

TOWN OF MCADENVILLE MINUTES FEBRUARY 8, 2022

The McAdenville Town Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 6:00 PM in a virtual format via a webinar hosted on zoom. The webinar was available live, and the link was distributed to the Sunshine List and made available on the Town's website.

PRESENT:

Mayor Jim Robinette and Mayor Pro-Tem Reid Washam; Council Members: Carrie Bailey, Jay McCosh, Greg Richardson and Joe Rankin. Also in attendance: Attorney Chris Whelchel, Police Chief Adams, and Town Administrator/Clerk Lesley Dellinger.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Robinette called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

ADJUSTMENT & APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The February Agenda was approved as submitted by motion of Greg Richardson, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Washam and unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The items of the Consent Agenda were unanimously approved by motion of Jay McCosh, second by Joe Rankin with unanimous vote:

- a) **Approval of Minutes:** Regular Meeting and Closed Session of January 11, 2022.
- b) **N-Focus Professional Services Agreement:** Council approved the N-Focus contract which will allow Town staff access to a certified government planner on an as needed basis for assistance with land use questions, applications, and ordinance compliance.
- c) **Planning Board Appointment:** Council approved the recommendation from the Planning Board and appointed Sara Gilbert-Kay to the open seat on the Board, assuming the (3) year term of May 2020 to May 2023.

GASTON COUNTY TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS:

Mayor Pro-Tem Reid Washam served on the Intergovernmental & Interagency Task Force on Homelessness in Gaston County. The Task Force was made up of forty members with an interest in homelessness from county and municipal staff, local churches, county school system, local and state elected officials, law enforcement, legal aid, and subject matter experts. Washam presented Council with the final report created by the taskforce which outlines the best practices to prevent and respond to the homeless crisis in our community along with recommendations for immediate action. He stated that the pandemic caused many of the available resources serving Gaston's homeless population to go away. The Taskforce identified short term/emergency housing and centralization of resources/services as a top priority. The County responded and allocated \$250K of the Cares Act Grant funding for emergency shelters to provided food, showers, and vaccinations for at risk individuals and families. Washam concluded by stating that he believes the study created by the Taskforce will be a key tool in pursuing long-term public/private partnerships to fund affordable

housing development in Gaston County. Mayor Robinette thanked Mayor Pro-Tem Washam for volunteering his time to serve on the Taskforce.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Adams reported that Cramerton is hosting a Cellebrite Certified Operator training class. Cellebrite is a digital intelligence investigation platform for law enforcement that helps departments collect, review, analyze and manage digital data. The CPD currently has two Cellebrite Certified Operators, and a third, Detective Evans, is taking the class now. He added that Detective Evans is also serving on the NC State Bureau of Investigation - Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce. Chief Adams stated that the CPD monthly report was included in the agenda packet and offered to answer Council’s questions about the report or discuss any other issues. Mayor Pro-Tem Washam stated that 1 to 2 delivery trucks without markings had been parked overnight and on weekends at the Greenway. He was concerned that if it was allowed to continue that we would be setting a precedent creating future problems. Chief Adams replied that the vehicles had been identified to belong to a resident living in McAdenville Village and that they were aware it could not continue. He added that “no overnight parking” signage needs to be installed with the greenway parking lot expansion project. Carrie Bailey asked when the NCDOT planned to repair the damaged guardrail at the Carstarphen Bridge. Lesley Dellinger replied that she received notification from the DOT that the repair would be done this week.

STAFF REPORT:

Rezoning / 5103 Wilkinson Blvd - Lesley Dellinger reported that a Rezoning Request was received for parcel #213448 located at 5103 Wilkinson Blvd. The owner is requesting the parcel be rezoned from C-2 (Highway Commercial) to RMF/CZ (Residential Multi-Family/Conditional Zoning District). The proposed development is for an affordable senior (55+) rental development with 84 one & two bedroom units. She added that a Public Information Meeting hosted by the developer is scheduled for Thursday, February 10th at the Pharr Family YMCA from 4PM-7PM; and a virtual option will be hosted on Tuesday, February 15th at 5:00PM. The meetings are open to the public and Council was encouraged to attend.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Robinette opened the floor for public comment. No comments were submitted.

COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Councilman Richardson asked when the Request for Proposals for the greenway project would be ready. Lesley Dellinger stated that she is working with David Ledford on the scope of services and the RFP is expected to be distributed to 4-5 preferred general contractors / companies on Wednesday, February 16th.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM upon motion of Joe Rankin, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Washam and unanimous vote.

Jim Robinette, Mayor

Lesley Dellinger, Town Clerk