



MINUTES
City of McDonough
City Council Meeting
McKibben Chambers City Hall
136 Keys Ferry Street
May 20, 2024
6:00 p.m.

The Regular Scheduled Meeting of the City of McDonough City Council was held on Monday, May 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Sandra 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 Kamali Varner	(Arrived after the start of the meeting)
Councilmember Jamal Burt	Present
Councilmember Darryl Payton	Present
Councilmember Scott Reeves	Present
Councilmember Rufus Stewart	Present
Councilmember Vanessa Thomas	Present

Others in attendance: City Administrator, Steve Morgan; City Attorney, Emilia Walker; City Clerk, Christy Taylor; Fire Chief, Dave Williams; Police Chief, Ken Noble; City of McDonough Police Officers Paul Honcharik, R. Jewell, J. Cooper, Loyd Byers, Michael Hogeland, James Daino, and William Barnett; Interim Community Development Director, Andrew Baker; Interim Finance Director, Deborah Upshaw; Code Enforcement Officer, John Elkins; Customer Service Supervisor, Kara Loggins; Permit Coordinator, Kelsey Liddick; and Help Desk Technician, Rob Monnelus.

Councilmember Stewart gave the Invocation.

Councilmember Payton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve the Agenda. Councilmember Burt made a motion to approve the agenda, 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 not present for the vote.

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

6A. Administration

Christy Taylor, City Clerk

Request approval to pay the Lockton Affinity, LLC. invoice for an Excess Cyber Liability Policy, in the amount of \$14,286.48. Funding Source: Line Item – 100-5.1330.52.3100.

6B. Approval of the May 6, 2024, Special Called City Council Meeting Minutes

6C. Public Safety – Fire Department

Chief Dave Williams

Request approval to pay Ten-8 a total of \$21,399.36, for equipment for the new pumper & aerial trucks. Funding Source - SPLOST V: Project 9; Public Safety Facilities & Equipment – 326.5.3520.54.1200. This item was previously approved in the budget.

6D. Technology Services

Brian Linton, Director

Request for approval to pay the invoice from the Henry County Board of Commissioners for the use of Tyler New World Public Safety System Software by the Police Department totaling \$25, 254.39. Funding Source: Line Item - 100.5.1535.52.1301

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Stewart made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Public Comments:

1. Stub Luce, Red Oak Sanitation
2. Mike McGann, Waste Pro Sanitation
3. Monica Moseley, Republic Sanitation
4. Kathy Craig Rutledge, City Cemetery

The Mayor and Council presented the following Proclamations during the meeting:

Recognizing the Veterans of Foreign Wars Day of Service

In Honor of Mother's Day – Recognizing McDonough Moms

In Recognition of National Police Week

Mayor Vincent also noted that Proclamations In Honor of Dr. Edward M. Copeland, III; and In Recognition of Public Works Week, Apraxia Awareness Day, and Mental Health Month would also be issued and made a part of the record.

Police Chief Ken Noble presented custom watches in recognition of 20 or more years of service to the City of McDonough Police Department to John Elkins, Loyd Byers, Micheal Hogeland, Kenneth Noble, James Daino, and William Barnett.

Chief Noble brought forth the request for the approval of a 24-month contract for an additional 11 FLOCK cameras, including a one-time implementation fee of \$7,150.00 (\$650.00 per camera). He also requested authorization to pay the balance for the subsequent year at cost of \$33,500.00, for a total cost of 40,650.00. He identified the proposed funding source as ARPA Funds – Line Item 230-5.3520.54.1208.

Councilmember Stewart made a motion to approve, and Councilmember Thomas seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

City Administrator, Steve Morgan recognized the City of McDonough Fire Department for having been awarded the 2nd place trophy for Money per Capita of \$447.49 and awarded the 11th place trophy for overall state collections of \$12,977.32, in 2023, to benefit the Georgia Firefighter Burn Foundation.

Mr. Morgan presented the request for approval to award the Solid Waste Sanitation bid to Republic Services at an annual increase of 3%, and authorization for the Mayor to sign all required documents. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Pro Tem Varner made a motion to award the Solid Waste Sanitation bid to Republic Services at an annual increase of 3 percent, and to authorize the Mayor to sign all required documents. Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was five in favor; one abstention; and one in opposition. Those voting in favor were Mayor Pro Tem Varner, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Payton, Councilmember Stewart, and Councilmember Thomas. Mayor Vincent voted in opposition. Councilmember Reeves abstained.

Interim Community Development Director, Andrew Baker presented case number 240201, the request by Heritage Montessori School for a Special Use Permit, to allow a school at Judy Drive and Highway 155 North. Mr. Baker stated that after discussions at previous meetings, the applicant has spoken with the Georgia Department of Transportation about the requirements for allowing an entrance on Highway 155; however, GDOT has not approved the alternate entrance location. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Vincent opened the Public Hearing. Mary Francis Daniel, Donna Bennett, Hannah Jaconi (ph), Ms. Rickets, and Nigel Ponder spoke in favor. Gayle Murtha, Eddy Smith, Gail Johnson, and one unidentified citizen spoke in opposition. Mayor Vincent closed the Public Hearing.

Discussion continued. Mayor Vincent called for a motion on the proposed SUP. Councilmember Reeves made a motion to deny the application for a Special Use Permit in case 240201, and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was six in favor and one in opposition. The motion to deny passed. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Varner, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Payton, Councilmember Reeves, and Councilmember Stewart. Councilmember Thomas voted in opposition.

Mr. Baker presented case 240205, the request from Lake Dow Storage, for a Special Use Permit to allow a multi-story climate-controlled self-storage facility at Lake Dow Road. He noted that Mr. Steven Jones was in attendance on behalf of the Applicant.

Mr. Jones addressed the Mayor and Council to request a deferral of this case to the June 6, 2024, City Council Workshop, to allow for further discussions about the proposed project.

Councilmember Reeves made a motion to defer case number 240205 to the June 6, 2024, City Council Workshop, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

No Executive Session was held.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve the May 2, 2024, City Council Workshop Minutes. Councilmember Stewart made a motion to approve, and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Vincent adjourned the meeting at 9:09 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 02, 2023; and a copy the meeting schedule was posted at City Hall and on the City's website, as required by law.