

MINUTES  
CITY OF MCDONOUGH  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL – 136 KEYS FERRY STREET  
MARCH 16, 2015  
6:00 PM

The Regular Meeting of the City of McDonough City Council was held on Monday, March 16, 2015, at 6:00 PM with the following members present:

Mayor:	Billy Copeland
Mayor Pro Tem:	Gail Notti
Councilmembers:	Craig Elrod Rufus Stewart

(Councilmembers Roger Pruitt, Kam Varner and Sandra Vincent were unable to attend this meeting.)

Others in attendance were: City Administrator, Mr. Keith Dickerson; City Attorney, Ms. Leigh Hancher; City Clerk, Ms. Janis Price; Community Development Director, Mr. Rodney Heard; Finance Director, Mr. Mike Clark; Business Development Director, Mr. Bob Trescott; Police Chief, Mr. Preston Dorsey; and Fire Chief, Mr. Steve Morgan.

Mayor Copeland called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Mayor Pro Tem Notti led the Pledge to the Flag and Councilmember Stewart gave the Invocation.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the Agenda with one amendment -to add Item #7A – “Adopt a revised contract for the City Administrator effective December 31, 2014.” Councilmember Stewart motioned to approve with the above amendment and Councilmember Elrod seconded. The vote was four in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland, Mayor Pro Tem Notti and Councilmembers Elrod and Stewart. (Councilmembers Pruitt, Varner and Vincent were not present).

Mayor Copeland recognized Mr. Dwight Helton of Action Ministries for a presentation on their program, “Smart Lunch, Smart Kid,” to help feed children during the summer months when they are out of school. They need assistance in promotion of the program and letting local churches and organizations know how they can partner with Action Ministries. They have identified nine areas to target, such as; Stewart Park, Craig Park, Sable Chase and other apartment complexes. Mayor Pro Tem Notti commented that this is an excellent expansion from the Summer Youth Camp in that more children in need can be reached during the summer months. Mayor Copeland and Council thanked Mr. Helton for his work in the community.

Mayor Copeland recognized Mr. Rob Dunn of New South Construction for an update presentation on the Municipal Court Building project (see attached). Mr. Dunn recognized Mr. Jeff Loman of Piper, O'Brien & Herr Architects to explain the pictures being shown. This will be an estimated 12-month project, including the site work, and they are hoping to break ground in July 2015.

Mayor Pro Tem Notti would like for Council to see all the materials for the interior of the Courthouse.

City Administrator, Mr. Keith Dickerson, commented that the Tidwell House may be put up for auction and moved. This will be a discussion item for the May 7, 2015 Workshop. He will meet with Mr. Dunn and others involved with this project to work out specific details. It is expected that all parties involved with the Court Building Project will be in attendance at the May 18, 2015 Council meeting so that all issues can be resolved and the project will move forward. Mayor Pro Tem recommended that the Community Development Director, Mr. Rodney Heard, be added to this project committee.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the March 5, 2015 Workshop Minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Notti motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was four in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland, Mayor Pro Tem Notti and Councilmembers Elrod and Stewart. (Councilmembers Pruitt, Varner and Vincent were not present).

Mayor Copeland asked for approval to adopt a revised contract for the City Administrator effective December 31, 2014 due to some typographical errors. Councilmember Elrod motioned for approval and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was four in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland, Mayor Pro Tem Notti and Councilmembers Elrod and Stewart. (Councilmembers Pruitt, Varner and Vincent were not present).

#### Unscheduled Public Comments:

- Mr. Tim Pugh  
Mr. Pugh had concerns about the Polk Building and the Charlot mural inside. Mayor and Council assured him that discussions were underway with Henry County concerning the acquisition of the building and that the painting is protected since it is painted directly on the wall. It is owned by the Federal Government, Department of the Interior.  
Mr. Pugh also commented that he lives in Cameron Manor and would like some action taken to add sidewalks for better access to town. Mayor Copeland replied that it was the jurisdiction of the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to add the sidewalks and he would forward Mr. Pugh's request.
- Ms. Annette O'Banion  
Ms. O'Banion commented that she continues to be concerned about the transparency of the City to the Public when it comes to Projects and Cost Management.

Mayor Copeland called on the City Finance Director, Mr. Mike Clark for any comments. Mr. Clark commented that he looks forward to working on examining funding alternatives for City projects.

Mayor Copeland advised that there was no need for Executive Session.

Councilmember Elrod asked that we all keep Season's Bistro's owners in our thoughts as they rebuild from the recent fire. He is also pleased with Mr. Andy Davis' plans for the Hood Street Gallery and Art Center.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 PM.

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 was published in the Henry Daily Herald on December 31, 2014; and a copy of the meeting schedule is posted at City Hall and on the City's website, as required by law.