

MINUTES  
CITY OF MCDONOUGH  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL – APRIL 5, 2010  
7:00 PM

The regular City of McDonough Council Meeting was held on Monday, April 5, 2010 at 7:00 PM. with the following members present:

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

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; Special Projects Coordinator, Jestin Johnson; and Executive Assistant to Mayor and Council, Leslie Balog.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Vincent led the Pledge to the Flag and Councilmember Stewart gave the invocation.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve tonight's agenda. Councilmember Brown motioned and Mayor Pro Tem Vincent seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda. Councilmember Notti motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2010 meeting as submitted. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent motioned and Councilmember Smith seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Mayor Copeland presented a Certificate of Appreciation and a key to the City to The Reverend James H. Miller. Mayor Copeland presented the Industry Appreciation Week Proclamation to Mr. Bob White, the Executive Director of Henry County Industrial Authority. Councilmember Brown read aloud the National Donate Life Month Proclamation. Councilmember Smith motioned to make these three documents a part of tonight's minutes and Mayor Pro Tem Vincent seconded. The vote was six in favor.

The City Administrator, Mr. Billy Beckett, spoke to Mayor and Council about the SAVE Program. This program is enacted by Homeland Security. The City Attorney's office has reviewed the Memorandum of Agreement. The Human Resources Director, Ms. Carla Tuck, has been designated as the primary Administrator of this program. Mr. Beckett recommended adopting the SAVE Program Memorandum of Agreement. Councilmember Smith motioned to accept the City Administrator's recommendation to adopt the SAVE Program Memorandum of Agreement as presented tonight and Councilmember Notti seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Mr. Beckett spoke to Mayor and Council about the Municipal (Muni) Code Recodification proposal. The base price for the recodification services is \$18,500.00 and can be paid over a period of two years. There are additional costs associated with the recodification. The charter review will be an additional \$350.00. Mr. Beckett recommended authorizing the Mayor to sign these two documents to move forward with the recodification process. Councilmember Notti motioned to accept the City Administrator's recommendation to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreements with Muni Code for the process of recodification of the City's Ordinances at a base price of \$18,500.00 and with some additional costs; and for the charter review at a cost of \$350.00. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent seconded the motion. The vote was six in favor.

There were no unscheduled comments.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate matters. Councilmember Brown motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to go back into Regular Session. Councilmember Stewart motioned and Councilmember Amis seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmembers Amis, Brown, Stewart, Smith and Vincent voted in favor, and Councilmember Notti had not returned to her seat when the vote was called.)

There was nothing to report from Executive Session.

Mayor Pro Tem Vincent will meet with Henry County within the next couple of weeks regarding the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP).

Councilmember Smith mentioned that the Chamber will be hosting a Town Hall meeting with Congressman Lynn Westmoreland on Tuesday at noon. ARC is hosting a Plan 2040 forum for local elected officials on Wednesday from noon to 1:30 pm at the Administration building.

Councilmember Stewart reminded Mayor and Council about Georgia Cities Week activities starting on April 18<sup>th</sup> and ending on the 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The Boy Scout Troop 721 will have a neighborhood clean up on April 24<sup>th</sup> and also will be doing some community service work at the McDonough Housing Authority.

Mayor Copeland commented on the Sunrise Service which began at 7:00 AM on the Square Easter Morning. Approximately 580 people attended the service which was believed to be the largest group of attendees since the service began in 1980. After the service the McDonough United Methodist Pastor, The Reverend Dana Everhart invited all to come to the church fellowship hall for a pancake breakfast. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent recognized and thanked Staff for their efforts in making the service a success.

Having no further business Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Brown motioned and all stood in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Janis Price  
City Clerk