

MINUTES  
CITY OF MCDONOUGH  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL – MAY 17, 2010  
7:00 PM

The regular City of McDonough Council Meeting was held on Monday, May 17, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. 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; Fire Chief, Steve Morgan; Police Chief, Preston Dorsey; City Attorney, Steve Fincher; Special Projects Coordinator, Jestin Johnson; Media Relations, Casey Case and Executive Assistant to Mayor and Council, Leslie Balog.

Mayor Copeland called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Councilmember Brown led the Pledge to the Flag and Councilmember Smith gave the invocation.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve tonight's agenda. Councilmember Stewart motioned and Councilmember Smith seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Mayor Pro Tem Vincent was not present for the vote.)

City Administrator, Billy Beckett, commented that although the City Clerk's position is an appointed city official position, the position should be governed by the City's Personnel Policy. Councilmember Brown motioned to make the City Clerk's position covered under the personnel policy and Councilmember Stewart seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Brown withdrew the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent motioned to remove item #1 from the Consent Agenda, and to move it to item #5 on the regular agenda. Councilmember Stewart seconded the motion. The vote was six in favor.

Councilmember Brown motioned to adopt the revised City of McDonough Personnel Policy Handbook and to authorize the Mayor to execute a resolution confirming the adoption of the personnel policy handbook with effective date of June 1, 2010; and as a modification, to include even though the City Clerk is an appointed city official; the position is covered by the personnel policy handbook. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The vote was six in favor.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 3, 2010 meeting. There was one modification which was on the last paragraph on page 1, the second sentence should read: Councilmember Notti brought to the attention of the City Clerk that Ms. Katie

Glenn's name was misspelled on page 2. Councilmember Brown motioned to approve the May 3, 2010 minutes with the specified modification and Councilmember Amis seconded the motion. The vote was six in favor.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to make the "Nursing Home Week" Proclamation a part of tonight's minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent motioned and Councilmember Notti seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Mr. Jestin Johnson presented a memo and spreadsheet detailing the proposals received for the Sanitation RFP's. Mr. Beckett shared the recommendation with Mr. Johnson to continue the relationship with Republic Services for the sanitation contract. Councilmember Brown motioned to approve the recommendation by Mr. Beckett and Mr. Johnson to continue the relationship with Republic Services for the sanitation contract and to authorize the Mayor to execute the contract and Councilmember Notti seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Mr. Beckett discussed the City's liability insurance and the premium which is paid to GIRMA each year. After discussion ensued, Mr. Beckett made a recommendation to Mayor and Council to modify the insurance liability and reduce the liability occurrence amount from \$5 million to \$3 million. Councilmember Brown motioned to reduce the limit from \$5 million down to \$3 million which will be an approximate savings of \$42,000 annually. Councilmember Stewart seconded the motion. The vote was six in favor.

City Attorney, Steve Fincher, discussed the updated GEFA loan documents. Councilmember Smith motioned to approve the recommendation of the City Attorney to adopt the resolution regarding the GEFA loan documents and Councilmember Amis seconded. The vote was six in favor.

There were no unscheduled comments.

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

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to go back into Regular Session. Councilmember Smith motioned and Councilmember Amis seconded. The vote was six in favor.

There was nothing to report from Executive Session.

Councilmember Smith motioned to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract for acquisition of property on Jonesboro Road and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Mr. Beckett commented and thanked the great effort of the City staff for their participation to make the Geranium Festival successful.

Having no further business Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Brown motioned and all stood in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Janis E. Price, City Clerk