

MINUTES
CITY OF MCDONOUGH
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
CITY HALL – JUNE 30, 2011
5:00 PM

The Special Called City of McDonough Council Meeting was held on Thursday, June 30, 2011 at 5:00 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

(Mayor Pro Tem Vincent and Councilmember Notti arrived shortly after the meeting began.)

Also present for this meeting were: City Administrator, Billy Beckett; City Clerk, Janis Price; City Attorney, Leigh Hancher; Fire Chief, Steve Morgan; Police Chief, Preston Dorsey; Media Relations, Casey Case; Community Development Director, Kathy Fields; Planning and Zoning Director, Rodney Heard; Special Projects Director, Jestin Johnson; Finance Director, Bonnie Kline; Executive Assistant to Mayor and Council, Leslie Balog; and Public Works Director, Lee Hearn.

Mayor Copeland called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 Amis motioned and Councilmember Brown seconded. The vote was four in favor. (Mayor Pro Tem Vincent and Councilmember Notti were not present for the vote.)

City Administrator, Billy Beckett reviewed the proposed basic budget for 2011-2012. The basic/primary budget does not call for any millage rate increase. The basic budget maintains service levels at a status quo level with no substantive changes. Mr. Beckett suggested conducting a comprehensive paying classification analysis to review job descriptions and salaries. Mr. Beckett reviewed the supplemental budget. Mr. Beckett discussed the intent for the supplemental budget is to hire personnel in the following departments: police, fire, public works (permanent and temporary), and a manager position to promote and revitalize the downtown activity. The supplemental budget would require about a millage rate increase. This would cost the taxpayer annually approximately \$40.00 per \$100,000.00 home. More discussion ensued between Council and the City Administrator.

Mayor Copeland opened the Public Hearing for the 2011-2012 Budget. No one spoke in favor and no one spoke in opposition. Mayor Copeland closed the Public Hearing. Mayor Copeland called on Council for a motion.

Councilmember Smith motioned to adopt the primary budget for 2011-2012 as presented and Councilmember Brown seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Councilmember Stewart motioned to adopt the supplemental budget for 2011-2012 as presented and Councilmember Amis seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Mr. Beckett stated that Council will have to set special called meetings after the tax digest is received, in order to have the public hearings which is a requirement to increase the millage rate.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to adjourn the Special Called Meeting. Councilmember Amis motioned and Councilmember Brown seconded. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Janis E. Price
City Clerk