

MINUTES  
CITY OF MCDONOUGH  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL – AUGUST 2, 2010  
7:00 PM

The regular City of McDonough Council Meeting was held on Monday, August 2, 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

(Councilmember Stewart was not present for the meeting due to him being out of town.)

Also present for this meeting were: City Administrator, Billy Beckett; City Clerk, Janis Price; City Attorney, Steve Fincher; Fire Chief, Steve Morgan; Police Department, Major Langley; City Auditor, Jimmy Whitaker; Executive Assistant to Mayor and Council, Leslie Balog; and Media Relations Casey Case.

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

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

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Brown motioned and Councilmember Notti seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmember Stewart was not present.)

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Smith motioned and Councilmember Notti seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmember Stewart was not present.)

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve July 19, 2010 minutes. Councilmember Smith motioned and Mayor Pro Tem Vincent seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmember Stewart was not present.)

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to make - the two Recognition of Certificates for The Reverend Sharma Lewis and Ms. Anne Pasquini - a part of tonight's minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent motioned and Councilmember Notti seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmember Stewart was not present.)

Councilmember Notti introduced to Mayor and Council, the Directors and Teachers of the 2010 Summer Youth Program: Director, Coach Eric Wortham; Assistant Director, Coach LaCretia Bellamy; Art Teacher, Ms. Melissa Wood; and Business Technology Teacher, Ms. Melissa Rommelman. While the students had fun, it was a learning experience also. The camp, which the City sponsors, is a wonderful community program for rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

City Auditor, Jimmy Whitaker, presented to Mayor and Council the highlights of the City's 2009 Financial Audit. Questions and comments ensued. City Administrator, Billy Beckett, also explained some figures and remarks in the audit. Councilmember Notti motioned to accept the City of McDonough Annual Financial Report as of December 31, 2009 as submitted by the City Auditor, Jimmy Whitaker. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmember Stewart was not present.)

Mayor Pro Tem Vincent spoke about the need for sidewalks in the area of Wesley Lake Elementary school. Mr. Beckett spoke about a federally funded program (Safe Routes To School Program) that filters funds to the state. Mr. Beckett recommended waiting about two weeks for the application to be sent to the City, and at that time the application would be processed and submitted hopefully so that the City could receive some funding to assist in this project.

Mr. Beckett discussed the need and the position for an Environmental Engineer in the Stormwater Department. Mr. Beckett submitted a job description with some changes from the previous position. (The employee who had been in charge of the City's stormwater utility had retired due to health reasons.) This position will be paid by the stormwater utility fund with a starting range of approximately \$44,000.00 annually. Councilmember Smith motioned to approve the submitted job description for the Environmental Engineer position in the Stormwater Department and Councilmember Notti seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmember Stewart was not present.)

There were no unscheduled comments.

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

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

There were no reports from Executive Session.

Councilmember Amis asked that everyone to please remember the Elbert Thurman family during this time of their loss. (City employee, Elbert Thurman died the previous week, and will be greatly missed.)

Councilmember Brown commented on (1) the music on the square, (2) The Tourism Board received approval from the Atlanta Braves to put Mr. Jason Heyward's picture on a billboard

coming into the City, and (3) there has been growth in the hotel/ motel fund. He along with Councilmember Smith thanked the Police, Fire, and Public Works departments and Casey Case for their hard work on the Roberto Clemente World Series. Councilmember Smith was delighted that one of the teams playing in the series was from his hometown in Kentucky.

Councilmember Notti commented on how proud she was of the Summer Youth Program and the students benefited greatly from the program.

Mayor Pro Tem Vincent complemented the City Administrator on the very good 2009 financial report, and Councilmember Notti on the successful Summer Youth Program.

Mayor Copeland's fitness program continues with a new venue, and he encouraged everyone to join him on the lawn of the Hazlehurst House, Tuesday nights for Tai Chi.

Having no further business Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Smith motioned and all stood in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Janis E. Price  
City Clerk