

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

The regular City of McDonough Council Meeting was held on Monday, March 7, 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; Community Development Director, Kathy Field; Planning and Zoning Director, Rodney Heard; Executive Assistant to Mayor and Council, Leslie Balog; and Sewer Plant Manager, Keith Dickerson.

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

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Stewart motioned and Councilmember Amis seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the February 21, 2011 meeting minutes. Councilmember Brown motioned and Councilmember Notti seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Special Use Permits:

Case # 11-01-02

A. Jeremy Hulett for Karmic Tattoo (589 Jonesboro Rd.)

District Sandra Vincent

Zoned C-3 w/SUP per ORD 08-03-17006(SUP) Land Lot(s) 126 of the 7th District

1.366 +/- total acres (1,400 square foot tenant space)

City Council Meeting (Workshop 03/03/11 and Public Hearing 03/07/11)

Staff Recommendation: Approval of Special Use Permit (SUP) per reference to Ord. 08-03-17006(SUP) with stipulations noted (Refer to Final Staff Report).

Planning Commission Recommendation (02-22-11 Mtg.): Darryl Payton - Motion to approve the special use permit with staff recommendations, Second-Swaine Thompson. Motion Passed (5-0).

Mrs. Kathy Field reviewed the SUP for Jeremy Hulett for Karmic Tattoo located at 589 Jonesboro Rd. Mr. Hulett spoke to Mayor and Council. Mayor Copeland opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke in favor and no one spoke in opposition. Mayor Copeland closed the Public Hearing. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent motioned to approve the SUP for Case #11-01-02, Jeremy Hulett for Karmic Tattoo located at 589 Jonesboro Rd, with stipulations as noted- consisting of the time to run concurrent with the lease; not over three (3) years and also with the conditions in the previous Ordinance 08-03-17006(SUP). Councilmember Notti seconded the motion. The vote was six in favor.

Case # 11-01-03

B. Julius Miles for Kingdom Generation Church (2014 Commerce Place)

District Monta Brown

Zoned C-3 Land Lot(s) 166 of the 7th District

0.87 +/- total acres (1,500 square foot tenant space)

City Council Meeting (Workshop 03/03/11 and Public Hearing 03/07/11)

Staff Recommendation: Denial of the Special Use Permit (SUP) due to tract size, limited ingress/egress, and lack of available parking during peak hours (Refer to Final Staff Report).

Planning Commission Recommendation (02-22-11 Mtg.): Stanley Head – Motion to approve the special use permit for two (2) years with lease, Second- Swaine Thompson. Motion Passed (5-0).

Mrs. Field reviewed the SUP for Julius Miles for Kingdom Generation Church located at 2014 Commerce Place. Pastor Miles spoke to Mayor and Council. Mayor Copeland opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke in favor and no one spoke in opposition. Mayor Copeland closed the Public Hearing. Councilmember Amis motioned to approve the SUP for Case #11-01-03, Julius Miles for Kingdom Generation Church located at 2014 Commerce Place, for two (2) years with the staff recommendation stipulating that a parking agreement be required to provide additional paved parking to run concurrently with the SUP. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The vote was six in favor.

City Administrator, Mr. Billy Beckett discussed the proposed water and sewer rate adjustments. The City will need to make major infrastructure improvements, other issues which were brought up were revenue loss, water conservation, deteriorating infrastructure, and the equity of all individuals that live in the city paying the same amount for their water. Mayor Copeland opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke in favor. Mr. Robert Spence, 771 Conyers Road, spoke in opposition. Mayor Copeland also received an email in opposition from Ms. Annette O'Banion. Mayor Copeland closed the Public Hearing. City Clerk, Janis Price read the Water and Sewer Rate Resolution aloud. There were a few changes that were made to the resolution. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent motioned to adopt the Resolution establishing the water and sewer rates and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Mayor Pro Tem Vincent commented on the new water and sewer rate adjustments.

There were no unscheduled comments.

No Executive Session was needed.

Councilmember Smith commented on the ALERT team assisting the city to help demolish the old pavilion, build a new pavilion, and construct a new pedestrian bridge at Alexander Park. They are a true asset to the community.

Councilmember Notti thanked the staff for making the project at Alexander Park happen. She also said a special appreciation to Mr. Lee Hearn for his engineering expertise.

Councilmember Stewart also commented on the good work being done at Alexander Park.

Mayor Copeland commented on the Wellness Program- the program will begin on April. This will be the third year for the Program.

Having no further business Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Brown motioned and Councilmember Amis seconded and all stood in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Janis E. Price
City Clerk