



MINUTES
City of McDonough
Special Called City Council Meeting
McKibben Chambers City Hall
136 Keys Ferry Street
July 24, 2023
6:00 PM

The Special Called Meeting of the City of McDonough City Council was held on Monday, July 24, 2023, 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:

Mayor Sandra Vincent	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin Pruett	Present
Councilmember Jamal Burt	Absent
Councilmember Scott Reeves	Present
Councilmember Rufus Stewart	Present
Councilmember Vanessa Thomas	Present
Councilmember Kamali Varner	Absent

Others in attendance: City Administrator, Steve Morgan; City Clerk, Christy L. Taylor; Interim Finance Director, Deborah Upshaw; Mike Clark, Consultant; Henry County Tax Commissioner, Michael Harris; Henry County Deputy Tax Commissioner, Lynn Carty; and Technology Services Director, Brian Linton.

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

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve the Agenda. Councilmember Stewart made a motion to approve the Agenda, and Mayor Pro Tem Pruett seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Pruett, Councilmember Reeves, Councilmember Stewart, and Councilmember Thomas. Councilmembers Burt and Varner were not present.

Prior to the discussion, Mr. Clark noted that Governor Kemp authorized the Homestead Tax Relief Act as a one-time tax reduction program, which applies an \$18,000 reduction in assessed value on homestead properties.

Ms. Upshaw and Mr. Clark offered a presentation for the 2023 Millage Rate:

- FY 2023-2024 Budget was adopted on June 20, 2023.
- Total General Fund Appropriations - \$26,469,079.
- Estimated Property Tax Collections - \$5,400,000.
- No proposed increase to the millage rate; the rate will remain at 3.033 mills.

Mayor Vincent opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke in opposition; and no one spoke in favor. Mayor Vincent closed the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Reeves made a motion to approve the millage rate of 3.033 and the adoption of Ordinance 23-07-24, establishing the ad valorem tax Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2023; and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Pruett, Councilmember Reeves, Councilmember Stewart, and Councilmember Thomas. Councilmembers Burt and Varner were not present.

Mayor Vincent adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Christy L. Taylor,
City Clerk

OPEN MEETINGS COMPLIANCE NOTICE: This is a Special Called 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 July 8, 2023; and a copy the meeting schedule was posted at City Hall and on the City's website, as required by law.