



MINUTES
City of McDonough
City Council Meeting
McKibben Chambers City Hall
136 Keys Ferry Street
July 29, 2024
6:00 PM

The Special-Called Meeting of the City of McDonough City Council was held on Monday, July 29, 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	Present
Councilmember Jamal Burt	Present
Councilmember Darryl Payton	Present
Councilmember Scott Reeves	Present
Councilmember Rufus Stewart	Present
Councilmember Vanessa Thomas	Present

Others in attendance: Henry County Deputy Tax Commissioner, Lynn Carty; City Administrator, Steve Morgan; City Clerk, Christy Taylor; Attorney Alicia Thompson; Fire Chief, Dave Williams; Police Chief, Ken Noble; Finance Consultant, Mike Clark; and Help Desk Technician, Rob Monnelus.

Councilmember Burt gave the Invocation; and Councilmember Reeves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Finance Consultant, Mr. Mike Clark offered a presentation on the proposed 2024 Millage Rate. He said that the budget that was adopted on July 17, 2024, included no change to the City's Millage Rate of 3.033. Mr. Clark did note that despite the City not increasing its Millage Rate, property owners would see an increase of approximately 2 percent on their property taxes. He offered an example that the tax on a \$450,000.00 home will increase by \$10.80 per year. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Vincent opened the Public Hearing. Mr. Mike Crawford and Ms. Sheila Green spoke in opposition. No one spoke in favor. Mayor Vincent closed the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Reeves made a motion to adopt the rate of 3.033 mills for 2024, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Vincent then called for a motion to amend the Agenda to include discussion and vote regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for SPLOST VI, with the County and four cities; and to authorize the Mayor to sign a Resolution and IGA with the Cities and County, expressing the desire to enter into an agreement of a 68/32 split, option 1, with no tiers to be included on the ballot as a referendum.

After discussion ensued, Councilmember Stewart made a motion to amend the agenda to include discussion and vote regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for SPLOST VI, with the County and four cities; and Councilmember Reeves seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Councilmember Steward motioned to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for SPLOST VI, with the County and four cities; and to authorize the Mayor to sign a Resolution and IGA with the three cities, including the City of McDonough and the County, expressing the desire to enter into an agreement of a 68/32 split, option 1, as recommended by Henry County for the upcoming referendum and SPLOST agreement; and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Vincent adjourned the meeting at 6:45 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 was published in the *Henry Herald* on July 17, 2024; and a copy the meeting notice was posted at City Hall and on the City's website, as required by law.