

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

December 21, 2004

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Willie J. Larry called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M.

**INVOCATION:** The invocation was given by Mayor Larry.

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

**ABSENT:** Librarian, Lucy Warnock

**WORK SESSION**

1. Kay Hagler, Middle Flint RDC, appeared before Mayor & Council to discuss a possible 2005 CDBG Grant application for a new A. M. Fields Center.
2. Penny Powell, Montezuma Historic Preservation Commission, brought before Mayor & Council the recently completed Design Guidelines for the Downtown Historic Business District.
3. The City Attorney presented a first draft of a proposed dumping ordinance for Mayor & Council review.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

State Representative Lynmore James on behalf of the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus presented Nikki L. Ridley with a \$500 scholarship to continue her studies at Valdosta State University.

**ACTIONS**

**MOTION #1** TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2004 AS RECEIVED BY ALL MEMBERS.

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

**MOTION #2** TO SUBMIT A 2005 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT TO REPLACE THE PRESENT A. M. FIELDS CENTER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.

MOTION BY: Mr. Jackson  
SECOND BY: Mr. Ivey  
VOTE: Motion Failed with Vote As Follows:

Jackson	FOR
Ivey	FOR
Glover	AGAINST
Hildreth	AGAINST
Barker	AGAINST
Edwards	AGAINST

**MOTION #3** TO ACCEPT AND IMPLEMENT DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR THE MONTEZUMA DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT AS PREPARED BY PIEDMONT PRESERVATION. Attached to and made a part of these Minutes is a copy of these Design Guidelines. Attachment #1.

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

**MOTION #4**

**TO APPROVE FLOOD RLF LOAN TO SHARON WILLIAMS dba JOSIE'S RESTAURANT AS FOLLOWS:**

**Flood Revolving Loan Fund**

Approved Loan Amount: \$ 20,845.06

Terms: 20 Years - 20 Annual Payments

0 % Interest Rate

Proceeds: \$8,645.06 To Pay Off Existing

Flood RLF Loan

\$12,200 Cash to Sharon Williams

*City will have second lien position on all property & equipment associated with this business and Mrs. Williams is responsible for all legal costs associated with this loan.*

MOTION BY:

Mr. Glover

SECOND BY:

Mr. Ivey

VOTE:

Unanimous in Favor Of

**MOTION #5**

**TO AWARD SALE OF PHILLIPTOWN RECREATION CENTER BUILDING TO HIGH BIDDER, BILL SOUTER FOR THE SUM OF \$5,500. Mr. Souter will be responsible for all legal, surveying & closing costs associated with this sale.**

MOTION BY:

Mr. Edwards

SECOND BY:

Mr. Barker

VOTE:

All in Favor except Jackson who voted "NO"

**MOTION #6**

**TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF \$7,020.31 FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO WATER LINE ON EAST RAILROAD STREET.**

MOTION BY:

Mr. Edwards

SECOND BY:

Mr. Barker

VOTE:

Unanimous in Favor Of

**MOTION #7** TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF \$1,165.63 FOR EMERGENCY REPAIR OF FLANGE ON PUMP #1 AT LIFT STATION #2 SP #1.

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

**MOTION #8** TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR LARRY TO SIGN WORK AUTHORIZATION FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR AIRFIELD LIGHTING AND MISCELLANEOUS IMPROVEMENTS AT AIRPORT WITH CAMPBELL & PARIS AND TO SIGN APPLICATION FOR STATE ASSISTANCE FOR 95% OF TOTAL PROJECT COST. Estimated project cost is \$215,000. State share - \$204,250. City share - \$10,750.

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

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Larry reported on the conditions at SP#2 and actions that are being taken to correct problems. He announced a committee consisting of himself, the City Clerk, CM Hildreth, CM Barker and Paul Rakel to meet with Flint River Foods to work out an agreement regarding operation of SP#2 and sewer fees to be charged. He further thanked city employees for their service to the city during 2004 and wished all a Happy Holiday season.

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

Chief Trussell announced the 2004 Fire Department award winners and that the grant funds received for the 911 tower will take care of 100% of the costs.

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

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

PW Chief Coogle explained the operation & limitations of City leaf vacuum equipment. Mayor Larry thanked him for bringing that to their attention.

**PUBLIC PROPERTIES COMMITTEE - COUNCIL MEMBER  
BARKER**

No report.

**POLICE COMMITTEE - COUNCIL MEMBER EDWARDS**

Chief Finch announced that all Montezuma radio dispatchers who were interested in working for the new 911 system were hired and will begin employment with 911 on December 29<sup>th</sup>. Crime trend for December mainly involved employee theft of area retail stores. Chief Finch expressed his condolences to the family of Mr. Mel Jackson who died recently as a result of a train accident downtown.

**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