

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

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

Mayor:	Billy Copeland
Councilmembers:	Rufus Amis
	Gail Notti
	Wayne Smith
	Rufus Stewart

(Mayor Pro Tem Vincent (who was ill); and Councilmember Brown were not present for the meeting.)

Also present for this meeting were: City Administrator, Billy Beckett; City Clerk, Janis Price; City Attorney, Leigh Hancher; Police Chief, Preston Dorsey; Human Resources Director, Carla Tuck; Interim Community Development Director, John Cheek; and Planning and Zoning Director, Rodney Heard.

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 Stewart motioned and Councilmember Amis seconded. The vote was four in favor. (Those voting in favor were Councilmembers Amis, Notti, Smith and Stewart.)

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

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 29, 2010 workshop and the October 17, 2011 council meeting. Councilmember Stewart motioned and Councilmember Smith seconded. The vote was four in favor. (Those voting in favor were Councilmembers Amis, Notti, Smith and Stewart.)

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to make the Certificate of Recognition for Ms. Lorene M. Lindsey, Mayor of the City of Locust Grove, a part of tonight's minutes. Councilmember Smith motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was four in favor. (Those voting in favor were Councilmembers Amis, Notti, Smith and Stewart.)

The discussion of the writing of the Recreational Trails Application Grant was a carry-over item from the previous workshop. After some brief remarks, Councilmember Stewart motioned to approve Mr. Jestin Johnson to proceed to write the Recreational Trails Application Grant, and Councilmember Amis seconded. There were four in favor and one in opposition. (Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland, Councilmembers Amis, Smith and Stewart; and one in opposition, Councilmember Notti.)

Regarding the advertisement of the City Administrator's position, Ms. Carla Tuck, Human Resources Director, presented the results of the applications received, and requested from Council the guidelines of how to proceed with the candidate process. Ms. Tuck reviewed the process which was followed when Mr. Beckett was hired three years ago:

- HR Director narrowed applications down to top 10 qualified applications.
- Gave these 10 applications to Mayor and Council to rank in order with number one being top choice number, and ten being the lowest choice
- After the above ranking process, then it was narrowed down to 5 candidates.
- Mayor, Council and HR Director interviewed each of the five candidates for one hour each. Ms. Tuck asked the questions that the Mayor and Council had earlier previewed and approved. If there were additional questions for a specific candidate, Ms Tuck was emailed the question from Mayor or Councilmember and Ms Tuck asked the question of the candidate and reported back.

Ms. Tuck reported of the 48 resumes received by the deadline of October 31, 2011 for the City Administrator's position:

- 23 of them had no city or county managerial experience
- Majority of resumes were from out of state
- Applicants with 10 years or more experience, there were 12 from out of state and 3 from Georgia
- Applicants with 5 – 10 years of experience, there were 8 from out of state and 1 from Georgia
- Applicants with 1 – 5 years of experience, there were 5 from out of state and 2 are from Georgia

Councilmember Notti motioned to allow any interested councilmember to review all resumes and to report back, and Councilmember Amis seconded. The vote was three in favor and one in opposition. (Those voting in favor were Councilmembers Amis, Notti and Stewart; and Councilmember Smith voted in opposition.) The motion did not pass.

Councilmember Smith motioned to move forward with the process that was utilized the previous time as presented tonight by Ms. Tuck, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was four in favor and one in opposition. (Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland and Councilmembers Amis, Smith and Stewart; and Councilmember Notti voted in opposition.)

There were no unscheduled public comments.

There was no Executive Session.

City Clerk, Ms. Janis Price, commented on the upcoming Town Hall Meeting for Councilmember Stewart's district on November 15th @ 6:30 PM at Henry County Middle School.

Councilmember Stewart thanked Chief Dorsey and the Public Safety department for their assistance on Philips Drive during the school hours. They are doing a good job.

Having no further business Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Stewart motioned and all stood in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Janis E. Price
City Clerk