contacted the Town to see if there has been any further consideration.

The Town has some very large committed monetary obligations and possibly could be deciding soon to make some other large investments in a Town Hall and this money is seen as being better spent in other places at this time.

Councilman Robinette motioned to decline making the requested contribution at this time. Mayor Pro-tem Bailey seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor Buchanan asked Mr. Fred Erickson at what stage is the previously discussed face lift of the downtown buildings. Mr. Erickson stated that the project has been sent out to bid and they would hope to have the work completed before the end of November. A better time frame of the project will be better understood by the next meeting.

Mayor Pro-tem Bailey asked Mr. Erickson if he had an update on the WWTP access that was discussed at the last meeting. Mr. Erickson stated that the City of Gastonia still has not responded; the ball is still in their court.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ADOPT – To Consider Adopting the Build a Better Boulevard Plan

Back a couple of months ago Adrian Miller, Assistant Manager of Belmont presented the finished plan to Council to consider. The Plan has been awarded a Planning Award and been recognized by Senator Kathy Harrington.

Councilman Richardson motioned to adopt the Build a Better Boulevard Plan. Mayor Pro-tem Bailey seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

2. DISCUSSION – Trash Collection Contract

Mayor Buchanan stated that our contract with Harrison Sanitation is set to expire after the beginning of the year and it is up to council whether to extend the current contract for two years or put the contract out to bid.

Ms. Certain, Town Administrator stated that making a decision now will allow enough time to get the bid documents together and have a decision made before the expiration of the current contract.

After a short discussion, Mayor Pro-tem Bailey motioned to extend the contract with Harrison Sanitation for the two-year extension allowed making the contract expiration 2/28/18. Councilman McCosh seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

A letter was received from Belmont Land & Investments initiating a conversation surrounding the possibility of Town Hall being relocated to the McAden Library. Councilman Rankin stated that he has a key to the library and would like for Council to visit the library as a group after the

meeting. The letter stated there were some preliminary architectural reports with potential costs that Belmont Land already had and this information has been requested. This documentation would help Council decide the feasibility of the relocation. Once received, the documentation will be provided to Council and possibly a more in-depth discussion can be held at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Pro-tem Bailey stated that as the Christmas season is vastly approaching, concern surrounding the traffic and signage needs to be discussed. The signage on Riverside Drive last year was delayed by NCDOT and this was the cause of a portion of the traffic nightmare. The connection between Wright Street and Academy should be in place before the lights come on this year eliminating some hardships for residents. Mr. Erickson stated that a coordination meeting with law enforcement will likely take place later this month and there will be discussion about traffic flow.

Mayor Buchanan stated that there was a Boy Scout present and asked him to stand, give his name and what badge he was seeking. His name was Braedon Childers and he is with Troop 33 out of Lowell and he is seeking the Communications Merit Badge.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Crystal Certain
Town Administrator/Clerk