



MINUTES
City of McDonough
City Council Workshop
McKibben Chambers City Hall
136 Keys Ferry Street
April 4, 2024
6:00 PM

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

Mayor Vincent called for a moment of silence in remembrance of former Councilmember “Doc” Reeves, who passed away on Friday, March 29, 2024.

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

Mayor Sandra Vincent	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Kamali Varner	Absent
Councilmember Jamal Burt	Present
Councilmember Darryl Payton	Present
Councilmember Scott Reeves	Present
Councilmember Rufus Stewart	Present
Councilmember Vanessa Thomas	(Arrived after roll call.)

Others in attendance: City Administrator, Steve Morgan; City Attorney, Emilia Walker; City Clerk, Christy Taylor; Police Major Paul Honcharik; Battalion Chief Greg Moore; Interim Community Development Director, Andrew Baker; Interim Finance Director, Deborah Upshaw; Finance Consultant, Mike Clark; Human Resources Director, LaTangela Hill; Public Works Director, William VonDenBosch; Technology Services Director, Brian Linton; Assistant Public Works Director, Brandon Williams; and Help Desk Technician, Rob Monnelus.

Councilmember Stewart gave the Invocation.

Councilmember Payton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion for the approval of the Agenda. Councilmember Burt motioned to approve, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Payton, Councilmember Reeves, Councilmember Stewart, and Councilmember Thomas. Mayor Pro Tem Varner was absent.

The City Clerk sounded the items on the Consent Agenda, as follows:

A. Public Works

William VonDenBosch, Director

Request for approval to purchase 100 (one hundred) $\frac{3}{4}$ Neptune Water Meters with antennas, at a cost of \$26,500.00. Funding Source: Line Item - 505-5.4440.53.1732

B. Administration

Christy Taylor, City Clerk

Approval of the March 18, 2024, City Council Meeting Minutes.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Stewart made a motion to approve, and Councilmember Thomas seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Payton, Councilmember Reeves, Councilmember Stewart, and Councilmember Thomas. Mayor Pro Tem Varner was absent.

Public Comments:

1. Leonard Robinson, Henry County Chamber of Commerce Director of Membership
2. Maryann Santos announced her election to State House District 117
3. Taira Castora submitted a petition to Community Development with 59 names opposed to Montessori school proposed for Judy Drive
4. Reverend Lilton Marks cited concerns related to safety and traffic in relation to the proposed school on Judy Drive.
5. Eddy Smith thanked the City for allowing public comments, and he stated that he lives nearby the area proposed for the Montessori School on Judy Drive.
6. Kwamane Snipes shared concerns related to the proposed storage facility at Lake Dow

Mayor Vincent noted that a Proclamation Recognizing The Sip Investment Group was presented at the end of March. Additionally, she said that a Proclamation recognizing April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Month will be presented during the month of April.

City Administrator Steve Morgan presented a request for authorization for GT Restoration LLC to perform renovations to 88 Keys Ferry Street (aka Fire Station 1), to include repainting the walls and trimming throughout the building; removal and replacement of carpet and flooring; the removal and replacement of ceiling tiles in the garage area with cleanable ceiling tiles, with costs not to exceed \$88,450.00. He identified the funding source for the project as ARPA Public Safety, Line Item 230-5.3520.54.1208. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Stewart made a motion to approve the proposed renovations to 88 Keys Ferry Street, and Councilmember Reeves seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Payton, Councilmember Reeves, Councilmember Stewart, and Councilmember Thomas. Mayor Pro Tem Varner was absent.

Mr. Morgan also presented a request for consideration of recommended changes to the Holiday and Leave Policy, Section 8, with relation to eligibility, requests for leave, return to duty and bereavement. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Burt made a motion to approve the recommended changes to the Holiday and Leave Policy, Section 8, and Councilmember Thomas seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Payton, Councilmember Reeves, Councilmember Stewart, and Councilmember Thomas. Mayor Pro Tem Varner was absent.

Public Works Director William VonDenBosch presented a request for approval to purchase a 2024 Isuzu Landscaping truck for the Cemetery and Parks Department from Bellamy Strickland, at a cost of \$69,395.00. He identified the funding source as ARPA Beautification Line Item 230-5.1300.54.1201.

Councilmember Stewart made a motion to approve, and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Payton, Councilmember Reeves, Councilmember Stewart, and Councilmember Thomas. Mayor Pro Tem Varner was absent.

Mr. VonDenBosch presented a request for authorization to pay RDJE \$154,700.00, to perform emergency water and sewer line repair at a critical creek crossing. He identified the funding source for the project as ARPA Funds Line Item - 230-5.1300.54.1213. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Reeves made a motion to approve the emergency repair, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Payton, Councilmember Reeves, Councilmember Stewart, and Councilmember Thomas. Mayor Pro Tem Varner was absent.

Next Mr. VonDenBosch presented a request for authorization to pay Vacutek \$15,277.65, for repairs to the sweeper truck, to put the truck back in service. He identified the funding source as Line Item 506-5.4970.52.2200 Repairs and Maintenance.

Councilmember Stewart made a motion to approve the repairs to the sweeper truck, and Councilmember Reeves seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Payton, Councilmember Reeves, Councilmember Stewart, and Councilmember Thomas. Mayor Pro Tem Varner was absent.

Finance Consultant Mike Clark introduced Mr. Bill Ross with Ross+Associates, who discussed the 2024 Capital Improvements Element (CIE) Annual Update. Mr. Ross noted that a Public Hearing will be held on April 15, 2024, to approve the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the transmittal of the 2024 CIE Annual Update to the Atlanta Regional Commission for regional and state review.

Interim Community Development Director, Andrew Baker presented case number 240201, the request by Chase Hardin for a Special Use Permit to allow the development of Heritage Montessori School at Judy Drive and Highway 155 N. The Applicant was in attendance for the Workshop, and he reviewed the details of the proposed project. Discussion ensued.

This item will come back for a Public Hearing and vote at the April 15, 2024, City Council Meeting.

Mr. Baker presented case number 240204, the request by Tan Bowers for a zoning modification to allow an open-air dining/retail park at 2050 Avalon Parkway, POD T. The Applicant, Ms. Bowers was in attendance for the Workshop, and she reviewed the details of the proposed project. Discussion ensued.

This item will come back for a Public Hearing and vote at the April 15, 2024, City Council Meeting.

Mr. Baker presented case number 240205, the request for a Special Use Permit to allow a multi-story climate-controlled self-storage facility at Lake Dow Road. The Applicant, Mr. Todd Lucas and Steve Moore with Moore Bass Consulting reviewed the details of the proposed project. Discussion ensued.

This item will come back for a Public Hearing and vote at the April 15, 2024, City Council Meeting.

Mr. Baker reviewed a Power Point Presentation regarding proposed text amendments to Title 10: Code Compliance, and he requested feedback from the Governing Body.

No Executive Session was held.

Mayor Vincent adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Christy L. Taylor, CMC
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 2, 2023; and a copy the meeting schedule was posted at City Hall and on the City's website, as required by law.