

MINUTES  
CITY OF MCDONOUGH  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL – AUGUST 15, 2011  
7:00 PM

The regular City of McDonough Council Meeting was held on Monday, August 15, 2011, at 7:00 PM with the following members present:

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

(Councilmembers Brown and Notti were not present at the meeting.)

Also present for this meeting were: City Administrator, Billy Beckett; City Clerk, Janis Price; Police Chief, Preston Dorsey; Fire Chief, Steve Morgan; Media Relations, Casey Case; Executive Assistant, Taffini Guffie; and City Attorney, Leigh Hancher.

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

Councilmember Amis led the Pledge to the Flag and the Reverend Darris Baker, Pastor of the McDonough First United Methodist Church gave the invocation.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Smith motioned and Councilmember Amis seconded. The vote was four in favor. (Voting in favor were: Councilmembers Amis, Stewart, Smith and Vincent.)

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was four in favor. (Voting in favor were Councilmembers Amis, Stewart, Smith and Vincent.)

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the July 11, 2011 Council Meeting minutes. Councilmember Smith motioned and Mayor Pro Tem Vincent seconded. The vote was four in favor. (Voting in favor were: Mayor Pro Tem Vincent and Councilmembers Amis, Smith and Stewart.)

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the July 19, 2011 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing Meeting minutes. Councilmember Stewart motioned and Mayor Pro Tem Vincent seconded. The vote was four in favor. (Voting in favor were: Mayor Pro Tem Vincent and Councilmembers Amis, Smith and Stewart.)

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the July 26, 2011 3<sup>rd</sup> Public Hearing Meeting and the July 26, 2011 millage rate adoption meeting minutes. Councilmember Smith motioned and

Councilmember Amis seconded. The vote was four in favor. (Voting in favor were: Mayor Copeland, Mayor Pro Tem Vincent, Councilmembers Amis and Smith.)

Designations:

Certificate of Recognition - Mrs. Kathy Ann Freeman

Certificate of Recognition – Mr. Devin Alexander Tant

Proclamation – Payroll Week

Proclamation – Elite Gamers, Roberto Clemente World Champions

Mayor Copeland recognized Mr. Tant for his certificate and his community service work, and the Mayor presented Ms. Wilma Parker and her associates the Payroll Week Proclamation.

Mayor Copeland recognized each member of the Elite Gamers and read aloud the Proclamation. Mayor Copeland also announced that the Elite Gamers will serve as Grand Marshalls for the 2011 McDonough Christmas Parade.

Councilmember Smith motioned to make the above Certificates and Proclamations a part of tonight's minutes and Mayor Pro Tem Vincent seconded. The vote was four in favor. (Voting in favor were Councilmembers Amis, Stewart, Smith and Vincent.)

City Attorney, Leigh Hancher discussed an amendment to the Elections Ordinance. The change states that Henry County shall perform all duties as superintendent of elections with the exception of qualifying the candidates. Councilmember Smith motioned to adopt the amended Elections Ordinance and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was four in favor. (Voting in favor were Councilmembers Amis, Stewart, Smith and Vincent.)

City Administrator, Billy Beckett discussed the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Henry County must be notified by August 24, 2011 if the City of McDonough would like to opt into the Plan. The plan requires a commitment of three (3) years. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Smith motioned to adopt the Resolution to participate in the CDBG Consolidated Plan with Henry County and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was four in favor. (Voting in favor were Councilmembers Amis, Stewart, Smith and Vincent.)

Regarding Unscheduled Public Comments, Mr. Richard Todebush of Oak Park Subdivision spoke to Mayor and Council. He thanked Mayor Copeland and Councilmember Smith for their help and support of the Lawrenceville Street project. Councilmember Smith thanked staff members, particularly Public Works Director Lee Hearn and Supervisor Joe Chappell for a successful project.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for personnel and real estate matters. Councilmember Amis motioned and Councilmember Smith seconded. The vote was four in favor. (Voting in favor were Councilmembers Amis, Stewart, Smith and Vincent.)

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to go back into Regular Session. Councilmember Amis motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was four in favor. (Voting in favor were Councilmembers Amis, Stewart, Smith and Vincent.)

There were no action items from Executive Session.

City Clerk, Janis Price briefly discussed some qualifying information. The city will accept cash, check or certified check for qualifying fees. Qualifying begins on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM and ends Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 PM.

Mayor Pro Tem Vincent announced information regarding a free workshop at Chevy's on August 17<sup>th</sup> for merchants on the square to discuss business plans, development, cash flow analysis and marketing.

Mayor Copeland commented on the commuter rail project. The overall Department of Transportation (DOT) investment is reasonably large. Representatives Scott, Lewis and Westmoreland are very interested and supportive of this project. Mayor Copeland also distributed information regarding golf cart usage in the City to Council.

Councilmember Smith commented on the commuter/ light rail project.

Having no further business Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Amis motioned and Councilmember Smith seconded. All stood in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Janis E. Price  
City Clerk