

MINUTES
CITY OF MCDONOUGH
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL – NOVEMBER 21, 2011
7:00 PM

The regular City of McDonough Council Meeting was held on Monday, November 21, 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; Associate City Attorney, Jessica Whatley; 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 Mayor Pro Tem Vincent gave the invocation.

Mayor Copeland recognized the newly elected Councilmember Ms. Kam Varner.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Brown motioned and Councilmember Smith seconded. The vote was six in favor.

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

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the November 7, 2011 meeting minutes. Councilmember Smith motioned and Councilmember Amis seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Mayor Copeland recognized Bishop Daniel Hanekamp and presented him with a Proclamation for “Family Month.” Mayor Copeland read the Proclamation to the audience. Bishop Hanekamp thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition and the Bishop presented Mayor Copeland with a “Proclamation for the World.” Mayor Copeland had already presented the Proclamation for “American Indian Heritage Month” earlier in the week. Councilmember Notti motioned to make these Proclamations a part of tonight’s minutes and Mayor Pro Tem Vincent seconded. The vote was six in favor.

The City Clerk, Janis Price, presented the proposed 2012 meeting schedule to Mayor and Council. Councilmember Amis motioned to have two (2) meetings a month; a meeting on the first Monday of the month, and a workshop on the last Thursday of each month. Councilmember Stewart seconded the motion. Discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of changing the meeting schedule. Councilmember Amis and Councilmember Stewart withdrew their motion and the second. It was decided that the meeting schedule would be discussed more in depth at the upcoming 2012 Mayor and Council Retreat. Councilmember Notti motioned to accept the proposed 2012 City Council Meeting Schedule as presented tonight and Councilmember Smith seconded. The vote was 5 in favor and 1 abstaining vote. (Councilmember Brown abstained from discussing and voting on the 2012 City Council Meeting.)

There was no one to speak during Public Comments.

City Clerk, Janis Price requested Councilmembers to turn in their registration form by Wednesday, November 23, 2011, if they wished to attend the Mayors' Day Conference in January. After that date, the cost would increase to register. Ms. Price also asked Mayor and Council to be considering who they will appoint for the Planning Commission (PC); Board of Zoning Appeals (BOZA); and for the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) for 2012.

Councilmember Amis and Councilmember Notti wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Smith reminded his fellow Councilmembers of the email from GMA regarding making a donation of \$11.00 to the Mayors Motorcade 2011.

Mayor Pro Tem Vincent wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving; and also commented on the good feedback she received on Mr. John Cheek's participation in the McDonough Arts Council's events.

Mayor Copeland commented on the GDOT projects regarding intersections, signs and walks. He also commented on the Christmas with Connecting Henry program. They have 1,000 children in need this year at Christmas time. Letters have been sent to all the businesses in the City asking for donations for this project. Businesses and individuals contributed \$4,000.00. Mayor Copeland and Ms. Balog delivered a check for \$4,000 to Connecting Henry Mayor Copeland also wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Having no further business Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Smith motioned and all stood in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Janis E. Price
City Clerk