MINUTES
City of McDonough
City Council Meeting
McKibben Chambers City Hall
136 Keys Ferry Street
March 17, 2025
6:00 PM

The Regular Scheduled Meeting of the City of McDonough City Council was held on Monday, March 17, 2025, 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: City Administrator, Steve Morgan; City Attorney, Emilia Walker; City Clerk, Christy Taylor; Deputy City Administrator, Andrew Baker; Police Chief, Ken Noble; Community Development Director, Sylvia Smith; Finance Director, Dr. Ralph Igwedibie; Human Resources Director, LaTangela Hill; Public Works Director, William VonDenBosch; Technology Services Director, Brian Linton; Senior Planner, Bill Spivey; and City Planner, Aaron Hypolite

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

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

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve Consent Agenda, as follows:

6A. Technology Services **Brian Linton, Director**
Request for approval to pay the Placer.ai invoice in the amount of $24,150.00.

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

Public Comments
1. Grace Buckley – Avalon Park West
2. Jason Elkady – Special Needs Programs

Mayor Vincent noted that Proclamations Recognizing Career and Technical Education Month and National FFA Week were issued on behalf of the City of McDonough.

David Jernigan, President & CEO of the Shaquille O'Neal Boys and Girls Club made a Power Point Presentation about the recent success stories from the youth involved with the program. He also requested continued support from the City of McDonough. Discussion ensued. (A copy of the presentation is filed with the Clerk's Office).

Public Works Director, William VonDenBosch presented a request for approval to purchase one 88 H.P pump from Xylem Water Solutions for Garden Walk Pump Station, at the cost of $81,895.00, for the Wastewater Department. He identified the funding source as Line Item – 505-5.4335.52.2200. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Stewart made a motion to approve the request to purchase one 88 HP pump From Xylem Water Solutions for the Garden Walk Pump Station as presented; and Councilmember Reeves seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Director VonDenBosch then presented a request for approval to authorize Cornerstone Mechanical to make repairs to the gearbox on Clarifier 6, which is failing and leaking oil, at the cost of $89,076.00. He stated that the gearbox will need to be removed, rebuilt and reinstalled and he identified the funding source as Line Item: 505-5.4335.52.3850. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Pro Tem Varner made a motion to authorize Cornerstone Mechanical to make the repairs to the gearbox on Clarifier 6 as presented, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Director VonDenBosch presented a request for approval to purchase two (2) replacement zero-turn lawn mowers, at a cost of $9,358.59 each, for a total cost of 18,717.18, on behalf of the Highways and Streets Department. He identified the funding source as Line Item: 100-5.4210.54.2100 Machinery. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Stewart made a motion to approve the purchase of two zero-turn lawnmowers as presented, and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Director VonDenBosch presented a request for the approval of a Change Order for Street Scan to Complete the sidewalk asset management on all of the city's sidewalks, at a cost of $15,435.00. He identified the funding source as SPLOST V- Sidewalks 326 5.4210.54.1401. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Burt made a motion to approve the Change Order for Street Scan, as presented; and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Senior Planner, Bill Spivey reviewed case number 240501, the request to rezone 14.08 acres on Racetrack Road from RA-200 (Residential Agricultural) to RTD (Residential Townhome District). Mr. Den Webb was in attendance on behalf of the applicant, and he reviewed the plans for the proposed project of 84 town homes. Discussion ensued.

After the discussion it was determined that the vote would be deferred to a future meeting.

Councilmember Reeves made a motion to defer case number 240501, in anticipation of receiving further reports from engineers and the Georgia Department of Transportation, and until such time as the case can be reviewed by the Planning Commission for recommendation; 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.

Mr. Spivey reviewed case number 240903, the request to annex property at 705 Tomlinson Street and to rezone the property to R-75/R-86 (Single-Family Residential) - City. Mr. Andy Welch was in attendance on behalf of the applicant; and he reviewed the plans for the proposed development. After his presentation, Mr. Welch requested that the Public Hearing be held as advertised, although the vote may be postponed.

Mayor Vincent opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke in opposition; and no one spoke in favor. Mayor Vincent closed the Public Hearing.

Case number 240903 is scheduled to come back at the April 3, 2025, City Council Workshop for a vote.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to go into Executive Session for Litigation O.C.G.A. 50-14-2; Real Estate O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (b)(1); and Personnel O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (b)(2). Councilmember Burt made a motion to approve, and Councilmember Thomas seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to return to Regular Session. Councilmember Stewart motioned and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Pro Tem Varner made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the financial services agreement with Piper Sander, with the hourly fee not to exceed 25 hours per month; and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion for the approval of the March 6, 2025, City Council Workshop Minutes. Councilmember Stewart made a motion to approve, and Councilmember Payton seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Varner, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Payton, Councilmember Stewart, and Councilmember Thomas. Councilmember Reeves was not present for the vote.

Mayor Vincent adjourned the meeting at 8:27 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 November 20, 2024; and a copy the meeting schedule was posted at City Hall and on the City's website, as required by law.