MINUTES
CITY OF MCDONOUGH
ORGANIZATIONAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL – JANUARY 4, 2018
6:00 PM

The Organizational Meeting of the City of McDonough City Council was held on January 4, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Mayor Billy Copeland	Present
Former Mayor Pro Tem Roger Pruitt	Present
Councilmember Craig Elrod	Present
Councilmember Benjamin Pruett	Present
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 Attorney, Ms. Leigh Hancher; City Clerk, Ms. Janis Price; Police Chief, Mr. Preston Dorsey; Fire Chief, Mr. Steve Morgan; Community Development Director, Mr. Rodney Heard; Finance Director, Mr. Mike Clark; Technology Services Director, Mr. Steve Sikes; Auditor, Mr. Jimmy Whitaker; Consultant, Mr. Mark Whitley; Executive Assistant, Ms. Euretha Lyles; and Executive Assistant, Ms. Trisha Colpetzer.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the Agenda. Councilmember Stewart motioned and former Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Former Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt led the Pledge to the Flag; and the Reverend Bert Neal, Pastor of Wesley Way United Methodist Church gave the Invocation.

Henry County State Court Judge, the Honorable Jason T. Harper administered the oath to swear in Mayor Billy Copeland; Councilmember At-Large, Roger Pruitt; District I Councilmember, Rufus Stewart; and District II Councilmember, Sandra Vincent. After having been duly sworn, each elected official was given the opportunity to share their appreciation for the support they received throughout the campaign and election process.

Mayor Copeland thanked everyone who voted for him during the 2017 election, and he personally thanked his family for their continued love, encouragement and support.

Councilmember Pruitt thanked Judge Harper for his participation at the meeting, and he thanked his supporters. In closing, he thanked his family for their continued love and support throughout the election.

Councilmember Stewart offered his thanks to the Lord and his constituents for allowing him to continue to serve the City of McDonough as Councilperson for District I, for the last 28 years.

Councilmember Vincent thanked Judge Harper for his participation in the meeting, and she thanked Mayor and Council for their continued support. She also thanked her family and all of her supporters for allowing her the opportunity to continue to serve the citizens of the City of McDonough.

Mayor Copeland made the nomination for Councilmember Kamali Varner to serve as Mayor Pro Tem, in 2018. With no others nominations being made, nominations for Mayor Pro Tem were closed.

Mayor Copeland called for a vote on the nomination for Ms. Varner to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for 2018. The vote was seven in favor.

Ms. Varner thanked each of her colleagues for their support of her serving as Mayor Pro Tem, for 2018; and she said she looks forward to serving the City in that capacity in the coming year.

9. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of a change order to the previous proposal for consulting Services by Ross + Associates regarding the preparation of an Annual CIE Update Report for submission to the Atlanta Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. The cost will be $3,845.00 and will be paid from the impact fee fund.

B. Approval of a Budget Amendment Resolution to amend the 2017-2018 Budget for approved transactions in various funds as described in the attached "Exhibit A".

C. Approval for the Mayor and the Municipal Court Judge, Judge W. Donald Patten to sign the McDonough Government Service Agreement, governing Probation Services for the Municipal Court for the City of McDonough.

D. Approval of the December 11, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes.

E. Approval of the following 2018 appointments to the City Boards:

	Planning Commission	**Board of Zoning App.**	**Historic Pres. Commission**
Mayor Billy Copeland	Terri O'Quinn	Reid Burch	Jean Hanger
CM Rufus Stewart	Eddie Elliott	Rufus Amis	Jean Bell
CM Craig Elrod	Terry Ellington	-	-
CM Roger Pruitt	Don Pope	Kay Shipley	-
CM Sandra Vincent	Yolanda Williams	Sam Humphrey	-
CM Ben Pruett	Matt Cardoza	Troy Hitt	

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Pruitt motioned and Councilmember Elrod seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mr. Jimmy Whitaker presented the 2016-2017 Audit for the City of McDonough, as of June 30, 2017. He offered a brief overview of some of the findings with Mayor and Council:

- Total balance for the General Fund is $8,622,000.
- Funds appropriated for next year's budget are $7,942,000.
- Total assets for Governmental Funds are $19,370,000, with approximately $1,380,000 in liabilities and deferred inflows.
- City is in good condition.
- The General Fund had a positive variance in revenues of $541,000, and a positive variance of expenditures of $1,686,000.

At the conclusion of the presentation, some discussion ensued. Mayor Copeland called for a motion to accept the Audit as presented. Councilmember Stewart motioned and Councilmember Pruett seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Unscheduled Public Comments:

(1) Ms. Sheila Tyler

- Ms. Tyler came to the meeting to publicly thank Councilmember Stewart for his influence and support as she was growing up in the City of McDonough
- She credited his encouragement and Godly example with the success she has found today as a successful attorney

Councilmember Stewart shared memories of Ms. Tyler as a child, and he thanked her for her heartfelt words.

(2) Ms. Sylvia Dennis

- Ms. Dennis shared that the Walk to End Alzheimer's in McDonough raised a total of $40,400, in 2017.
- She thanked the Mayor and Council for their support
- Today McDonough is the talk of the Alzheimer's Organization

No Executive Session was held.

City Administrator, Mr. Keith Dickerson welcomed everyone back for 2018, and said he looks forward to the coming year.

City Clerk, Ms. Janis Price recapped that the Mayor/Council Retreat will be held on Friday, January 12, and Saturday, January 13, 2018 at the Hilton Garden Inn in McDonough.

Councilmember Vincent said that she is looking forward to a great 2018.

Councilmember Elrod thanked everyone who was in attendance for the meeting and said he is also looking forward to 2018.

Councilmember Pruett offered his congratulations to his colleagues who were re-elected, and said he is very encouraged that 2018 will be a fantastic year.

Councilmember Stewart echoed the sentiments of his colleagues, and he said that he looks forward to completing the projects that the City has in the coming year.

Mayor Pro Tem Varner offered her congratulations to each of her colleagues who were sworn in at the meeting. She said that she looks forward to working with everyone in the coming year. She shared that she is excited to announce that there will be a documentary about the Blacksville Community coming in February, and she thanked everyone for their support of the project.

Councilmember Pruitt said that he is encouraged by the audit, and said he looks forward to working with his colleagues and the City staff in 2018.

Mayor Copeland commented that he and his wife walked to over 6,000 homes during his campaign, and he said that he was impressed with the pride that the citizens of McDonough have in this community. He said that newcomers commented that they were attracted to the City's town square and the reservoir, which he called the crown jewels of McDonough. In closing, he said he is looking forward to continuing to work with the members of the Council in this year.

At the end of the meeting, Ms. Carly Coleman was introduced to Mayor and Council. Ms. Coleman represented the City of McDonough and won the National American Miss Pageant, and she also went on to compete at the national level in Anaheim, California. Mayor and Council offered their congratulations and thanked Ms. Coleman for her attendance at the meeting.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Stewart motioned and Councilmember Pruett seconded. All stood in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Janis E. 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 27, 2017; and a copy of the meeting schedule was posted at City Hall and on the City's website, as required by law.