

McAdenville Town Council
December 9, 2014

The McAdenville Town Council met in Regular Session on December 9, 2014 at 5 p.m. in the Council Room, McAdenville Town Hall, 125 Main Street.

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

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

CALL TO ORDER:

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

INVOCATION:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Robinette made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2014 Regular Meeting as written. Councilman Richardson seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

Councilman Robinette made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2014 Closed Meeting as written. Councilman Richardson seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Presentation – Audit for Town of McAdenville

Mr. Robert Adams, a partner with Butler and Stowe and Cindy Smith, an audit manager performed and submitted the Town's audit for year-end June 30, 2014. Mr. Adams provided some highlights from Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) on page 2 of the financial statements. Mrs. Smith reviewed the two letters of communication. The first letter states the responsibilities of the auditors and summarizes part of the audit. The second letter states the deficiencies of the Town and internal control, of which is due to the limitations of the size of the staff.

Council was provided with time for questions. The Town's General Fund financial condition was improved by \$126,647. This increased the Town's unrestricted Fund Balance to \$717,318. These funds can be easily consumed in a Town emergency situation and/or the Council can spend on projects as they see fit.

2. Motion – To Adopt a Resolution Requesting Funding for Improvements to the Intersection of Wilkinson Boulevard, Market Street, and Wesleyan Drive

The Town Administrator stated that this resolution was in support of a request by Michael Peoples, Cramerton Town Manager, to seek discretionary funds to make some much needed improvements to this intersection. Mrs. Certain has not seen the plans for this intersection, but believes the improvements would include a pedestrian crosswalk, as well as a pedestrian safe area within the crosswalk.

Councilman Robinette motioned that the Town adopt the Resolution as presented.
Mayor Pro-tem Bailey seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

3. Administrative Updates

Cost of Removing Telephone Poles in Sidewalk along Main Street - The Town Administrator has spoken with Duke Energy about the removal of telephone poles within sidewalk along Main Street. Three poles were chosen at random and an estimate was created. If not limited by acquiring easements, the projected cost of three poles is \$18,000.

ADW Architects Cost Estimate – A cost estimate has been provided to Council for a Space Needs Study. This firm would review our current office space, the fire department and the possibility of building a new Town Hall against the Town's projected future space needs and would provide the Town with the pros and cons of each option to allow Council to make an educated decision about any possible changes with the location of Town Hall.

There was a brief Council discussion with this project being delayed to resolve a few space needs issues with Pharr.

Sidewalk Levelers – The Town has been approached by a company named Sidewalk Levelers, Inc. about the possibility of completing some sidewalk work for the Town. This organization goes into communities that have aged sidewalks that are uneven, for any number of reasons, drill into the sidewalk, and fill in underneath the sidewalk to raise it to the level needed. A review of the sidewalks from downtown to I-85 was requested. A cost estimate, along with a list of the trip hazards found is being provided to Council tonight. Four references were provided, of which three have been contacted and three positive responses have been received.

After a brief discussion, Council requested the references be forwarded to them to see where work has been completed and for possible viewing.

SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Dean West from Ford Drive, McAdenville stated that he wanted to inform the Council of an incident with a Cramerton officer during the 5k event. He and his family tried to enter town at 7:30pm (the time they were told the streets would open back up), but was told that the streets were not opening back up until 9pm. His wife and daughter decided to walk home and was once again approached by the officer and told they could not enter the town, but they ignored his comments and entered anyway.

Mr. Fred Erickson presented the Council with two illustrations of plaques that they would like for the Town to approve. One would be placed on the fireplace in the park, commemorating the history of the Yule Log Ceremony and one would be for the park itself, providing a brief history of its name and history (Exhibit A & B). Council loved the design and idea of the signs. With a brief discussion, Councilman Rankin motion to approve these signs to be located within Legacy Park. Councilman Robinette seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Erickson also presented the Council with a drawing/design of the Future Trail System for McAdenville. These trails would provide an interconnect of the different areas of Town to downtown and future development. The drawing/design does illustrate a future pool and canoe launch. Belmont Land & Development hopes to work with the Town to possibly acquire grants to help fund some of trails and/or park.

The Council expressed their approval of the plan and hope to see it all come to fruit in the near future.

Laura Stewart, Wesleyan Drive wanted to make Council aware of two incidents concerning the Cramerton officers working the Carstarphen Bridge since the lights came on December 1st. One incident surrounded her grandson, his lack of a resident's sticker and the officer's rudeness. The second incident involved Laura Stewart, her guests for a party, and an officer's rudeness. A description of each event was given. Chief Ratchford stated that his main concern is public safety and his recommendation would be to request that the State close the bridge during the lights. Each Councilmember gave their opinions on whether the bridge should be left open or closed to residents. After discussion, it was decided that a temporary reflective sign directing residents to the dirt road access would be helpful; as well as an extra officer on the bridge on the weekends. The Town will work to have a sign made and the Chief will see if any additional officers are available for the weekends.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Buchanan adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The next regular meeting will be January 8, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,

Crystal Certain
Town Administrator/Clerk