

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

March 11, 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 Edwards

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

MOTION #1 TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2003 AS RECEIVED BY ALL MEMBERS.

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

MOTION #2: TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING ELECTION OFFICIALS FOR THE UPCOMING NOVEMBER 4, 2003 MUNICIPAL ELECTION:

Poll Manager	Jimmy Thornton
Election Supt	Sylvia Walters
Absentee Ballot Clerk	Joyce Hardy

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

MOTION #3: **TO AUTHORIZE CHIEF TRUSSELL TO APPLY TO FEMA/US FIRE ADM FOR GRANT TO PURCHASE A FIRE COMMAND VEHICLE. Cost for vehicle is \$35,000. Grant, if approved, would pay 90% & City would pay 10%.**

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

MOTION #4: **TO ALLOW FIRE CHIEF TO USE VACANT CITY-OWNED BUILDING ON AIRPORT ROAD IN A FIRE TRAINING EXERCISE. This is the building city purchased from R. Dean Fowler. Chief Trussell will use the building in several fire suppression training exercises and will demolish & clean up debris when training is complete.**

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

MOTION #5: **TO APPOINT POLICE INVESTIGATOR CEDRIC DUNCAN AS ACTING CAPTAIN WITH A SALARY INCREASE FROM \$11.26 HR TO \$13.06 HR EFFECTIVE MARCH 13, 2003 UNTIL SUCH TIME AS CAPTAIN GROVER BARFIELD RETURNS TO FULL DUTY FROM A WORK RELATED INJURY.**

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

MOTION #6: TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO OWEN PAINT & BODY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,788.92 FOR DAMAGE REPAIR TO POLICE CAR #06 FROM ACCIDENT OF FEBRUARY 9, 2003. *Insurance will reimburse city \$788.92.*

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

MOTION #7: TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO TAYLOR REFRIGERATION FOR THE FOLLOWING EMERGENCY REPAIRS:

Inv.#8156-repairs to PS#4SP#2	\$2,552.47
Inv #8069-Replace Pump Volute at PS#2	\$1,105.91
Inv.#8145-Replace Gear Box at SP#1	\$3,033.21
Inv.#8146-Replace 1 HP Motor at SP#1	\$1,262.35

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

MOTION #8: TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #384 PROCLAIMING WEEK OF APRIL 6- APRIL 12, 2003 AS "CRIME VICTIMS WEEK" IN MONTEZUMA. *A copy of Resolution #384 is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #1*

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

MOTION #9: TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR LARRY TO EXECUTE FAA APPENDIX 26 FORM AUTHORIZING THE GA DOT TO ACCEPT \$150,000 IN FEDERAL AIRPORT FUNDING ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF MONTEZUMA. *These funds will remain at the State level until such time as Montezuma submits & DOT approves a viable airport project.*

MOTION BY: Mr. Barker
SECOND BY: Mr. Edwards
VOTE: Passed with all "In Favor" except Mr. Jackson who voted "NO".

MOTION #10: TO APPROVE TWO LEASES OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY. *The leases are for land use only on Railroad St to Zoo Atlanta and Mark & Linda Carden. A copy of each lease is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #2.*

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

MOTION #11: TO GRANT POLICE CHIEF FINCH APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE AND FILL UP TO THREE (3) FULLTIME POLICE OFFICER POSITIONS.

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

MOTION #12: **TO AUTHORIZE PW CHIEF BEN COOGLE TO MAKE OFFER TO MACON COUNTY FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) USED FRONT LOADING GARBAGE TRUCKS.** If offer is accepted by the County, Mr. Coogle will bring back to Council for a vote on this purchase.

MOTION BY: Mr. Glover
SECOND BY: Mr. Adams
VOTE: Passed with all "In Favor" except Mr. Edwards who voted "NO".

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Larry reported on the following issues: 1) Request has been submitted to DOT for another engineering study of the traffic signal at the intersection of Spaulding Rd & Walnut Sts. 2) Mayor appointed Mayor Gerald Beckum of Oglethorpe to the Airport Committee to replace B. A. Beary. 3) Mayor & Building Inspector will meet on Thursday with HUD representatives to discuss and inspect Housing Authority properties that need to be condemned. 4) Mayor has applied to Middle Flint for funding to renovate the city-owned A. M. Fields building. 5) Mayor has submitted request for \$14,000 state funding to replace the drive-in window at City Hall. 6) Macon County Forestry Unit will be present at the May Council meeting to discuss City becoming a "Tree City USA" and eligible for grant funding. 7) COMCAST cable company has experienced billing errors since December and citizens were urged to call COMCAST direct to have erroneous charges removed from their bills. 8) Macon County Board of Education has requested that April 10, 2003 be proclaimed "Antonio Cochran Day" in Montezuma and a resolution will be adopted at the April Council meeting to reflect this.

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

W/S Chief Ben Rhoden gave the following update of activities in the Water & Sewer Departments: 1) Installation of 4" sewer line at Airport is underway.

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY COMMITTEE -
COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS**

Mr. Adams reported on the following activities of the Downtown Development Authority: 1) DDA will install new city entrance signs when painting is complete.

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

No report.

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

Ben Coogle reported on the following issues: 1) Garbage trucks that City proposes to purchase from the County are operable. 2) CSX will start repair of crossing in industrial park within the next three weeks.

**PUBLIC PROPERTIES COMMITTEE - COUNCIL MEMBER
BARKER**

No report.

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

No report.

POLICE COMMITTEE - COUNCIL MEMBER EDWARDS

No report

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

Willie J. Larry - Mayor

Joyce H. Hardy - City Clerk