

Town of Macclesfield

August 11, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael Speight. Members in attendance were Mayor Speight, Commissioner Jean Wooten-Jiles, Commissioner Joyce Braxton, Commissioner Paula Lewis, Public Works Director Benjamin Lassiter and Town Attorney Gabriel DuSablón. Guests in attendance were Elizabeth Raskopf (UCPCOG), Ben Farmer (UCPCOG), Cecil Williams (CT Williams Corp), Helen Williams (CT Williams Corp), Bob Evans (CT Williams Corp), Sam Johnson (CT Williams Corp), Necole Pridgen, Charlene Pridgen, Debra Jenkins and Rich Moore (McDavid Associates).

Commissioner Wooten-Jiles offered the invocation and all in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Rich Moore, McDavid Associates. Commissioner Wooten-Jiles seconded the motion and with none opposed the motion carried.

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve the June 9th Closed Session minutes. Commissioner Braxton seconded the motion and with none opposed the motion carried.

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve the June 9th regular session minutes.

The board opened the floor for citizen's concerns. Ms. Necole Pridgen asked to speak. She has been serving as a volunteer on the Advisory Board Committee for the past year. She stated that a commissioner has made a derogatory comment against her character (defamation of character) and she has asked that her application for commissioner be withdrawn and is stepping down from the Advisory Board.

CT Williams' group began to address the board. Sam Johnson stated that CT Williams has purchased the land where they will be building a subdivision. He presented information to the board regarding the pressure system that would be required to pump the outgoing sewer to the Macclesfield treatment plant. The information is from AQWA from Wilson. They are requesting that the town allow the wastewater from the neighborhood to be pumped into the treatment plant. Commissioner Wooten-Jiles asked if there were any other options available for the wastewater from the neighborhood. Mr. Johnson stated that there were other options available – drip fields, etc. This will be discussed with the wastewater ORC, Mr. Moore, and the attorney to see if the proposal is feasible for the town. It was asked if CT Williams Corp would be paying for the sewer line from the neighborhood to the treatment plant. It was estimated that it would cost approximately \$1 Million per mile with approximately 2 miles to cover. It was asked if the town could split the cost. The mayor stated that the board would meet and get back with CT Williams in approximately one week.

Ms. Raskopf began to update the board on the CDBG-NR grant project. The project was initially for the replacement of three homes in the town. Since the grant approval, one of the homes was sold and it was requested to use the funds for the third home to update the park. When meeting with the

grant representative, it was recommended to pass a resolution to combine the four parcels that make up the park to one parcel and another to incorporate the alley across the street from the park to the park. There will need to be a public hearing to amend the application that could be held at the September meeting. Ms. Raskopf can draft the ad for the public hearing, and the town would run the ad at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. Commissioner Wooten-Jiles mentioned that the alley would need to be named like the park. Ben Farmer mentioned that the Mid-East Commission is a good group to work with for the Ordinance updates.

Rich Moore, McDavid Associates, began addressing the board regarding the treatment plant project. He stated that the lowest bidder was way over the project allowance. He recommended that the town reject the bid from TA Loving and advertise to rebid the project. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to reject TA Loving's bid and readvertise for bids. Commissioner Wooten-Jiles seconded the motion and with none opposed the motion passed.

Attorney DuSablou stated that the board would need to vote to pass the resolution to change the personnel policy for the board to have the power to hire, fire, and suspend. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to pass the resolution to change the personnel policy for the board to have the power to hire, fire, and suspend. Commissioner Wooten-Jiles seconded the motion and with none opposed the motion passed.

Mayor Speight is still getting quotes for the roof repair. Pro Construction and Dustin Bell has submitted bids.

The board has decided not to move forward with the cameras. Commissioner Wooten-Jiles asked if some fake cameras could be installed to deter crime (Conetoe has done this). Mayor Speight will talk with Cody to see if they have any used cameras.

Mayor Speight reported that he has spoken with his neighbor regarding a motor for the Grapple Truck. He needs to get some numbers off the truck to find a motor.

Mayor Speight reported that the AC in the Community Building had quit with the last rental. It was discussed that someone needs to clean in between. If rented both weekend days, it needs to be written up that the renter needs to call the on-call person to let them know they are out of the building. It was discussed that the public works employees need to be sure to check behind the rentals. It was discussed that the town could possibly hire someone to come in and clean after each rental. Mayor Speight mentioned that his step daughter is looking for a side job and would be interested in cleaning the building. Commissioner Wooten-Jiles mentioned that she would like to see a contract before it is voted on. She also asked that a person be allowed to come in Sunday morning to clean after her rental on Saturday. It was stated that as long as the building is not rented for Sunday, it would be fine.

Discussion began on the Mid-East Contract for the Ordinance updates. Commissioner Wooten-Jiles made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion and with none opposed the motion passed.

The flooring for the breakroom has been chosen and will be installed by a contractor that is used at the hospital. There will need to be shoe molding and floor leveling

ORC contracts was tabled.

Public Works Director reported that there was an equipment failure at the plant in July. He stated that there were no violations from the failure. It will be a costly failure – already approximately \$10,000 in repair costs. A mechanical seal started leaking and allowed sludge to pass to the pump station. The plant had to go into bypass. There had to be multiple pumps rented to continue the treatment process.

Emily Circle – Mr. Lassiter stated that if the 2-inch water line loops, you can have 40 houses on it. There will need to be another water main installed in order to accommodate the number of homes to maintain pressure. He stated that he feels the 2-inch main can be installed in-house.

June 16th there was a system bypass at the treatment plant as well due to the amount of rain. The state was notified and he stated that there was no violation.

He requested that there be an ordinance written regarding underground electric service. City of Wilson will run the power line down the pole and stop. He is requesting that the town does the same. He stated that he will type it up for the next meeting.

Commissioner Wooten-Jiles mentioned that there was a concern by Ms. Deborah Lewis for the town to pick up the debris from Chris Weaver's houses including the workers throwing their trash in the front yards. It was stated that Mr. Weaver is running electricity from Jack Coley's house to work on the neighboring house. Commissioner Braxton stated concern that Mr. Coley will not be able to pay his light bill because of the extra power to the other house.

The ATM machine was mentioned. It needs to be looked into again.

The Town's 125th anniversary is next year. What is the town going to do?

Mrs. Hurdle has asked that her name not be brought up in regard to any town policies.

Commissioner Lewis mentioned that the street by the grocery store has grass growing over the curbing. Can anything be done to correct this?

Commissioner Braxton asked if while the guys are reading meters they could place a letter on the door regarding grass cutting. Mr. Lassiter said that they could mark it in the meter books and he would know who needs grass cutting. Attorney DuSablou stated that there would need to be a record of who receives the letters.

Mayor Speight mentioned the cars at Short's and other properties through town.

He also mentioned that all he has is David Reeves. He called the law on Mayor Speight the day before. He is constantly getting calls about David Reeves. Ms. Jenkins mentioned that she has spoken to the Sheriff and voiced her concerns and should not have to feel scared at her own home. Mayor Speight is trying to get a petition including the local businesses to keep him off their property.

Attorney DuSablou stated that private property is no problem, public property is a different story. It was asked about a panhandling ordinance to stop people from panhandling.

Mayor Speight asked if he needed to go into closed session since he has spoken with Mr. Lassiter and Mrs. Stanley. The attorney stated that there was no need.

The next board meeting will be September 8th at 5:00 pm. The Town Hall will be closed on Monday September 1st for Labor Day.

Commissioner Wooten-Jiles made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion and with none opposed the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.