

McAdenville Town Council
October 13, 2015

The McAdenville Town Council met in Regular Session on October 13, 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 Jay McCosh, Councilman Richardson, 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.

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 September 8, 2015 regular meeting as written. Councilman Richardson seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Pro-tem Bailey asked Mr. Fred Erickson with Pharr Yarns if there was any news regarding the access to the pump station site. Mr. Erickson stated that he believes they have found a solution.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. PROCLAMATION – Declaring October as Dyslexia Awareness Month

Councilman Robinette motioned to proclaim October 2015 as Dyslexia Awareness Month. Councilman McCosh seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

2. DISCUSSION – Zoning Ordinance Input Request, Planning Board Chair – David Brown

Mr. David Brown, Planning Board Chair stated that the Planning Board has been holding regular meetings over the last several months and have decided that it is a good point within their work to stop and request input from the Town Council. Several years ago the Planning Board started working on the possible consideration and adoption of the Gaston County UDO. Most recently there have been concerns raised by other municipalities over the complexity and constraints of the document. The current zoning ordinance is 164 pages while the document being considered

is over 600 pages, not only is understanding the document a concern but also the enforcement of the ordinance; Is the document too much for our little Town.

After a short discussion, Council requested access to the work-in-progress document for review. Once they review the document, input will be given so that the Planning Board can discuss the input/concerns at the next Planning Board meeting on October 29th.

3. DISCUSSION- Signage for Legacy Park's landscaping

The Town Administrator stated that as of late there has been a fair amount of damage to the park's shrubs and trees. These damages appear to be caused by children who are not being forced to stay out of the landscaped areas. Council suggested that the Town Administrator reach out to the local daycare and ask them to keep the children out of these areas. If that proves to be unsuccessful, then the Town will consider the installation of signs.

Mrs. Certain stated that also recently there have been several recognized issues within the park: an exposed tree root that is a trip hazard, a hole beside the grate, and a separation of metal on a section of the playground equipment. The root should be removed this week, the hole is marked with a cone and should also be addressed this week, and the playground equipment is under warranty and will be delivered for replacement. The installation of the equipment is not under warranty and will be an expense to the Town. Mayor Pro-tem Bailey mentioned that the park seemed bare, with regards to the mulch and the covers over the electrical outlets were missing. Mulch was put down in the park before the start of summer and when the contractor looks at replacing the defective playground equipment, this will also be looked at for repair.

Mayor Buchanan requested that the Park Rules signs get reinstalled. The Town is unsure of who removed the signs, but they are lying behind the stage.

SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Dennis Penley stated he would like to request that McAdenville approve an ordinance allowing golf carts on McAdenville streets. The requirements in other municipalities include requiring owners to carry insurance, have a valid driver's license, have road worthy tires, and a permit. Mayor Buchanan stated that if this would be allowed, there would be none allowed during the month of December. Mr. Penley stated that traffic for the Christmas lights is only bad on the weekends, but on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the traffic isn't bad. Mayor Pro-tem Bailey asked Mr. Penley where he lives. Mr. Penley stated that he lives on McAdenville Road; his property abuts McAdenville. Captain Robinson stated that in Cramerton golf cart permits are not honored between municipalities.

Mayor Buchanan stated that Council would review the ordinance at the next Town Council meeting in November.

Councilman Rankin asked Mr. Bill Carstarphen if there was any news on the downtown facelift. Mr. Carstarphen stated the project was sent to four contractors for bid and one has been

selected. The hope is to have one building's upfit complete before December 1. If not, the hope is to be started and have half of the building complete. The permits from the County could take a month to receive.

Mayor Pro-tem Bailey stated that the women's club had met to discuss the 5k and would like to know if the street lights will be in place around Academy Street before the event. Mr. Carstarphen stated that they were working with Duke Energy on this, but they likely would not be in place by that time.

Councilman Richardson stated that there was a meeting with Kathy Harrington to discuss our PARTF application. She will be present for the PARTF meeting scheduled on October 30 to advocate for our project.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

Proposed designs have been received from RedClay for the McAden Library Building. Council has been provided with a copy of these plans and the email correspondence.

After a short discussion, Mayor Pro-tem Bailey motioned to have the Town Administrator move forward with locating an engineer that can do a structural inspection and receive a quote for the inspection. Councilman McCosh seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously. The Town Administrator will provide this information to Council once received.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Crystal Certain
Town Administrator/Clerk