

MINUTES
CITY OF MCDONOUGH
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL – 136 KEYS FERRY STREET
AUGUST 21, 2017
6:00 PM

The Regular Meeting of the City of McDonough City Council was held on Monday, August 21, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. (Mayor Copeland was unable to attend the meeting due to family illness.)

The City Clerk, Ms. Janis Price called the roll, as follows:

Mayor Billy Copeland	Absent
Mayor Pro Tem Roger Pruitt	Present
Councilmember Craig Elrod	Present
Councilmember Benjamin Pruett	Absent
Councilmember Rufus Stewart	Present
Councilmember Kamali Varner	Present
Councilmember Sandra Vincent	Present

Others in attendance for the meeting were: City Administrator, Mr. Keith Dickerson; City Clerk, Ms. Janis Price; Police Chief, Mr. Preston Dorsey; Fire Chief, Mr. Steve Morgan; Finance Director, Mr. Mike Clark; Public Works Director, Mr. Ronnie Thompson; Technology Services Director, Mr. Steve Sikes; and Executive Assistant, Ms. Trisha Colpetzer; City Attorney not present for the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt called for a motion to approve the Agenda, with the addition of Item 6J to the Consent Agenda; approval to pay \$59,394.52, which is 1/3 of the total costs to replace the roof of the Police Department building. Councilmember Vincent motioned and Councilmember Elrod seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt; Councilmember Elrod; Councilmember Varner; Councilmember Stewart; and Councilmember Vincent. Mayor Copeland and Councilmember Pruett did not vote, as they were not in attendance for the meeting.

Councilmember Elrod led the Pledge to the Flag; and Councilmember Stewart gave the Invocation.

6. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval to purchase two Cisco 12 port 10 G fiber switches at a cost of \$18,063.03 which will be paid from the General Fund.
- B. Approval to purchase additional video storage array expansion for Police Video including bodycam, dashcam, in-building security at a cost of \$14,456.24 which will be paid from the General Fund.

- C. Approval of an agreement between the City of McDonough and Georgia Power to install one LED Roadway light in front of 90 Key Street; authorization for the Mayor to sign the agreement. The monthly charge is estimated to be \$13.59 and will be paid from the General Fund.
- D. Approval for Calloway Grading Inc. to relocate an 8 inch DIP Water Distribution Main and to relocate an existing fire hydrant at a cost of \$48,690.00 which will be paid from SPLOST IV funds.
- E. Approval for Calloway Grading Inc. to relocate a 12 inch DIP force main sewer at a cost of \$42,750.00 which will be paid from SPLOST IV funds.
- F. Approval of a Contract Agreement between the City of McDonough and Allsouth Constructors, Inc. for improvements/additions to the City's existing Water Pollution Control Plant at a cost of \$472,692.00 which will be paid from the Water and Sewer enterprise fund; authorization for the Mayor to sign all related contract documents.
- G. Adoption of a Budget Amendment Resolution to amend FY 2016-2017 Budget for approved transactions in various funds.
- H. Approval of consulting services from Ross + Associates to prepare a complete update of, and an amendment to the McDonough Impact Fee Program with the cost not exceed \$38,450.00 and will be paid from impact fees.
- I. Approval of the minutes of the August 3, 2017 Workshop Meeting.
- J. Approval of Mayor and Council to pay \$59,394.52, which is 1/3 of the cost to replace the roof of the Police Department Building, to be paid from the General Fund.

Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the addition of Item 6J. Councilmember Stewart motioned and Councilmember Varner seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt; Councilmember Elrod; Councilmember Stewart; Councilmember Varner; and Councilmember Vincent. Mayor Copeland and Councilmember Pruett did not vote, as they were not in attendance for the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt along with Members of Council presented the Proclamation for "Constitution Week" to Ms. Mary Lundy as the City Clerk read the document. On behalf of the Daughters of the Revolution, Ms. Lundy also presented a letter of recognition to the McDonough City Council for promoting and upholding the ideals of the Constitution of the United States.

Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt called for a motion to make the Proclamation an official part of the minutes of the meeting. Councilmember Elrod motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt; Councilmember Elrod; Councilmember Stewart; Councilmember Varner; and Councilmember Vincent. Mayor Copeland and Councilmember Pruett did not vote, as they were not in attendance for the meeting.

There were no public comments.

No Executive Session was held.

The City Clerk, Ms. Price presented a schedule of early voting opportunities for the City Council to review for approval. Councilmember Vincent suggested that there should be a discussion regarding providing an additional voting location within the City for elderly residents who are unable to travel to the current location.

Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt called for a motion to approve the early voting schedule as presented; and any additional information will be brought back for discussion at the September 7, 2017, Workshop Meeting. Councilmember Stewart motioned and Councilmember Elrod seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt; Councilmember Elrod; Councilmember Stewart; Councilmember Varner; and Councilmember Vincent. Mayor Copeland and Councilmember Pruett did not vote, as they were not present for the meeting.

Councilmember Vincent acknowledged Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt for his participation in the “Community and Back to School” rally that was held at Agape International Ministries. She said that although she made her own personal comments on the issue, she feels somewhat remorseful that Mayor and Council did not make a public declaration of objection to the violent events and hatred which took place in Charlottesville, Virginia. Councilmember Vincent commented that it has been demonstrated by this body that we are a welcoming and a diverse community; and that this position should be made known. She invited everyone to participate in a prayer walk which is scheduled for Saturday, September 23, 2017. Councilmember Vincent advised that there would be an organizational meeting for this prayer walk at the Tabernacle of Praise Church International, who is sponsoring this walk, on the following evening at 7:30 pm and wanted all persons present to attend. The prayer walk is a national movement sponsored by faith leaders to support togetherness and brotherhood for all.

Councilmember Elrod offered his appreciation for those who were involved with the dedication of the bathrooms at H.O.P.E. Park, sponsored by Leadership Henry; the Job Fair, which was held at Rufus Stewart Park; and the dedication of the Truman House by the Veterans Support Group. He remarked that when the community comes together, great things happen.

Councilmember Stewart discussed his continued support of the City’s students and schools, and he stressed the need for more parental involvement in the lives of children today. He encouraged all citizens to become involved with the youth in the community;

and he asked that the citizens of McDonough keep the City's children in their daily prayers.

Councilmember Varner echoed Councilmember Vincent's sentiments on the violent protests in Charlottesville, Virginia, and she said that elected officials need to serve with love for all. She asked Public Works Director, Mr. Ronnie Thompson to come forward to display a sign regarding one of the City's ongoing beautification projects and she encouraged other individuals to participate in the Adopt-A-Street Program. Lastly, she noted that there will be a Town Hall meeting at Avalon Park fire station on September 12, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt called for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Elrod motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. All stood in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Janis Price
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 was published in the Henry Herald on December 21, 2016; and a copy of the meeting schedule was posted at City Hall and on the City's website, as required by law.