

MINUTES
CITY OF MCDONOUGH
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL – FEBRUARY 21, 2011
7:00 PM

The regular City of McDonough Council Meeting was held on Monday, February 21, 2011 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 were: City Administrator, Billy Beckett; City Clerk, Janis Price; City Attorney, Steve Fincher; Fire Chief, Steve Morgan; Police Chief, Preston Dorsey; Media Relations, Casey Case; and Public Works Director, Lee Hearn.

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

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

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Notti motioned and Councilmember Smith seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the February 7, 2011 minutes. Councilmember Stewart motioned and Councilmember Notti seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to make the following Certificate of Recognition and Proclamation a part of tonight's minutes:

Certificate of Recognition- Mrs. Denese Rodgers

Proclamation- National FFA Week, February 19 – 26, 2011

Councilmember Smith motioned and Councilmember Notti seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Mayor Copeland recognized City Clerk, Janis Price, for completing the Certified Municipal Clerk program from the Carl Vinson Institute of Government at the University of Georgia. Mayor Copeland presented a plaque to Ms. Price for her accomplishments.

Public Works Director, Lee Hearn spoke to Mayor and Council regarding transportation projects. He spoke about House Bill 277. A list of projects was also discussed. Councilmember Smith made some comments. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Smith motioned to affirm the list that was presented tonight in a letter from Chairman BJ Mathis dated July 22, 2010, and to allow city staff to work with Henry County to transmit these projects and this correspondence back to Georgia DOT. Councilmember Notti 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 for personnel and legal matters. Councilmember Stewart motioned and Councilmember Notti seconded. The vote was six in favor.

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

There was not anything to report from Executive Session.

City Clerk, Janis Price reminded Mayor and Council about the Henry County Municipal Association Dinner Meeting in Hampton at the Train Depot on Thursday night at 7:00 PM.

Councilmember Brown gave a brief update on upcoming Tourism projects.

Mayor Pro Tem Vincent spoke about her opportunity to attend an event where First Lady Michelle Obama spoke about her "Let's Move" initiative. Mayor Copeland, Mrs. Gloria Copeland, Leslie Balog, Jestin Johnson and Janis Price also attended the event. She also commented about her meeting with the Department of Community Affairs regarding the Neighbor Stabilization Program.

Mayor Copeland spoke about his experience along with 65 other Mayors around the State with escorting special needs children to the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus in Atlanta the previous Friday night. There were 25 students from the McDonough area who were able to attend to enjoy this wonderful experience.

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