



MINUTES
City of McDonough
Organizational City Council Meeting
McKibben Chambers City Hall
136 Keys Ferry Street
January 2, 2024
6:00 PM

The Organizational Meeting of the City of McDonough City Council was held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

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

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

Mayor Sandra Vincent	Present
Councilmember Jamal Burt	Present
Councilmember Scott Reeves	Present
Councilmember Rufus Stewart	Present
Councilmember Vanessa Thomas	Present
Councilmember Kamali Varner	Present

Others in attendance: Councilmember Elect, Darryl Payton; Municipal Court Judge Andrea Boyd; City Administrator, Steve Morgan; City Attorney, Emilia Walker; City Clerk, Christy Taylor; Police Chief, Ken Noble; Fire Chief, Dave Williams; Interim Community Development Director, Andrew Baker; Interim Finance Director, Deborah Upshaw; and Assistant Public Works Director, Brandon Williams.

Pastor Gaddis gave the Invocation.

Councilmember Burt 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 Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Reeves, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Thomas, and Councilmember Varner. Councilmember Payton had not yet been sworn.

City of McDonough Municipal Court Judge Andrea Boyd administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember at Large, Darryl Payton, who was joined by his family at the podium.

Judge Boyd administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember District 3, Scott Reeves, who was joined by his wife, Michelle.

Judge Boyd administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember District 4, Kamali Varner, who was joined by her niece and her mother.

Mayor Vincent called for nominations for the election of Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Varner nominated Councilmember Stewart. Councilmember Thomas nominated Councilmember Reeves. Councilmember Burt nominated Councilmember Varner.

Those supporting the nomination of Councilmember Stewart by a show of hands were Councilmember Payton, Councilmember Stewart, and Councilmember Varner. Those supporting the nomination of Councilmember Reeves were Councilmember Reeves and Councilmember Thomas. Those supporting the nomination of Councilmember Varner were Mayor Vincent, Councilmember Burt, and Councilmember Varner.

Mayor Vincent called for a vote on the nomination of Councilmember Varner to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Vincent noted that Councilmember Payton's appointments to the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals would be deferred to the next meeting.

Mayor Vincent stated that a Proclamation Acknowledging The First Introduction of the Equal Rights Amendment was issued on December 10, 2023.

There were no public comments.

Police Chief Ken Noble presented a request for the renewal of the 12-month contract for CLEAR investigative software for 15 users, at a cost of 4,860.00 per year. The Police Department currently has ten users and needs to increase the number by five during the renewal process. Funding Source: Line Item 100-5.1535.52.1301.

Councilmember Varner made a motion to approve the renewal of the 12-month contract for CLEAR investigative software for fifteen users, at a cost of \$4,860.00 per year, to be funded through line item 100-5.1535.52.1301; and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Vincent made a request to amend the agenda to include a request for Cornerstone Mechanical to replace one shaft and two bearings on Orbal A. Councilmember Stewart made a motion to approve the amendment, and Mayor Pro Tem Varner seconded.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve the request for Cornerstone Mechanical to replace one shaft and two bearings on Orbal A, at a total cost of \$31,995.00, to be paid from line item 505-5.4335.52.2200. Councilmember Stewart made a motion to approve the repair, and Councilmember Reeves seconded. Discussion ensued. The vote was seven in favor.

Technology Services Director Brian Linton presented a request for authorization to pay a Civic Plus See-Click-Fix annual invoice for \$12,311.59. He identified the funding source as line item 100.5.1535.52.1301.

Councilmember Thomas made a motion to approve the payment of the Civic Plus See-Click-Fix invoice in the amount of \$12,311.59; and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mr. Linton also presented a request for approval to pay the annual Civic Plus, Civic Engage invoice in the amount of \$10,492.83, through line item 100.5.1535.52.1301. He noted that Civic Engage provides the City's website.

Councilmember Stewart made a motion to approve payment of the Civic Engage invoice, and Councilmember Varner seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Fire Chief Dave Williams presented a request for approval to pay Williams Fire Apparatus \$11,855.66 for emergency repairs on Quint 51 (aerial ladder truck), which were found during the annual recertification process, and repairs were pertinent to achieving recertification. He confirmed that funds for the repairs are available in line item 100.5.3520.52.2210, Truck/Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance.

Councilmember Varner made a motion to approve the payment to Williams Fire Apparatus for emergency repairs to the ladder truck, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

There was no Executive Session.

Mayor Vincent adjourned the meeting at 6:53 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 02, 2023; and a copy the meeting schedule was posted at City Hall and on the City's website, as required by law.