

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

October 08, 2002

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

**INVOCATION:** The invocation was given by Mr. Barker.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Willie J. Larry; Council Members Carl Adams, Charles Glover, Carl Peaster, Roy Barker, Cordel Jackson and Marvin Edwards; City Clerk, Joyce Hardy; PW Chief, Ben Coogle; Police Chief, Eric Finch; and City Attorney, Jon Coogle.

**MOTION #1:** TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2002 & SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2002 AS RECEIVED BY ALL MEMBERS.

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

**MOTION #2:** TO ADOPT FINANCIAL POLICY FOR THE CITY. *A copy of this policy is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #1.*

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

**MOTION #3:** TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO TAYLOR REFRIGERATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,585.36, FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO SP#1. *This is a budgeted expense in the Sewer Fund Budget.*

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

**MOTION #4:** TO ENTER INTO MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH GOVERNMENTS OF SUMTER COUNTY FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE AID. *A copy of this agreement is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #2.*

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

**MOTION #5:** TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #373 PROCLAIMING WEEK OF OCTOBER 23 - 31, 2002 AS "RED RIBBON WEEK" IN MONTEZUMA. *A copy of Resolution #373 is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #3.*

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

**MOTION #6:** TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #374 PROCLAIMING OCTOBER, 2002 AS "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH" IN MONTEZUMA. *A copy of Resolution #374 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 #7:** **TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #375 PROCLAIMING WEEK OF OCTOBER 13 - 19, 2002 AS "TEEN READ WEEK" IN MONTEZUMA.** *A copy of Resolution #375 is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #5*

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

**MOTION #8:** **TO AUTHORIZE CHIEF FINCH TO FILL A VACANT POLICE OFFICER POSITION.** *Filling this position will maintain the number of positions authorized by Mayor & Council for FY2003.*

MOTION BY: Mr. Edwards  
SECOND BY: **MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF SECOND**  
VOTE: NO VOTE TAKEN

**MOTION #9:** **TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO BRAY SIGN COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$614 FOR NEW SIGN FOR CITY-OWNED A. M. FIELDS CENTER BUILDING.** *Budgeted expense in the General Fund, Public Buildings Budget.*

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

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Larry reported the following: 1) A Legislative Delegation from Atlanta will tour the Montezuma Airport on November 13, 2002 at 1:45 PM. ICT will again serve as host for this event. 2) Mayor Larry also expressed his concern over a perceived lack of interest on the part of elected officials on "wireless broadband" for Montezuma. Council Member Peaster asked that the City gather information from the City of Fort Valley on how "wireless broadband" is doing in their city before committing Montezuma. Mayor Larry stated that he would contact Fort Valley for the information requested and bring back to Council for further discussion.

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

Council Member Adams reported the following: 1) Mr. Adams, W/WW Chief - Ben Rhoden, PW Chief - Ben /Coogle, Mayor Larry and City Engineer, Don Carter met at 10:00 AM this morning with property owner Kelly Wallace and his wife to discuss City's desire to purchase 11 acres of property adjacent to SP#1, for future plant expansion. Mr. Wallace was asked to determine a selling price for his property and another meeting would be scheduled. 2) Downtown Development Authority did not meet this month due to lack of a quorum.

### **FIRE COMMITTEE - COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON**

Council Member Jackson requested, and all agreed, to have a Special Work Session to discuss and obtain consensus on the future direction of the City of Montezuma and possible downsizing. City Clerk will establish a meeting date and time between October 17 and November 5<sup>th</sup> work session.

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

Pw Chief, Ben Coogle reported the following: 1) He met earlier today with City Engineer, Don Carter to discuss drainage ditch issues and how to resolve problems with same.

**PUBLIC PROPERTIES COMMITTEE - COUNCIL MEMBER  
BARKER**

The following Public Properties issues were discussed: 1) Mayor and PW Chief will contact Macon County School Board to request assistance in cleaning up lot where old Macon County Elementary School was located on Engram Street. This lot has not yet reverted back to city ownership and it is an eyesore.

**POLICE COMMITTEE - COUNCIL MEMBER EDWARDS**

The following Police Department issues were discussed: 1) Halloween "Trick or Treating" will be observed on Thursday, October 31, 2002 between the hours of 6:00 PM & 8:00 PM. 2) Code Enforcement Team will address the issue of nuisance tires both on private property and by businesses storing old tires in the city limits. 3) A citation will be issued to the owner of the old service station building located on N. Dooly St., that was recently damaged by fire, if same is not cleaned up by October 17, 2002.

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

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Willie J. Larry - Mayor

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Joyce H. Hardy - City Clerk