

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONTEZUMA
CITY COUNCIL

January 12, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Willie J. Larry called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Mayor Larry

PRESENT: Mayor Willie J. Larry; Council Members; Charles Glover, James Trask, Charles Ivey, Norman Carter, Carl Peaster & Bobby Lewis; Clerk/Administrator, Joyce Hardy; Fire Chief, David Trussell, Police Chief, Eric Finch; Librarian, LWanna Journey and City Attorney, Jon Coogle.

ACTIONS

MOTION #1: ACCEPT CITY'S INDEBTEDNESS AS OF JANUARY 1, 2010:

GEFA LOAN #2.....	\$ 949,951.30
GEFA LOAN #3.....	\$ 2,151,764.52
To Macon County.....	\$ 46,439.16

MOTION BY: Mr. Trask
SECOND BY: Mr. Carter
VOTE: Unanimous in Favor Of

MOTION #2: TO ACCEPT NOMINATIONS FROM COUNCIL FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE.

NOMINATIONS: James Trask
Carl Peaster

TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS

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

VOTE WAS THEN TAKEN BY RAISED HAND WITH RESULTS, AS FOLLOWS:

VOTES FOR JAMES TRASK – 3 (Ivey, Glover, Carter)

VOTES FOR CARL PEASTER – 2 (Lewis & Peaster)

JAMES TRASK WILL SERVE AS MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE FOR 2010.

MOTION #3: TO VOTE FOR ALL CONTRACT EMPLOYEES REAPPOINTMENT AS A GROUP.

MOTION BY: Mr. Ivey
SECOND BY: Mr. Glover
VOTE: Motion Carried with Vote as follows –
GROUP – Ivey, Glover, Trask & Carter
INDIVIDUALLY – Peaster & Lewis

MOTION #4: TO REAPPOINT ANNUAL CONTRACT EMPLOYEES FOR 2010

**CHIEF OF POLICE - ERIC FINCH
CITY ATTORNEY - JON L. COOGLE
CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR - JOYCE HARDY**

MOTION BY: Mr. Ivey
SECOND BY: Mr. Glover
VOTE: Motion Carried with Vote As Follows:
FOR – Ivey, Glover, Trask & Carter
ABSTAIN – Lewis & Peaster

MOTION #5: TO APPOINT WILLIAM NESMITH AS MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR 2010.

MOTION BY: Mr. Ivey
SECOND BY: Mr. Trask
VOTE: Unanimous in Favor Of

MOTION #6 TO RENEW LEASE AGREEMENT FOR A. M. FIELDS CTR BUILDING WITH MENS CIVIC CLUB FOR 2010.

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

MOTION #7 TO APPROVE ALL ISSUES ON THE CONSENT AGENDA, AS FOLLOWS:

TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 29, 2009 AS RECEIVED BY ALL MEMBERS.

TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #525 IN SUPPORT OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH. A copy of Resolution #525 is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #1.

TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #518 SETTING AN INDUSTRIAL SEWER RATE FOR ALLEN'S INC, FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS AS REQUIRED BY THE SPLOST INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT A copy of Resolution #518 is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #2.

MOTION BY: Mr. Ivey
SECOND BY: Mr. Carter
VOTE: Unanimous in Favor Of

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Larry reported that in his opinion, Montezuma has the best Department Heads in the State of Georgia.

He also stressed the importance of Montezuma and Macon County getting an accurate population count during the 2010 Census. He will be encouraging local citizens to apply for the census jobs that are available and will start by meeting with the Macon County Retired Teachers Association.

Mayor Larry announced that he intends to bring before Council, at a future meeting, an Ordinance to repeal the prohibition of "u-turns" downtown.

FINANCE, PERSONNEL & BUDGET COMMITTEE – COUNCIL MEMBER CARTER

Nothing to report since previous night's Work Session.

POLICE COMMITTEE – COUNCIL MEMBER IVEY

Nothing to report since previous night's Work Session.

FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE – COUNCIL MEMBER TRASK

Nothing to report since previous night's Work Session.

STREETS, SANITATION CEMETERY & PARKS COMMITTEE – COUNCIL MEMBER GLOVER

Nothing to report since previous night's Work Session.

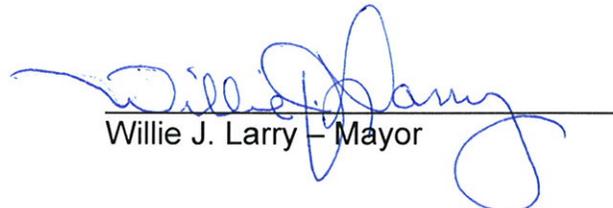
PUBLIC PROPERTIES COMMITTEE – COUNCIL MEMBER LEWIS

Since Mr. Lewis was first appointed to this committee at the previous nights meeting, Mayor Larry did not request a committee report from him.

WATER & SEWER UTILITIES COMMITTEE – COUNCIL MEMBER PEASTER

Mr. Peaster expressed his concern over extremely high utility bills that the elderly and people on fixed income cannot afford and vowed that as Committee Chair he would work to reduce them.

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


Willie J. Larry – Mayor


Joyce H. Hardy – Clerk/Administrator

Resolution # 525

IN CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA, TO CELEBRATE THE PRESENCE OF AFRICANS IN THIS AREA, LIVING ALONG THE FLINT RIVER (HLONOTISKAHACHI) FREE AND IN HARMONY WITH THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, KNOWN AS THE MUSCOGEE, DATING BACK TO THE RECORDED YEAR OF 1540.

WHEREAS, Black History Month 2010 focuses on the theme *The History of Black Economic Empowerment*, we encourage participation in the development and understanding of entrepreneur projects including those with emphasis on preserving the legacy of local Black Economic Empowerment; and,

WHEREAS, Carter G. Woodson co-founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History in 1912 and established, in 1926, Negro History Week choosing dates in honor of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, it is now celebrated as Black (African American) History Month annually in February; and,

WHEREAS, the Black Women's Network's project and exhibit "*On Your Shoulder We Stand! Sankofa.*" continues to Honor the courage and strength of our ancestors in the telling of *ourstories*, today and yesteryears; and,

WHEREAS, local celebrations of FREEDOM, held annually in the City of Montezuma, honored a people who had endured slavery and yet lived as detailed in Octavia Victoria Rogers Albert's *House of Bondage*, in collected *slave narratives* and in family orations, we continue to share their stories with generations to come; and,

WHEREAS, we are a testament to the perseverance, love, courage and strength of our ancestors—and proudly are we of their greatness—those who lived free, those enslaved, and those freed. Those whose faith in each other and their divine one made them strong; and,

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED this 12th day of January, 2010 that Mayor and Council of the City of Montezuma proclaim the month of February, 2010 Black History Month.

THE CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA

By: 
Willie James Larry, Mayor

Attest: _____
Joyce H. Hardy – Clerk/Administrator

Resolution #518

A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Montezuma, Georgia to establish Sewer Rates for large industrial sewer customers. Large industrial sewer customer is defined as those customers who regularly send a minimum of 5,000,000 million gallons of wastewater per month to the Spring Creek Water Reclamation Facility for processing. For billing purposes, separate plants operated under the same company, will be treated as meeting the minimum requirements of a large industrial customer, as long as combined flow meets the minimum. Only one large industrial customer exists at the time of adoption of this Resolution. That customer being Allen's, Inc.

City of Montezuma
Effective for Sewerage Treated after March 1, 2010

Monthly Large Industrial Sewer Rate—

\$2.73 per 1,000 gallons for the first 7,000,000 gallons per month

Plus

\$1.50 per 1,000 gallons for all gallons over 7,000,000 gallons per month

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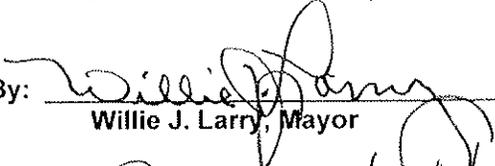
Sewer Surcharge for Excess BOD & TSS & FOG as set forth in Ordinance #367

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing rate and fee schedule shall become effective immediately upon approval of this Resolution by the City Council and shall be reflected in the billing to Allen's beginning with the April, 2010 billing for sewerage processed during month of March. These rates will not increase over the next 5 years except in the event that the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Referendum fails to pass in March, 2010

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City can accept up to 1,100,000 gallons per day from Allen's and will negotiate an ever lower rate for consistent high volumes.

This 12th day of January, 2010.

CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA

By: 
Willie J. Larry, Mayor

Attest: 
Joyce H. Hardy, Clerk/Administrator