

MINUTES  
CITY OF MCDONOUGH  
SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL – APRIL 25, 2011  
7:00 PM

A Special Called Meeting of the City of McDonough Council was held on Monday, April 25, 2011, at 7:00 PM with the following members present:

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

(Councilmember Notti and Councilmember Stewart were not present.)

Also present for this meeting were: City Administrator, Billy Beckett; City Clerk, Janis Price; City Attorney, Steve Fincher; Fire Chief, Steve Morgan and Police Chief, Preston Dorsey

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

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

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Smith motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was four in favor. Mayor Copeland, Councilmember Amis, Councilmember Brown, and Councilmember Smith voted in favor. (Councilmember Notti and Councilmember Stewart were not present at the meeting; Mayor Pro-Tem Vincent was not present for this vote.)

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Smith motioned and Councilmember Brown seconded. The vote was four in favor. Mayor Copeland, Councilmember Amis, Councilmember Brown, and Councilmember Smith voted in favor. (Councilmember Notti, and Councilmember Stewart were not present at the meeting, Mayor Pro-Tem Vincent was not present for this vote.)

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the February 3, 2011 Workshop minutes. Councilmember Brown motioned and Councilmember Smith seconded. The vote was four in favor. Mayor Copeland, Councilmember Amis, Councilmember Brown and Councilmember Smith voted in favor. (Councilmember Notti and Councilmember Stewart were not present at the meeting and Mayor Pro Tem Vincent was not present for the vote.)

Mayor Copeland asked the City Administrator, Billy Beckett to begin the discussion on adopting the proposed Commercial Water Rates and Irrigation Meters Rates. Mr. Beckett talked about the need for the water rate increase and stated that going forward the City's rates will adjust automatically to coincide when the Henry County Water and Sewer Authority's rates adjust. Mayor Copeland opened the public hearing and asked for comments. No one spoke in favor and

no one spoke in opposition. Mayor Copeland closed the public hearing and asked for a motion to approve the rates. Councilmember Smith motioned to approve the Commercial Water Rates and Irrigation Meters Rates as presented by the City Administrator. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor. (Mayor Pro Tem Vincent, Councilmember Amis, Councilmember Brown and Councilmember Smith voted in favor. Councilmember Notti and Councilmember Stewart were not present.)

Ms. Linda Meggers is a consultant hired by the City of McDonough to facilitate the redistricting for the City. She discussed how the process works and stated that redistricting is a legal requirement after each census to make all districts approximately equal in population to abide by the "One Person, One Vote" principal. Any new redistricting plan must comply with the 1965 Voter's Right Act. The deviation in the population cannot be more or less than 5% per district. When adding the largest increase and the largest decrease together the deviation should not be higher than 10%.

Ms. Meggers had revised Plan 1 from comments made at the previous meeting. Those comments included: Councilmember Amis commented on Garden Walk Subdivision being split. City Attorney, Steve Fincher commented on one portion was not noncontiguous. So Ms. Meggers revised the plan for this meeting.

Ms. Meggers reviewed Plan 1-R (revised). In this plan, she had addressed the Garden Walk and the noncontiguous situation, but by doing so she had split up streets in District 3. After some discussion it was decided that Ms. Meggers would revise the plan again for discussion at the upcoming Workshop.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for personnel and legal matters. Councilmember Smith motioned and Councilmember Amis seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland, Mayor Pro Tem Vincent, Councilmember Amis, Councilmember Brown and Councilmember Smith. Councilmember Notti and Councilmember Stewart were not present.)

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to go back into regular session. Councilmember Amis motioned and Mayor Pro Tem Vincent seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland, Mayor Pro Tem Vincent, Councilmember Amis, Councilmember Brown and Councilmember Smith. Councilmember Notti and Councilmember Stewart were not present.)

There was nothing to report from Executive Session.

Having no further business Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Smith motioned and all stood in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Janis E. Price  
City Clerk