

MINUTES  
CITY OF MCDONOUGH  
ORGANIZATIONAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL – JANUARY 4, 2010  
7:00 PM

The regular and organizational City of McDonough Council Meeting was held on Monday, January 4, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. with the following members present:

Mayor:	Billy Copeland
Mayor Pro Tem:	Wayne Smith
Councilmembers:	Rufus Amis
	Monta Brown
	Gail Notti
	Rufus Stewart
	Sandra Vincent

Also present for this meeting was: City Administrator, Billy Beckett; City Clerk, Janis Price; Executive Assistant, Taffini Guffie; Public Works Director, Lee Hearn; HR Director, Carla Tuck; Police Chief, Preston Dorsey; Fire Chief, Steve Morgan; Media Relations, Casey Case; Interim Community Development Director, Rodney Heard; Special Projects Manager, Jestin Johnson, and Executive Assistant to Mayor and Council, Leslie Balog.

2009 Mayor Pro Tem Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Councilmember Brown led the Pledge to the Flag and Reverend James Miller gave the invocation.

Mayor Pre Tem Smith asked for a motion to approve tonight's agenda with an amendment to include item 8A- Presentation from Ms. Sarah Ann Hightower and Ms. Ease Ausband; Councilmember Notti motioned and Councilmember Brown seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmembers Brown, Stewart, Smith, Notti and Vincent voted.)

Mayor Pro Tem Smith asked the Honorable Judge James T. Chafin III to come to the podium to swear in the following:

- Councilmember Rufus Stewart, District I
- Councilmember Sandra Vincent, District II
- Councilmember Rufus Amis, Councilmember-At-Large
- Mayor Billy Copeland

Mayor Copeland gave some remarks regarding the City and commented on the great progress the city has made. He spoke about his concerns and improvements for Code

Enforcement, the City's financial condition, transportation matters with the City and County, the downtown area, greater industrial growth in the City, establishment of a museum, education, and communication with citizens.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith turned the meeting over to Mayor Copeland.

Mayor Copeland thanked everyone for being present and asked the Councilmembers for any comments which included:

Councilmember Amis thanked everyone that supported him.

Councilmember Brown was excited to see the swearing-in ceremony. He is looking forward to the future of the city.

Councilmember Stewart thanked God and his family for their support. He will continue to walk the streets and make McDonough a safe place to live.

Councilmember Notti commented on the history made by the Council. She believes the Council has great things coming in the future.

Councilmember Vincent thanked the Mayor for his leadership and also thanked God and her family for support. She also spoke about working together and her commitment to working with Mayor and Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith thanked colleagues and Mayor for the privilege to serve. He commented on the work for common objectives to make the city better.

Mayor Copeland explained the role of Mayor Pro Tem and then asked for nominations to be opened for this position. Mayor Pro Tem Smith motioned to nominate Councilmember Vincent for the position of Mayor Pro Tem for 2010 and Councilmember Notti seconded. Councilmember Brown motioned to close the nominations and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor to close the nominations. The Mayor called for the vote for Mayor Pro Tem. The vote was five in favor for Sandra Vincent to be elected 2010 Mayor Pro Tem. (Councilmember Vincent did not vote.)

Mayor Pro Tem Vincent commented that she is excited about serving the City and looks forward to the wonderful things ahead in 2010 and the continuation of the goals and projects which had begun in 2009. She thanked Mr. Beckett for his fine job of running the City.

Mayor Copeland welcomed Ms. Sarah Ann Hightower and Ms. Ease Ausband to the podium for a presentation. Ms. Hightower thanked Mayor Copeland for his contributions and service to the City of McDonough. She presented a picture and plaque in the Mayor's honor to be hung in City Hall.

The Mayor invited everyone to a reception on third floor of City Hall and having no further business Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to adjourn. All stood in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Janis E. Price  
City Clerk