

MINUTES  
CITY OF MCDONOUGH  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL – FEBRUARY 15, 2010  
7:00 PM

The regular City of McDonough Council Meeting was held on Monday, February 15, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. with the following members present:

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

(Mayor Pro Tem Vincent arrived shortly after the meeting began, and Councilmember Notti did not attend the meeting.)

Also present for this meeting was: City Administrator, Billy Beckett; City Clerk, Janis Price; City Attorney, Steve Fincher; Fire Chief, Steve Morgan; Police Chief, Preston Dorsey; Media Relations, Casey Case; Interim Community Development Director, Rodney Heard; Executive Assistant to Mayor and Council, Leslie Balog; and Jestin Johnson.

Mayor Copeland called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Joshua Katona, an Eagle Scout recipient, led the Pledge to the Flag and Councilmember Amis gave the invocation.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve tonight's agenda. Councilmember Smith motioned and Councilmember Brown seconded. The vote was four in favor. (Councilmembers Notti and Vincent were not present to vote.)

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the minutes from January 4, 2010 and February 1, 2010 meetings. Councilmember Smith motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was four in favor. (Councilmembers Notti and Vincent were not present to vote.)

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to include the Certificate of Recognition for Joshua Tyger Katona as a part of tonight's minutes. Councilmember Smith motioned and Councilmember Brown seconded. The vote was four in favor. (Councilmembers Notti and Vincent were not present to vote.)

City Administrator, Billy Beckett, spoke to Mayor and Council regarding removal of all the invasive species at Alexander Park. Mr. Beckett recommended awarding the job to Cascade Springs. Councilmember Smith motioned to approve awarding the invasive species plan management to Cascade Springs in the amount of \$192,515.00 and the authorization for the

Mayor to sign the agreement and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmember Notti was not present.)

Mr. Beckett spoke to Mayor and Council about the Community Development Director Job description. Councilmember Stewart motioned to approve the job description as presented tonight and Councilmember Smith seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmember Notti was not present.)

Interim City Attorney, Steve Fincher, spoke to Mayor and Council regarding the Pawnbroker's License Ordinance. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Brown motioned to approve the Pawnbroker's Ordinance by filling in blanks with using 4,000 residents and to adopt the remaining language of Ordinance as presented, and Councilmember Smith seconded. The vote was four in favor and one vote was cast in opposition. Councilmembers Amis, Stewart, Brown and Smith voted in favor, and Mayor Pro Tem Vincent voted in opposition. (Councilmember Notti was not present.) The motion carried.

Police Chief Dorsey presented and recommended the following two requests for alcohol license approval:

- (1) Booker Terry Brantley  
Restaurant - Bentley's on the Square LLC  
32 Macon Street, McDonough
  
- (2) Claudine M. Andola  
Pizza Restaurant – Double Time Inc. d/b/a Slices Pizzeria  
906-908 Hwy 81 East, McDonough

Councilmember Brown motioned to approve the alcohol license for Booker Terry Brantley, Bentley's on the Square located at 32 Macon Street; and Claudine M. Andola, Double Time Inc. d/b/a Slices Pizzeria located at 906- 908 Hwy 81 East in McDonough. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent seconded the motion. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmember Notti was not present.)

Mr. Beckett spoke to Mayor and Council regarding the Cable and Telecommunications Management Services Program. Councilmember Brown motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign an annual agreement for continued assistance from GMA at a cost of \$5,000.00 for Cable & Telecommunications Management Services Program and to also authorize the City Administrator to request an audit if necessary for any cable or telecommunications company, in the amount of \$1,500.00 per company. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent seconded the motion. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmember Notti was not present.)

Mayor Pro Tem Vincent gave an update to Mayor and Council on the status of the city/ county Jonesboro Road Park. There will be a Town Hall Meeting to allow citizens to express their interest and thoughts on the area. This meeting will be held in March.

Mr. Beckett spoke to Mayor and Council regarding the need of a new city vehicle for the Water Treatment Plant. The vehicle is a F150 half- ton truck and the cost is \$16,115.00.

Councilmember Stewart motioned to approve the purchase of this new vehicle for \$16,115.00 and Councilmember Brown seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmember Notti was not present.)

There were no unscheduled comments.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for real estate matters and a personnel matter. Councilmember Brown motioned and Councilmember Amis seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmember Notti was not present.)

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to go back into Regular Session. Councilmember Stewart motioned and Councilmember Brown seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmember Notti was not present.)

There were no action items to report from Executive Session.

The City Clerk, Janis Price, asked Council to review the information in their packets regarding two items which need response:

1. The Emergency Management Training Day on April 8, 2010 for elected officials in Henry County. A headcount is needed to order training supplies.
2. Completed forms need to be turned into the City Clerk for the GMA Convention prior to March 9, 2010 which is registration day. The GMA Convention will be held in Savannah in June.

Councilmember Smith welcomed a new group of people from Tennessee, Texas and Canada to the McDonough community. They are here to make a difference in peoples' lives that need the extra help. The group will be doing such projects as roofing and general home repairs.

Councilmember Brown commented on the property at 135 Legion Rd- this piece of property will be donated to the Fuller Center. Volunteering and donations are needed to help clean up the area.

Councilmember Amis asked Mayor and Council to offer prayer to the family of the fallen Police Officer in Palmetto.

Having no further business Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Brown motioned and Councilmember Amis seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Janis E. Price,  
City Clerk