

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONTEZUMA
CITY COUNCIL**

July 8, 2003

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Willie J. Larry called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Council Member Jackson.

PRESENT: Mayor Willie J. Larry; Council Members; Cordel Jackson, Charles Glover, Bobby Hildreth, Roy Barker, and Marvin Edwards; City Clerk, Joyce Hardy; PW Chief, Ben Coogle; Fire Chief, David Trussell; Police Chief, Eric Finch; W & S Chief, Ben Rhoden; Librarian, Lucy Warnock and City Attorney, Jon Coogle.

ABSENT: Carl Adams was absent due to illness.

MOTION #1 **TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 10, 2003 AS RECEIVED BY ALL MEMBERS.**

MOTION BY: Mr. Jackson
SECOND BY: Mr. Glover
VOTE: Unanimous in Favor Of

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

MOTION #2: **TO APPOINT TOM MCKENZIE TO MACON COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM BOARD TO REPLACE JACK MAY WHO RESIGNED..**

MOTION BY: Mr. Edwards
SECOND BY: Mr. Barker
VOTE: Unanimous in Favor Of

**WATER & SEWER UTILITIES COMMITTEE - COUNCIL
MEMBER ADAMS**

In the absence of Mr. Adams, W/WW Chief, Ben Rhoden gave the following report: 1) Request approval for emergency repairs to primary clarifier at SP#1. 2) Survey of citizens living on the North side of Riverview Subdivision regarding need for city sewer service yielded the following results: Of 21 homes surveyed, only 2 were interested in city sewer service.

**FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE - COUNCIL
MEMBER JACKSON**

Fire Chief Trussell reported that he had completed a review of the Cedar Pointe Subdivision and found although flow is adequate to the operable fire hydrants, one fire hydrant cannot be shut off and two additional fire hydrants need to be installed for adequate protection. Chief Trussell recommended that Council postpone vote on accepting Cedar Pointe Subdivision until Flint Area Consolidated Housing Authority makes the necessary repair & installs two additional hydrants & places blue hydrant markers on the Subdivision streets to indicate location of hydrants.

**STREETS, SANITATION CEMETERY & PARKS COMMITTEE -
COUNCIL MEMBER GLOVER**

PW Chief Benny Coogle gave the following report: 1) Update on Commercial Garbage collection was given. Approximately 50% of former commercial customers have signed up for city service at this time. 2) Phase 13 of SOST paving project bid opening was held on June 17 & Reeves Construction Co. was low bidder. 3) At the request of Mr. Jackson, PW Chief will meet with Police Chief to change barricade at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery to make it more accessible during funerals.

**FINANCE, PERSONNEL & BUDGET COMMITTEE - COUNCIL
MEMBER HILDRETH**

City Clerk, Joyce Hardy gave the following report: 1) Ad Valorem Tax collection report was given. 2) Announce Budget Work Session to be held on Thursday, July 10th at 6:00 PM at which time Department Heads will present their budget request to Council. No official action will be taken at the work session.

MOTION #3: TO ABOLISH ONE POLICE OFFICER & ONE POLICE SERGEANT POSITION IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

MOTION BY: Mr. Glover
SECOND BY: Mr. Hildreth
VOTE: Unanimous in Favor Of

MOTION #4: TO CREATE NEW LIEUTENANT - TRAINING DIVISION POSITION IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT & APPROVE POSITION DESCRIPTION. A copy of this position description is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #1.

MOTION BY: Mr. Hildreth
SECOND BY: Mr. Barker
VOTE: All in Favor Of with exception of Mr. Edwards who ABSTAINED

MOTION #5: TO PROMOTE CEDRIC DUNCAN TO NEWLY CREATED LIEUTENANT POSITION IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AT A STARTING SALARY OF \$13.06 HR WITH PAY INCREASE RETROACTIVE TO JUNE 10, 2003, THE DATE ON WHICH MR. DUNCAN STARTED PERFORMING THE DUTIES OF THIS POSITION.

MOTION BY: Mr. Barker
SECOND BY: Mr. Glover
VOTE: Motion Passed with all voting YES except Mr. Edwards who voted "NO"

**PUBLIC PROPERTIES COMMITTEE - COUNCIL MEMBER
BARKER**

Librarian Lucy Warnock gave an update of activities at the Library stating that the Vacation Reading Club was a great success & the hit of the Summer was the recent demonstration of the fire truck by Chief Trussell when the children were allowed to play in the water.

POLICE COMMITTEE - COUNCIL MEMBER EDWARDS

Chief Finch gave the following report on activities of the Police Department: 1) Crime trend during the summer indicates more juvenile offenses. 2) Code Enforcement Team will contact owners of dilapidated properties to inquire if they are willing to donate their property to Habitat for Humanity. 3) Chief requested that Council consider purchase of new software for Police Department. 4) Citizen Police Academy will begin on August 7 with 20 slots available. 5) Mr. Glover asked Chief Finch if a property owner has to make a request before loitering law can be enforced. Chief Finch stated that any business owner who wants Police Department to address loitering problem must first give authorization to the Police Department before problem will be addressed.

MOTION #6: TO POSTPONE VOTE ON ACCEPTANCE OF CEDAR POINTE SUBDIVISION FROM THE HOUSING AUTHORITY UNTIL ONE FIRE HYDRANT IS REPAIRED, TWO NEW HYDRANTS ARE INSTALLED & BLUE STREET REFLECTORS ARE INSTALLED.
Fire Chief Trussell is to send a letter to Housing Authority Director, notifying that City will consider acceptance after hydrant deficiencies are made.

MOTION BY: Mr. Barker
SECOND BY: Mr. Edwards
VOTE: Unanimous in Favor Of

MOTION #7: TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #388 ACCEPTING THE TERMS OF CONTRACT FOR A STATE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,880.00 FROM THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR LARRY TO EXECUTE SAID CONTRACT. *A copy of Resolution #388 and DNR Contract is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #2 & #3.*

MOTION BY: Mr. Jackson
SECOND BY: Mr. Glover
VOTE: Unanimous in Favor Of

MOTION #8: TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO CONVEYOR & DRIVES, INC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,120.32 FOR PARTS FOR THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF PRIMARY CLARIFIER AT SP#1.

MOTION BY: Mr. Edwards
SECOND BY: Mr. Jackson
VOTE: Unanimous in Favor Of

MOTION #9: TO POSTPONE VOTE ON AWARDING PHASE 13 SPECIAL OPTION SALES TAX PAVING PROJECT UNTIL SUCH TIME AS REEVES CONSTRUCTION COMPLETES THE PUNCH LIST ON PHASE 12. *Reeves Construction Co. is low bidder for Phase 13 project.*

MOTION BY: Mr. Barker
SECOND BY: Mr. Edwards
VOTE: Unanimous in Favor Of

MOTION #10: TO AUTHORIZE MWD, INC TO REFURBISH GARBAGE TURCK #100 AT A COST OF \$7,032.19 AND PAINT GARBAGE TRUCK #100 AT A COST OF \$4,000. *These are budgeted expenses in the Solid Waste Fund Budget.*

MOTION BY: Mr. Edwards
SECOND BY: Mr. Glover
VOTE: Unanimous in Favor Of

MOTION #11: TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #389 TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR FY2003. *A copy of Resolution #389 is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #4*

MOTION BY: Mr. Edwards
SECOND BY: Mr. Barker
VOTE: Unanimous in Favor Of

MOTION #12: TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF COMPUTER SOFTWARE FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM LOW BIDDER, MDS AT A COST OF \$13,438. *This is a budgeted expense in the General Fund budget.*

MOTION BY: Mr. Edwards
SECOND BY: Mr. Jackson
VOTE: Unanimous in Favor Of

MOTION #13: TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION..

MOTION BY: Mr. Barker
SECOND BY: Mr. Edwards
VOTE: Unanimous in Favor Of

MOTION #14: TO ENTER INTO OPTION TO PURCHASE 10.64. ACRES OF LAND, FROM KELLY AND SALLIE WALLACE, LOCATED ADJACENT TO SP#1, AT A COST OF \$7,000 PER ACRE. EARNEST MONEY TO BE PAID WILL BE \$5,000. *A copy of this option is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #5.*

MOTION BY: Mr. Jackson
SECOND BY: Mr. Barker
VOTE: Unanimous in Favor Of

MOTION #15: TO CONTRACT WITH NEW SOUTH ASSOCIATES AT A COST OF \$4,150.32 TO PERFORM PHASE I ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF THE 10. ACRES OF THE PROPOSED SP#1 EXPANSION SITE. *A copy of this contract is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #6*

MOTION BY: Mr. Glover
SECOND BY: Mr. Edwards
VOTE: Unanimous in Favor Of

MOTION #16: TO AUTHORIZE CITY CLERK TO ISSUE A "REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS" TO ENGINEERS INTERESTED IN DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT OF SP#1 IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

MOTION BY: Mr. Barker
SECOND BY: Mr. Jackson
VOTE: Unanimous in Favor Of

ADJOURN: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Willie J. Larry – Mayor

Joyce H. Hardy – City Clerk