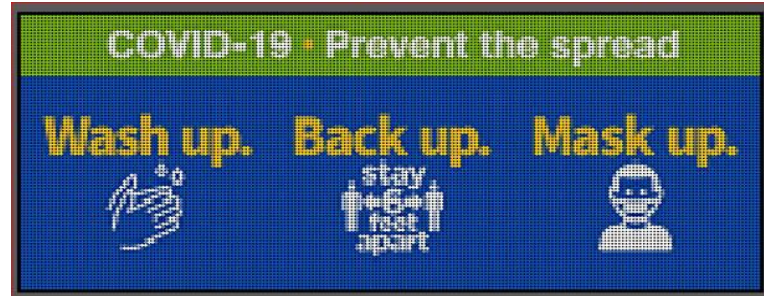




MINUTES
CITY OF MCDONOUGH
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL – 136 KEYS FERRY STREET
DECEMBER 13, 2021
6:00 PM



The Regular Scheduled Meeting of the City of McDonough City Council was held on Monday, December 13, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Copeland called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Interim City Clerk Ms. Christy Taylor called roll for the meeting, as follows:

Mayor Billy Copeland	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin Pruett	Present
Councilmember Roger Pruitt	Present
Councilmember Scott Reeves	Present
Councilmember Rufus Stewart	Present
Councilmember Kamali Varner	Present
Councilmember Sandra Vincent	Present

Others in attendance were: City Administrator, Mr. Preston Dorsey; City Attorney, Mr. Jim Elliott; Interim City Clerk, Ms. Christy Taylor; Fire Chief, Mr. Steve Morgan; Police Chief, Mr. Ken Noble; Community Development Director, Mr. Charles Reese; Finance Director, Mr. Mike Clark; Technology Services Director, Mr. Steve Sikes; Network Administrator, Mr. Brian Linton; and Executive Assistant, Ms. Joani Clemons.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the Agenda, subject to the removal of Item 13. Councilmember R. Pruitt motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Pro Tem B. Pruett led the Pledge to the Flag; and the Reverend Doctor Bert Neal, Pastor of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church gave the Invocation.

6. Consent Agenda
Finance

- A.** Request for approval of accepting the Governor's Office Georgia Public Safety Officials and First Responders Supplement Grant (the Grant) in the amount of \$101,191.00 and the related

expenditure to eligible certified public safety officers in the amount of \$94,000 (\$1,000 each) and the City's share of FICA & Medicare of \$7,191. There is no net cost to the City.

Public Works

- B.** Ratify an emergency repair replacing Galvanized Chain Link Fence at 8 Dogwood Lane around the Northside of the Sludge Lagoon due to falling trees and damage to existing fence, at a total cost of \$ 11,575.00, funded by the Water Treatment Plant Budget.

Public Safety

- C.** Approval to renewal of a 1- year renewal contract between the City of McDonough Police Department and Thompson Reuters. The contract will be for an investigative program, "Clear Pro Government Law Enforcement Investigative Plus", currently used by the Criminal Investigations Department for investigative purposes; at a cost of \$2,727.00 to be paid from the General Fund.
- D.** Approval for the purchase of (4) Flock camera systems at a costs of \$2,500 each, plus a one-time installation fee of \$250 per camera, for a total cost of \$11,000 (the license will be paid annually at \$10,000 for the 4 cameras), to be paid from the General Fund; and authorize the Mayor to e-sign the agreement.

Technology Services

- E.** Approval by Mayor and Council to purchase core network infrastructure switches replacing/upgrading existing devices, at a cost of \$98,386, to be planned and funded utilizing SPLOST V Network Infrastructure.
- F.** Approval by Mayor and Council to purchase additional video surveillance for PD and Court buildings, at a cost of \$20,764.99, to be planned and funded utilizing SPLOST V Network Infrastructure.
- G.** Approval by Mayor and Council to purchase and replace Galaxy systems access controls hardware in City Hall, Police Building and Court with Genetec systems, at a cost of \$52,875.51, to be planned and funded utilizing SPLOST V Network Infrastructure.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember R. Pruitt motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mr. Bill Thornton, Deputy Executive Director of the Georgia Municipal Association presented Mayor Billy Copeland with the GMA Lifetime Service Award, for his devoted service to the citizens of McDonough since 1972. Mayor Copeland's family was in attendance for the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Pruett offered his personal and professional appreciation for the Mayor and his service to the City.

City Administrator Mr. Preston Dorsey and Technology Services Director Mr. Steve Sikes recognized Network Administrator, Mr. Brian Linton for having completed the requirements for the Carl Vinson Institute of Government Certified Government Chief Information Officer (CGCIO) Program. Mr. Linton's family was in attendance for the meeting.

9. Proclamations

In Recognition of Mr. Michael L. Hicks - mailed
152nd Anniversary of Shiloh Baptist Church – Mayor Copeland and Councilmember Stewart
Jim Joyce Day – Mayor Copeland and Councilmember Vincent
Beau Kelley – I ♥ McDonough Day – Mayor Copeland

Mayor Copeland read and presented the Proclamation for Jim Joyce Day along with a small token of esteem (Key to the City) to Mr. Jim Joyce, who was in attendance for the meeting. Councilmember

Sandra Vincent presented Mr. Joyce with a book on the History of the Veterans Museum, which was signed by Mayor and Council.

Mayor Copeland read and presented the Proclamation for I ♥ McDonough Day along with a small token of esteem (Key to the City) to Mr. Beau Kelley, who was in attendance for the meeting.

10. Scheduled Public Comments

- Wayne Smith, Appreciation for Outgoing Mayor and Council

Former City Councilmember Mr. Wayne Smith offered his personal appreciation to Mayor Copeland and Councilmember Roger Pruitt for their dedication and service to the citizens of McDonough. He also offered a challenge to the newly elected officials to serve all of the citizens of McDonough with a McDonough heart.

11. Community Development

A. Case #211005

District 3: Vacant

Applicant: Deborah Davis for McDonough First Baptist Church Mission House

Address: 65 Brown Avenue (M09-07014000)

Request: R-85 (Single Family Residential)

Zoning: O-I (Office / Institutional)

Land Lot(s) 134 of the 7th District .41 +/- total acres

MPC Workshop (November 9, 2021)

MCC Workshop (November 15, 2021)

MPC Public Review (November 9, 2021)

MCC Public Hearing (December 13, 2021)

Community Development Director Mr. Charles Reese reviewed case 211055, to rezone the property at 65 Brown Avenue from O/I (Office / Institutional) to R-85 (Single Family Residential). Mayor Copeland opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke in favor; and no one spoke in opposition. Mayor Copeland closed the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Reeves motioned to approve the rezoning in case 211055, from O/I (Office / Institutional) to R-85 (Single Family Residential); and Councilmember Vincent seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

12. Unscheduled Public Comments

(1.) Mr. Cyril Pessoa – Changing of the Guard

- Mr. Pessoa is a resident of District 3.
- He thanked Mayor Copeland for his service to the City.
- He also recognized several City of McDonough staff members and Councilmembers who worked alongside the Mayor over the years of his service.

13. Discussion regarding the Covington Salary Study

**Mr. Preston Dorsey
Councilmember Stewart
Mr. Nick Calhoun**

This item was removed from the Agenda.

**14. Executive Session (if needed) for: Litigation O.C.G.A. 50-14-2
Real Estate O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (b)(1)
Personnel O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (b)(2)**

No Executive Session was held.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the November 15, 2021, City Council Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Stewart motioned and Councilmember R. Pruitt seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the November 19, 2021, Special Called City Council Meeting Minutes. Councilmember R. Pruitt motioned and Mayor Pro Tem B. Pruett seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

City Administrator Mr. Preston Dorsey thanked Mayor Copeland for his service to the City and shared his personal appreciation for the relationship they have shared.

Mr. Elliott also offered well wishes to both Mayor Copeland and Councilmember Roger Pruitt, and he commended them both for their dedicated service to the City.

Councilmember Vincent shared her appreciation for Councilmember Pruitt and his service to the City. Secondly, she thanked Mayor Copeland for his dedication and she shared her personal appreciation for him and his love for McDonough.

Councilmember Reeves thanked Councilmember Pruitt for his friendship and his service to the City. He also shared his personal appreciation for Mayor Copeland and his family members for their example and their service to the citizens of McDonough.

Mayor Pro Tem Pruett echoed the sentiments of his colleagues, and he thanked both Mayor Copeland and Councilmember Pruitt for the impact they have made in his life and in the community.

Councilmember Stewart said it has been an honor to serve with Councilmember Pruitt. He also expressed his personal appreciation for Mayor Copeland and Miss Gloria, and their commitment and dedication to the citizens of McDonough.

Councilmember Varner shared her appreciation for Councilmember Pruitt and wished him many blessings in the days to come. She also expressed her appreciation for Mayor Copeland and his family for their legacy of service to the City of McDonough.

Councilmember Pruitt said that he has enjoyed his service with each of the Members of Council, and he counts them each as friends. He also shared his personal appreciation for Mayor Copeland, and said he has learned a lot from his example and knowledge. Lastly, he thanked the City staff for the work that they have done and will continue to do.

Mayor Copeland thanked everyone for their attendance and kind words, and he said he will always hold the citizens of McDonough close to his heart.

Mayor Copeland adjourned the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Christy L. Taylor,
Interim City Clerk

OPEN MEETINGS COMPLIANCE NOTICE: This is a regularly scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council of the City of McDonough duly noticed pursuant to the requirements of the Georgia Open Meetings Law (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1, et seq). Notice of the meeting schedule was published in the *Henry Herald* on December 30, 2020; and a copy of the schedule was posted at City Hall and on the City's website, as required by law.