



**MINUTES**  
**City of McDonough**  
**City Council Meeting**  
McKibben Chambers City Hall  
136 Keys Ferry Street  
December 12, 2022  
6:00 PM

The Regular Scheduled Meeting of the City of McDonough City Council was held on Monday, December 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

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

The City Clerk called roll for the meeting, as follows:

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| Mayor Sandra Vincent          | Present                        |
| Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Stewart   | Present                        |
| Councilmember Jamal Burt      | Present                        |
| Councilmember Benjamin Pruett | Present                        |
| Councilmember Scott Reeves    | Present                        |
| Councilmember Vanessa Thomas  | Present                        |
| Councilmember Kamali Varner   | Absent (due to family illness) |

Others in attendance were: City Attorney, Emilia Walker; City Clerk, Christy Taylor; Fire Chief, Dave Williams; Police Captain, Ricky Jewel; Community Development Director, Charles Reese; Facilities & Assets Management/Highways & Streets Director, Steve Morgan; Public Works Director, Billy VonDenBosch; Technology Services Director, Brian Linton; Municipal Court Clerk, Trisha Morgan; City Planner, Diane Johnson; and Open Records Officer, Kathy Story.

Councilmember Reeves gave the Invocation; and Mayor Pro Tem Stewart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of Consent Agenda Item 6G, authorization for the Mayor to sign a Resolution authorizing the Intergovernmental Agreement between Henry County and the City of McDonough for improvement at or about the intersection of Turner Church Road and SR 20; and for other lawful purposes. The agreement was approved by Mayor and Council at the July 14, 2021 City Council Meeting; however, the agreement was not executed.

Additionally, Mayor Vincent addressed the addition of Item 10, the Reconsideration of Community Development Case 220710, to annex the property at 419 Parker Road. The Mayor stated that the item was previously voted on at the November 21, 2022 City Council Meeting, which resulted in a vote of 3 in favor and 2 in opposition; and the motion did not pass. She cited

City Code 2.02.040; whereby any vote with less than four in favor may be reconsidered for vote if motioned by a member of the prevailing vote in the previous action. She noted that the requirement for an item to be reconsidered is that the item has to be brought back at the immediately succeeding meeting of the Mayor and Council; therefore, the item was initially added to the December 10, 2022 Special-Called Meeting Agenda. As a result of the December 10, 2022 Special-Called Meeting being cancelled due to the unavailability of three of the individuals who were called for the meeting, the item was added to the December 12, 2022 City Council Meeting Agenda.

Councilmember Pruett motioned to approve the Agenda, and Mayor Pro Tem Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Stewart, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Pruett, Councilmember Reeves, and Councilmember Thomas. Councilmember Varner was not in attendance.

### **Consent Agenda**

#### **A. Highways & Streets Department**

**Steve Morgan**

Approval to allow Onsite Paving Maintenance & Sealcoating to repave and strip (approximately 321 square yards) the intersection of Postmaster Drive and Hwy 155, at a cost of \$ 48,757.00 to be paid from SPLOST IV; and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.

#### **B. Highways & Streets Department**

**Steve Morgan**

Request authorization for transfer of funds, to transfer \$1,226,397.00 from line item 505-5-4420-54-2599 (Water/Sewer Fund Capital Outlay) to 505-5-4331-54-2100 Water Sewer Fund Sewer System Improvements. These funds will be used for our current Turner Church Forced Main Upgrade, approved by Mayor and Council on September 1, 2022.

#### **C. Technology Services**

**Brian Linton**

Request approval to pay the invoice for Flock Safety cameras (4), at a contracted amount of \$2,500.00 each, in the total amount of \$10,000.00 – Funding Source: General Fund 100.5.1535.52.1301

#### **D. Fire Department**

**Chief Dave Williams**

Request approval to purchase (5) replacement sets of Globe Classix SE structural firefighting turnout gear from Bennett Fire Products @ \$2725.00 each, totaling \$13,625.00. Funding Source – General Fund 100.5.3520.53.1785

#### **E. Administration**

**Sandra Vincent**

Authorize the Mayor to sign the Chief Judge Agreement with Judge Andrea Boyd

#### **F. Administration**

**Sandra Vincent**

Authorize the Mayor to sign the Probation Services Agreement by and between the City of McDonough and the Judge of City of McDonough Municipal Court

The City Clerk sounded the items on the Consent Agenda, to include Item 6G. Councilmember Burt motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, and Councilmember Reeves seconded. Prior to the vote, Mayor Vincent requested that another member second the motion to approve the Consent Agenda; and Mayor Pro Tem Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Stewart, Councilmember Burt,

Councilmember Pruett, Councilmember Reeves, and Councilmember Thomas. Councilmember Varner was not in attendance.

#### Public Comments

(1) Eddy Smith – Reconsideration of case 220710

- Who made the motion to get it on the agenda?
- Who seconded the motion to get it on the agenda?
- What is the legal definition of immediately?

(2) Gavin Stainthorpe - No comments

Mayor Vincent noted that the City of McDonough issued a Proclamation Honoring the 153<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Shiloh Baptist Church, on Sunday, December 4, 2022.

The Mayor and City Council recognized Our World School as the first place winners of the 2022 Christmas Parade; and the second place recognition was presented to Community Christian School. Members of both groups were in attendance at the meeting.

Mayor Vincent called for the Reconsideration of Community Development Case 220710. Councilmember Reeves recused himself from the discussion and he left the dias. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Vincent offered a motion to reconsider the vote for annexation in case number 220710, and Mayor Pro Tem Stewart seconded. The vote was four in favor and one in opposition. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Stewart, Councilmember Burt and Councilmember Pruett. Councilmember Thomas voted in opposition. Councilmember Reeves was not present for the vote in this matter. Councilmember Varner was not in attendance at the meeting.

Councilmember Burt motioned to annex the property at 419 Parker Road into the City Limits and to authorize the accompanying resolution; and Mayor Pro Tem Stewart seconded. The vote was four in favor and one in opposition. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Stewart, Councilmember Burt and Councilmember Pruett. Councilmember Thomas voted in opposition. Councilmember Reeves was not present for the vote in this matter. Councilmember Varner was not in attendance at the meeting.

Fire Chief Dave Williams presented the request for approval to purchase (12) Scott Air-Pak X3 Pros from American Safety & FireHouse, at a total cost of \$81,336.00. The Funding Source for the purchase was identified as SPLOST V; Project 9; Public Safety Facilities and Equipment - Line Item: 326.5.3520.54.1200. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Burt motioned to approve the purchase of 12 Scott Air-Pak X3 Pros from American Safety & FireHouse; and Mayor Pro Tem Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Stewart, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Pruett, Councilmember Reeves, and Councilmember Thomas. Councilmember Varner was not present.

City Attorney, Emilia Walker presented the request for adoption of Resolution 22-12-12 resolving LOST negotiations and Qualified Cities. She noted that the agreement is based on the County receiving 66% and the Cities receiving 34%. She also noted that the City of McDonough's percent will total 11.50%. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Pro Tem Stewart motioned to adopt Resolution 22-12-12, and Councilmember Reeves seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Stewart, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Pruett, Councilmember Reeves, and Councilmember Thomas. Councilmember Varner was not in attendance.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (b)(2) and Litigation O.C.G.A. 50-14-2; and Mayor Pro Tem Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Stewart, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Pruett, Councilmember Reeves, and Councilmember Thomas. Councilmember Varner was not in attendance.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to go back into Regular Session. Councilmember Thomas motioned and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Stewart, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Pruett, Councilmember Reeves, and Councilmember Thomas. Councilmember Varner was not in attendance.

Councilmember Pruett motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement for an Associate Prosecutor for the City Municipal Court at an amount not to exceed \$350 per court session, and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was five in favor and one in opposition. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Stewart, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Pruett and Councilmember Reeves. Councilmember Thomas voted in opposition. Councilmember Varner was not in attendance.

Mayor and Council made appointments to the Planning Commission (PC), as follows:

- Mayor Sandra Vincent reappointed Ricky Beauchamp.
- Councilmember At Large Benjamin Pruett did not make an appointment.
- Councilmember At Large Vanessa Thomas reappointed Latonua Hawkins.
- District 1 – Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Stewart reappointed Calvin McClendon.
- District 2 – Councilmember Jamal Burt reappointed Yolanda Williams.
- District 3 – Councilmember Scott Reeves reappointed Taira Castora.
- District 4 – Councilmember Kamali Varner was not present.

Mayor and Council made appointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals (BOZA), as follows:

- Mayor Sandra Vincent reappointed Reid Burch.

- Councilmember At Large Benjamin Pruett did not make an appointment.
- Councilmember At Large Vanessa Thomas appointed Carla Dennis.
- District 1 – Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Stewart reappointed Brenda Goodson.
- District 2 – Councilmember Jamal Burt reappointed Samuel Humphrey.
- District 3 – Councilmember Scott Reeves reappointed Charles Piersaul.
- District 4 – Councilmember Kamali Varner was not present.

Mayor Vincent announced the appointment of George Patterson to the Transportation Advisory Group hosted by Henry County.

Mayor Pro Tem Stewart commented on the many projects in McDonough. He also said that the Christmas Parade was a great success, and he commended all of the City staff who worked for the event.

Councilmember Burt said his first Christmas Parade was so much fun, and he is enjoying getting to know his constituents.

Councilmember Thomas also shared that she really enjoyed the Christmas Parade, and she wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve the November 21, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Stewart motioned and Councilmember Thomas seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Stewart, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Reeves, and Councilmember Thomas. Councilmember Pruett did not vote, as he was not present at the November 21, 2022 City Council Meeting. Councilmember Varner was not present at the meeting.

Mayor Vincent noted that she along with many other state and local officials held a meeting with Connor Poe with Norfolk Southern on December 9, 2022. She said that the recent issues with the train stopping on the tracks in McDonough have been successfully resolved, and the train will be parked elsewhere. She commended everyone involved on the successful resolution through collaboration in this matter.

Mayor Vincent adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Christy L. Taylor,  
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 29, 2021; and a copy the meeting schedule was posted at City Hall and on the City's website, as required by law.