



**MINUTES
CITY OF MCDONOUGH
ORGANIZATIONAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL – JANUARY 3, 2022
6:00 PM**

The Organizational Meeting of the City of McDonough City Council was held on Monday, January 3, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Vincent verified with the City Clerk that the meeting was properly advertised to the public; and Ms. Taylor confirmed that the meeting was properly advertised.

Interim City Clerk Ms. Christy Taylor called roll for the meeting as follows:

Mayor Sandra Vincent	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin Pruett	Present
Councilmember Jamal Burt	Absent (due to illness)
Councilmember Scott Reeves	Present
Councilmember Rufus Stewart	Present
Councilmember Vanessa Thomas	Present
Councilmember Kamali Varner	Present

Others in attendance were: Interim City Clerk, Ms. Christy Taylor; Police Chief, Mr. Ken Noble; Deputy Fire Chief, Mr. Dave Williams; Finance Director, Mr. Mike Clark; Network Administrator, Mr. Brian Linton; Help Desk Technician, Mr. Rob Monnelus; Executive Assistant, Ms. Joani Clemons; and Executive Assistant, Mr. Jimmy Cochran.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve the Agenda. Councilmember Varner motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor. Councilmember Burt was not present for the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Pruett led the Pledge to the Flag; and the Reverend Doctor Bert Neal, Pastor of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church gave the Invocation.

Henry County Probate Judge Kelley Powell administered the Oath of Office collectively to Mayor Sandra Vincent, Councilmember At Large Vanessa Thomas, Councilmember Rufus Stewart and Councilmember Scott Reeves. The Oaths will be filed with the Henry County Probate Court by Judge Powell; and a copy of those filings will be provided to the City Clerk's Office.

Mayor Vincent called for nominations for the election of Mayor Pro Tem for 2022. Councilmember B. Pruett stated for the record that he is currently serving a partial term after Councilmember Elrod's resignation, and he would like to continue to serve as Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Varner nominated Councilmember Pruett to continue serving as Mayor Pro Tem for 2022.

Mayor Vincent nominated Councilmember Stewart to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for 2022.

Mayor Vincent called for a vote by the show of hands on the nominations. There were two votes for Councilmember Pruett, and there were three votes for Councilmember Stewart. Those voting for Councilmember Benjamin Pruett to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for 2022 were Councilmember Varner and Councilmember Reeves. Those voting for Councilmember Rufus Stewart to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for 2022 were Mayor Vincent, Councilmember Thomas and Councilmember Pruett. Councilmember Stewart did not vote.

Councilmember Stewart was elected by a majority vote to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for 2022.

Appointments to the Planning Commission (PC) and Board of Zoning Appeals (BOZA) were made on the record, as follows:

- Councilmember Varner gave her appointment of Stanley Head to PC, and Sylvia Holmes to the BOZA.
- Councilmember Thomas appointed LaTara Tankersley-Jones to PC, and she reappointed Kaye Shipley to BOZA.
- Mayor Pro Tem Stewart appointed Calvin McClendon to PC, and he appointed Brenda Goodson to BOZA.
- Councilmember Reeves appointed Taira Castora to PC, and he appointed Charles Piersaul to BOZA.
- Mayor Vincent appointed Ricky Beauchamp to PC, and she appointed Reid Burch to BOZA.
- Councilmember Pruett stated that he will provide his appointments at the next meeting.

There were no unscheduled public comments.

Councilmember Reeves briefly discussed the recent retirements of the City Administrator, Mr. Preston Dorsey, as well as the Public Works Director, Mr. Ronnie Thompson. He requested that further discussions related to personnel take place in an Executive Session.

**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)**

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel, O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (b)(2). Councilmember Varner motioned and Mayor Pro Tem Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor. Councilmember Burt was not present for the meeting.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to go back into Regular Session. Councilmember Varner motioned and Councilmember Pruett seconded. The vote was six in favor. Councilmember Burt was not present.

There were no Action Items to report.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve the December 13, 2021, City Council Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Varner motioned and Mayor Pro Tem Stewart seconded. The vote was five in favor. Councilmember Thomas abstained from voting since the meeting was prior to her being sworn in; and Councilmember Burt was not present.

14. Councilmembers and Mayor Comments

Mayor Vincent adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Christy L. Taylor,
Interim 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 29, 2021; and a copy the meeting schedule was posted at City Hall and on the City's website, as required by law.

Oath of Office

"I _____ do solemnly swear that
I will well and truly perform the duties of (Mayor or Councilmember)
of this City and that I will support and defend the Charter thereof as well
as the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia and
of the United States of America."