

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONTEZUMA CITY COUNCIL

April 14, 2026

Montezuma City Hall

408 S. Dooly St.

Montezuma, GA 31063

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Nealie L. Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

INVOCATION: Attendees stood as Councilman Charlie Carr led in prayer then said the "Pledge of Allegiance" in unison.

PRESENT: Mayor Nealie Johnson; Council Members: Howard Brown, Marvis Brown, Charlie Carr, Daniel Porter and Marie Took; City Attorney Jon Coogle; City Manager, Mel Fulghom; City Administrator/Clerk, Jennifer McCarthy; Police Chief Eric Finch; Police Captain Chris Hill; Fire Chief Louis Esh; Public Works/W&S Line Maintenance Chief Lonnie Shaw; W/WW Plants Chief Terry Cross; Special Projects Coordinator Angie Peaster; Librarian John Fox

PHONED IN: Mayor Pro Tempore Charles Ivey (from 6:00 pm to 8:20 pm – entire session)

ABSENT: N/A

Citizens Comments

1. Mrs. Sherry Rogers commented on the status of a hospital or emergency care. Special Projects Coord. Angie Peaster mentioned the process of the comprehensive plan that is in process and that the County and Cities equally view it as a need.
2. Mr. Jeffery Rogers commented on the status of dilapidated privately owned structures. Police Chief Eric Finch talked to the council about HB 295 currently on the Governor's desk

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION # 1: To accept the phone poll:

To ratify phone poll of March 31, 2026. To adopt Resolution #746, to amend the General Fund, ARPA, Library, Endowment Fund, Hotel/Motel Tax Fund, and TSPLOST for FYE2025 purchase and transfers. This is the final budget amendment prior to the audit report being issued.

Motion By: Mr. Brown

Second By: Mr. Ivey

Vote: Yes and approved by majority

Yes: Mr. H. Brown, Mr. Ivey, Mr. Porter (Mayor voted "yes" as well, for reference)

Abstain: Ms. M. Brown, Mr. Carr, Ms. Took

MOTION # 2: To accept remaining items collectively:

To approve minutes of council meeting of March 11, 2026, as received by all members.

To Approve Promissory Note and Loan Agreement-Loan Project #DWDRA2023039 and adopt Resolution #747, To borrow up to \$3,300,000 from for the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund, administered by Georgia Environmental Finance Authority for a new Water Tower to be located on Walnut Street.

To award the contract for T-Hanger Construction at Dr. CP Savage to Pro Construction in the low bidder amount of \$980,452.00. The funding source will be TIA. The City match will be \$0.

To Accept State Funds 2026 of \$577,079.03 for Runway Rehabilitation Construction. \$432809.27 in State funding, and \$144,269.76 local match to be funded from TSPLOST.

To Approve Construction Contract for Runway Rehabilitation at Dr. CP Savage Airport to award the contract for Runway Rehabilitation Construction to Reeves Construction in the low bidder amount not to exceed \$1,675,955.00

MOTION BY: Mr. Porter

SECOND BY: Mr. Brown

Vote: Yes, and approved by majority

Yes: Mr. H. Brown, Mr. Ivey, Mr. Porter (Mayor voted "yes" as well, for reference)

Abstain: Ms. M. Brown, Mr. Carr, Ms. Tooks

ADJOURN: With no further business, the meeting adjourned.



Handwritten signature of Nealie L. Johnson in black ink.

Nealie L. Johnson – Mayor

Handwritten signature of Jennifer McCarthy in black ink.

Jennifer McCarthy – City Administrator/Clerk