

MINUTES
CITY OF MCDONOUGH
ORGANIZATIONAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL – JANUARY 2, 2020
6:00 PM

The Organizational Meeting of the City of McDonough City Council was held on Thursday, January 2, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Copeland 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 for the meeting were: City Clerk, Ms. Janis Price; City Attorney, Mr. Jim Elliott; Police Chief, Mr. Preston Dorsey; Fire Chief, Mr. Steve Morgan; and Help Desk Technician, Mr. Aerrigo Evans.

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

Councilmember Pruett led the Pledge to the Flag.

Councilmember Vincent gave the Invocation.

Mayor Copeland welcomed Senior State Court Judge, The Honorable James T. Chafin III, who administered the oath of office to Councilmember At Large Benjamin Pruett; Councilmember District III, Craig Elrod; and Councilmember District IV, Kamali Varner.

Councilmember Pruett said that he is honored to serve a second term, and he shared his appreciation for those who have supported and trusted him to represent the City of McDonough.

Councilmember Elrod thanked the citizens of McDonough, his colleagues and his family for their support in his recent campaign and re-election.

Mayor Pro Tem Varner thanked her family and her constituents for their continued support throughout her campaign and re-election; and she said the best is yet to come for the City of McDonough.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to nominate Councilmember Elrod to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for 2020. Councilmember Pruitt motioned and Councilmember Pruett seconded.

After the motion and second to nominate Councilmember Elrod, Mayor Copeland said he would also consider other nominations.

Councilmember Vincent motioned to nominate Councilmember Benjamin Pruett to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for 2020. There was no second so the motion died.

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

Mayor Copeland called for a motion for Councilmember Elrod to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Stewart motioned and Councilmember Pruitt seconded. The vote was seven in favor. Councilmember Craig Elrod will serve as Mayor Pro Tem for 2020.

9. Consent Agenda

- A. Authorization to purchase twenty-five (25) X26P Tasers, battery packs and data port kit for the McDonough Police Department at a cost of \$28,725.00 which will be paid from the General Fund.
- B. Ratify the Administrative Variance granted by Administrative Review process and application for Case #191007, for property recognized as Tax Parcel #123-01025000, bordered by Lake Dow Road- 10% reduction in front yard setbacks and lot size for lots 26, 27, 32-40, 44, 50, 51, 57-70; approved by the City Administrator.
- C. Authorization for Goforth Williamson, Inc. to disassemble and repair the raw water pump at the Water Treatment Plant at a cost of \$22,510.00 to be funded from the Water Treatment Plant budget.
- D. Approval of a contract between The City of McDonough and Keith Dickerson for consulting services after he leaves the employment of the City, payment at a rate of \$50.00 hourly plus the IRS mileage rate for travel; authorization for Mayor to sign the contract.
- E. Approval of a contract between the City of McDonough and Digital Map Products for the GIS mapping system at an annual cost of not to exceed \$15,500.00 which will be paid from the General Fund; authorization for the Mayor to sign contract.
- F. Approval of appointments to Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals and Historic Preservation Commission:

	<u>PC</u>	<u>BOZA</u>	<u>HPC</u>
Mayor Copeland	Terri O'Quinn	Reid Burch	

CM Pruitt
CM Pruett

Scott Reeves
Matt Cardoza

Kaye Shipley
Troy Hitt

Jordan Van Matre

- G. Approval to purchase one 2020 Chevy Tahoe for the Fire Department from Bellamy Strickland Chevrolet at a cost of \$36,725.00 which will be paid from Impact Fees.
- H. Approval of the minutes from the December 9, 2019, City Council Meeting.
- I. Approval of an amendment to the current Sanitation contract to add to Exhibit D two additional pick-up collections services, free of charge, adding City Waste Water Treatment Plant and 518 Iris Lake Road-Rose Cemetery.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, with the deletion of Item H from the Consent Agenda, to be moved to Item 10A. Councilmember Stewart motioned and Councilmember Pruitt seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Copeland briefly discussed the contract with Mr. Keith Dickerson for consulting services for the City. He said that moving forward, all questions or concerns should be relayed to the City Clerk Ms. Janis Price, who will forward any information to Mr. Dickerson that needs to be addressed. He also said that Mr. Dickerson may be in attendance for the January 21, 2020, Council Meeting to discuss wind and solar power, along with Ms. Euretha L. Olokodana who will make a presentation to Mayor and Council.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the Special-Called December 16, 2019 City Council Meeting. Councilmember Stewart motioned and Councilmember Elrod seconded. The vote was four in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland, Councilmember Elrod, Councilmember Pruitt and Councilmember Stewart. Mayor Pro Tem Varner, Councilmember Pruett and Councilmember Vincent did not vote, as they were not present for the December 16, 2019, Special-Called Meeting.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the December 9, 2019, City Council Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Pruitt motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland, Mayor Pro Tem Varner, Councilmember Elrod, Councilmember Pruitt, Councilmember Stewart, and Councilmember Vincent. Councilmember Pruett did not vote because he was not present for the December 9, 2019 City Council Meeting.

No Executive Session was held.

Ms. Price said that there were actually two first-place winners for the Christmas Parade this year. She said that Tabernacle of Praise Church tied the score with the Paw Pad for first place; so Pastor McBride was invited to City Hall to receive a \$100 check and take a picture with the Mayor in recognition of their float entry. Ms. Price also noted that the tentative date for the Henry Municipal Association (HMA) Dinner to be hosted by the City of Hampton is January 30, 2020.

Councilmember Vincent wished everyone a Happy New Year. She said that she prays that the goal for the City exceeds 2020 with vision and clarity beyond what is the norm.

Councilmember Elrod thanked everyone who was in attendance for the meeting, and he also wished everyone a Happy New Year. He also took the opportunity to thank all of the City Departments who were involved with ensuring the safety and success of the 2019 Geranium Drop celebration on New Year's Eve. And he offered his congratulations to his colleagues who were re-elected in November.

Councilmember Stewart also offered his congratulations to all of the returning councilmembers, and he thanked them for their continued hard work in the City of McDonough.

Councilmember Varner thanked everyone who was in attendance for the meeting, and she wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Pruitt thanked the visitors who were in attendance at the meeting, and he also offered his congratulations to the newly re-elected Members of Council.

Mayor Copeland said that the City is in its second economic boom since its establishment 196 years ago, and he thanked Council for their continued hard work for the future growth of the City of McDonough. Mayor wished everyone a successful 2020.

Before the meeting was adjourned, a photograph was taken of Mayor and Council to commemorate the beginning of 2020, a new decade.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 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 January 1, 2020; and a copy the meeting schedule was posted at City Hall and on the City's website, as required by law.