

MINUTES
CITY OF MCDONOUGH
ORGANIZATIONAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL – JANUARY 3, 2019
6:00 PM

The Organizational Meeting of the City of McDonough City Council was held on Thursday, January 3, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Copeland welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Billy Copeland	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Kamali Varner	Present
Councilmember Craig Elrod	Present
Councilmember Benjamin Pruett	Present
Councilmember Roger Pruitt	Present
Councilmember Rufus Stewart	Present
Councilmember Sandra Vincent	Present

Others in attendance were: City Administrator, Mr. Keith Dickerson; City Clerk, Ms. Janis Price; Police Chief, Mr. Preston Dorsey; Fire Chief, Mr. Steve Morgan; Finance Director, Mr. Mike Clark; Public Works Director, Mr. Ronnie Thompson; Executive Assistant, Ms. Trisha Colpetzer; and Technology Services Specialist, Mr. Brian Linton.

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

Councilmember Elrod led the Pledge to the Flag; and Councilmember Vincent gave the Invocation.

Mayor Copeland opened nominations for 2019 Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Stewart nominated Councilmember Kamali Varner to serve as Mayor Pro Tem in 2019. There were no other nominations made.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to close the nominations. Councilmember Vincent motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was seven in favor. The nominations were closed.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to elect Councilmember Kamali Varner to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for 2019. Councilmember Stewart motioned and Councilmember Elrod seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Copeland thanked Ms. Varner for her service as Mayor Pro Tem in 2018, and he congratulated her for being elected to continue to serve in that capacity in 2019. Mayor Pro Tem Varner thanked her colleagues for their support in electing her to serve as Mayor Pro Tem in 2019.

7. Consent Agenda

- A. Ratify the payment of \$18,000.00 to C&C Lovejoy, LLC for an emergency repair to headwall, storm drain, apron and pipe on Highway 42 on Griffin Street at Shiloh Baptist Church. This expenditure will be paid from the Stormwater Budget.
- B. Ratify the application for funding signed by the Mayor and submitted on December 4, 2018, requesting a grant to support the McDonough Youth Advisory Council's activities for FY 2019 from the Georgia –Pacific Foundation in the amount of \$20,000.00. The City has no cost to match funds.
- C. Approval to award the bid for the new McDonough Police Precinct to J.R. Bowman Construction Company for \$722,597.01 which will be paid from Impact Fees; authorization to negotiate with J.R. Bowman Company the bid specifications/features downward so that the cost will not be the above cost as presented in the bid.
- D. Approval to seek bids from qualified companies/businesses to provide all materials, equipment, labor and services for a bandstand/pavilion at Avalon Park which will be funded by SPLOST IV funds.
- E. Adoption of a Resolution revising the schedule of residential and commercial sanitation fees effective January 1, 2019.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Items A through E. Councilmember Pruitt motioned and Councilmember Pruett seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the December 10, 2018, City Council Meeting minutes. Councilmember Elrod motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor with one abstention. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland, Mayor Pro Tem Varner, Councilmember Elrod, Councilmember Pruett, Councilmember Pruitt and Councilmember Stewart. Councilmember Vincent abstained from voting, as she was not present for the December 10, 2018, Meeting.

Mayor Copeland presented the Proclamation for Tony Pickett Day, and he called for a motion to make the Proclamation a part of the minutes of the meeting. Councilmember Pruitt motioned and Councilmember Elrod seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

There were no unscheduled public comments.

- 11. Executive Session (if needed) for: Litigation O.C.G.A. 50-14-2
Real Estate O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (b)(1)
Personnel O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (b)(2)**

No Executive Session was held.

City Administrator, Mr. Keith Dickerson commented on having attended two funerals for police officers in Henry County this year; and he shared his thoughts about the need to be prayerful for our safety personnel and vigilant as we move into the coming year.

City Clerk, Ms. Janis Price noted that Mayor and Council have now received the audit for the year ending June 30, 2018. She said that the Auditor, Mr. Jimmy Whitaker will be in attendance at the January 22, 2019, Council Meeting to review the audit and answer any questions. She also commented about the upcoming Henry County Chamber dinner on Saturday, February 9, 2019, at Eagle's Landing Country Club; and she asked if anyone would like tickets to please let her know.

Ms. Price also discussed the retreat which is scheduled for Friday, January 11, at the Comfort Suites in McDonough, at 10:00 a.m. Lastly, she asked for the governing body to review the contact sheet for 2019, make any necessary corrections and return it to her.

Councilmember Vincent wished everyone a Happy New Year. She took the opportunity to praise Baz Brothers Productions for their efforts in providing over 700 toys to children who may otherwise have gone without Christmas presents.

Councilmember Elrod echoed the sentiments of the City Administrator and discussed the tremendous loss that the community has suffered with the death of two police officers in 2018. He thanked Chief Morgan and Chief Dorsey for their departments and their efforts throughout the year and on New Year's Eve with the 2018 Geranium Drop event. Lastly, he shared his excitement about bringing in another police precinct to the City, and he thanked his colleagues for their efforts in making that happen.

Councilmember Pruett thanked Chief Dorsey and Chief Morgan for their continued efforts to keep the City safe, and he said that the services they provide are beyond anything that could be repaid.

Councilmember Stewart shared his excitement for a new year in the City of McDonough. He echoed the sentiments of loss that were shared by his colleagues over tragedies that have occurred, and he said we need to pray over our homes, our City and this world.

Mayor Pro Tem Varner shared her gratitude for her colleagues and everyone in the City, and she wished everyone a Happy New Year. She said she looks forward to 2019, and continuing the work that makes McDonough the best place to work, live and play.

Councilmember Pruitt echoed the sentiments of his fellow councilmembers.

Mayor Copeland noted the City will begin 2019, with seven ribbon cuttings for new business openings in January. He said that after having an opportunity to look over the audit, everything looks good and he's looking forward to Mr. Whitaker's review at the next meeting. Lastly, he commented on the success of the Geranium Drop on New Year's Eve.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 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 schedule was published in the *Henry Herald* on December 26, 2018; and a copy the meeting schedule was posted at City Hall and on the City's website, as required by law.