

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE MONTEZUMA CITY COUNCIL

October 1, 2026

**Montezuma City Hall
408 S. Dooly St.
Montezuma, GA 31063**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Charles Ivey called the meeting to order at 4:20 PM.

INVOCATION: Mayor Charles Ivey led in prayer.

PRESENT: Mayor Charles Ivey; Council Members: Mayor Pro Tempore Marie Took; Howard Brown, Marvis Brown, and Daniel Porter; City Attorney Jon Coogle; City Administrator/Clerk, Jennifer McCarthy; Police Chief Eric Finch; Economic Development/Tourism Coordinator Angie Peaster

ABSENT: Councilman Charlie Carr

AGENDA

MOTION # 1:

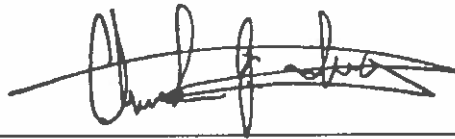
To approve the tentative millage rate for 2026 Ad Valorem Taxes at the rate of 12.5 mils.

MOTION BY: Councilman Daniel Porter

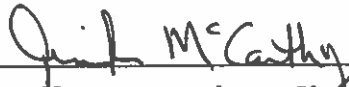
SECOND BY: Councilwoman Marvis Brown

Vote: Unanimous, in favor of

ADJOURN: With no further business, the meeting adjourned.



Charles J. Ivey – Mayor



Jennifer McCarthy – City Administrator/Clerk



The Mayor and City Council of the City of Montezuma does hereby announce that the 2026 Ad Valorem Tax Rate will be established at the meeting of City Council on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the council chambers at City Hall and pursuant to the requirements of OCGA 45-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

2026 TAX DIGEST AND 5-YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

CITY OF MONTEZUMA	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Real Property	36,187,934	46,884,754	60,135,780	60,050,672	59,163,441	68,022,944
Personal Property	7,624,819	8,296,646	8,369,122	10,158,289	10,222,518	11,469,854
Motor Vehicles	821,860	790,230	706,170	661,470	576,640	540,960
Mobile Homes	304,210	402,003	376,844	400,971	399,928	491,449
Timber - 100%						
Heavy Duty Equipment						
GROSS DIGEST	44,938,823	56,373,633	69,587,916	71,271,402	70,362,527	80,525,207
Exemptions:						
S5 Disabled Veteran	489,323	774,474	997,856	976,964	1,153,925	1,587,366
SF Freeport	2,522,507	2,318,707	1,868,557	2,698,255	3,010,333	2,267,048
SP Personal Property			73,027	79,120	186,900	188,873
SH Historic						0
SV Conservation Use	53,297	96,053	93,938	91,740	89,488	297,599
SJ Forest Land Protection Act		67,336	65,226	63,100	60,892	222,840
Less M & O Exemptions	3,065,127	3,256,570	3,098,604	3,909,179	4,501,538	4,563,726
NET M & O DIGEST	41,873,696	53,117,063	66,489,312	67,362,223	65,860,989	75,961,481
Gross M & O Millage	22.37	21.17	20.05	20.00	19.53	17.97
Less Rollbacks	9.37	8.17	7.05	7.00	6.53	5.47
NET M & O MILLAGE	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.50
NET TAXES LEVIED	\$544,358	\$ 690,522	\$ 864,361	\$875,709	\$856,193	\$949,519

Net Taxes \$

Increase (Decrease) \$ (20,714) \$ 146,164 \$ 173,839 \$ 11,348 \$ (19,516) \$93,326

Net Taxes %

Increase (-Decrease) -3.67% 22.36% 25.17% 1.31% -1.98% 10.90%

10/2/2026+