

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONTEZUMA
CITY COUNCIL

February 9, 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, Captain, Charley Cannon and City Attorney, Jon Coogle.

MOTION #1 TO APPROVE ALL ISSUES ON THE CONSENT AGENDA, AS FOLLOWS:

TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 2010 AS RECEIVED BY ALL MEMBERS.

TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #527 PROCLAIMING FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH AS "ARBOR DAY" IN MONTEZUMA. A copy of Resolution #527 is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #1.

TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #528 "IN CELEBRATION OF WOMEN" 2010 A copy of Resolution #528 is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #2.

TO AWARD SEWER LINE REHAB PROJECT ENGINEERING CONTRACT TO OCMULGEE ENGINEERING. This project will be for sewer line rehab project funded by grants from RBEG, CDBG and EIP.

TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #529 NAMING CHRISTOPHER PARKER AS "POLICE OFFICE OF THE YEAR" FOR 2009. A copy of Resolution #529 is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #3.

TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #530 NAMING JENNIFER BAILEY AS "POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR" FOR 2009. A copy of Resolution #530 is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #4.

TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #531 AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A CDB GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000 FOR SEWER LINE REHAB. A copy of Resolution #531 is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #5.

TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #532 RECOGNIZING PRESIDENT OBAMA'S PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH. A copy of Resolution #532 is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #6.

Mayor Larry read aloud Resolution #532.

Council Member Peaster commented on the many contributions that the late Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. made to people of all races.

MOTION BY: Mr. Trask
SECOND BY: Mr. Ivey
VOTE: All in Favor Except Councilmember Peaster Who Voted "NO"

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

No further report.

FINANCE, PERSONNEL & BUDGET COMMITTEE – COUNCIL MEMBER CARTER

No further report.

POLICE COMMITTEE – COUNCIL MEMBER IVEY

Council Member Ivey expressed condolences to Chief Finch on the loss of his Mother and announced that the funeral will be held on Saturday at 11:00 AM at Allen's Chapel in Americus.

FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE – COUNCIL MEMBER TRASK

No further report.

STREETS, SANITATION, CEMETERY & PARKS COMMITTEE – COUNCIL MEMBER GLOVER

No further report

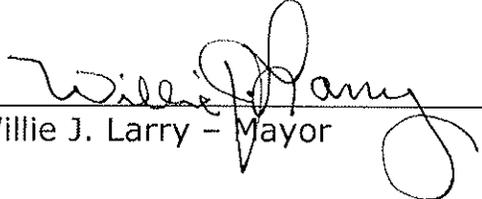
PUBLIC PROPERTIES COMMITTEE – COUNCIL MEMBER LEWIS

Stated that he will get with the Clerk/Administrator next week to begin the budget process for Public Properties.

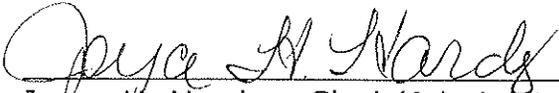
WATER & SEWER UTILITIES COMMITTEE – COUNCIL MEMBER PEASTER

No further report.

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



Willie J. Larry - Mayor



Joyce H. Hardy - Clerk/Administrator

RESOLUTION NUMBER 527

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 19, 2010 AS "ARBOR DAY" IN MONTEZUMA.

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska and is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal and serve to enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community;

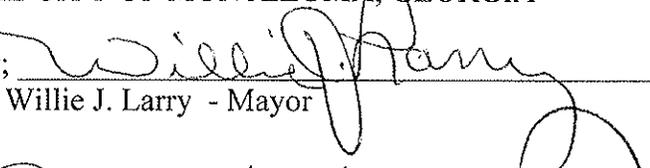
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Willie James Larry, Mayor of the City of Montezuma, Georgia, do hereby proclaim, Friday, February 19, 2010 as:

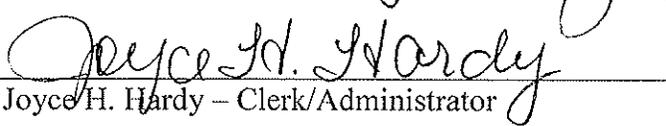
"ARBOR DAY"

in Montezuma Georgia and urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and join together in planting trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

10E IT RESOLVED, this 9th day of February, 2009.

THE CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA

By; 
Willie J. Larry - Mayor

Attest; 
Joyce H. Hardy - Clerk/Administrator

RESOLUTION NUMBER 528

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA, DESIGNATING THE PERIOD MARCH 8-11, 2010 "IN CELEBRATION OF WOMEN", CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY (MARCH 8), HARRIET TUBMAN DAY (MARCH 10) AND ELDERS APPRECIATION DAY (MARCH 11).

Whereas, International Women's Day (IWD) celebrates the labor of women worldwide and was first celebrated in the United States in 1911 and in Montezuma, GA with Resolution 352 in 2001; and

Whereas, women continue to bear the burden of laboring with less and/or no compensation/financial gain, many women, as are Haitian women, are the pillar of "the global economy"; and,

Whereas, our girls, are exploited, trafficked in the sex for hire industry, sometimes here as young as sixth grade, and with no health rights protection; and,

Whereas, our teens are worked in corporate companies with no employment protection against gender or female role biased advances made by a manager/supervisor (our girls are sometimes hired to work then fired when "no" is their reply to unwanted sexual advances or harassment); and,

Whereas, all women shall have equal access to programs and services; including protection from violence and discrimination; and,

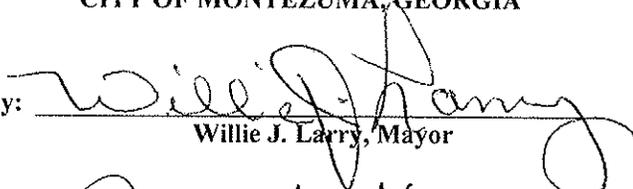
Whereas, Harriet Tubman Day, celebrated annually March 10th, honors the achievements of women worldwide and in Montezuma as a tribute to women young and older, including our elders, whose work was non-traditional jobs for women; Mrs. Fannie Patterson and others' work on the Highway 26 bridge; others as scientists, carpenters, electricians, medical doctors, ministers, etc.; and the many field hands, washerwomen, cooks, and plant workers; and,

Whereas, we salute those who worked to end racial inequalities, Mrs. Lillian Eugenia Smith and Mrs. Lugenia D. Burns Hope and other educators who taught against all odds, those pre and post dating the Brown vs. the Board of Education; and,

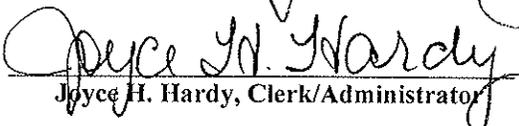
NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, this 9th day of February, 2010 that Mayor and Council of the City of Montezuma proclaim the period March 8-11, 2010 "IN CELEBRATION OF WOMEN", CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY (MARCH 8), HARRIET TUBMAN DAY (MARCH 10) AND ELDERS APPRECIATION DAY (MARCH 11).

CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA

By:


Willie J. Larry, Mayor

Attest:


Joyce H. Hardy, Clerk/Administrator

Resolution #529**A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND POLICE OFFICER
FTO CHRISTOPHER PARKER FOR BEING AWARDED
OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2009**

WHEREAS, From January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009, FTO Christopher Parker is awarded for the outstanding work performance of his duties as an officer of the Montezuma Police Department; and

WHEREAS, FTO Parker work criteria included attendance, most productive officer, organizational commitment, leadership and community involvement. FTO Parker distinguished himself and received the respect and admiration of his peers, supervisors and the City of Montezuma; and

WHEREAS, FTO Parker; in addition to his patrol duties, FTO Parker was tasked with several responsibilities and performs them all in an exemplary manner as one of the Department's Field Training Officer, Child Safety Belt Officer and successfully headed a Domestic Violence Seminar and

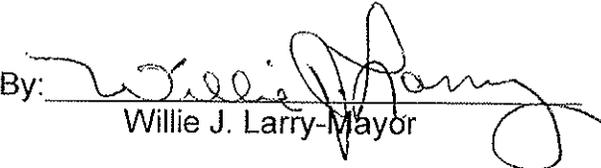
WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Montezuma Police Department to identify criminal activity, pursue and apprehend criminal offenders, to instill public confidence in the agency by maintaining a high degree of professionalism, dedication and expertise in the department;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council and the citizens of Montezuma do hereby commend and thank FTO Christopher Parker for his service, dedication and professionalism displayed on a daily basis.

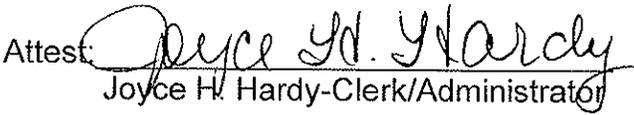
SO RESOLVED, the 9th day of February by the Mayor and Council of Montezuma, Georgia.

City of Montezuma, Georgia

By:


Willie J. Larry-Mayor

Attest:


Joyce H. Hardy-Clerk/Administrator

Resolution # 530**A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND POLICE OFFICER
JENNIFER BAILEY FOR BEING AWARDED
EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR 2009**

WHEREAS, From January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009, Officer Jennifer Bailey is awarded for the outstanding work performance of her duties as an officer of the Montezuma Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Officer Bailey work criteria included attendance, most productive officer, organizational commitment, leadership and community involvement. Officer Jennifer Bailey has distinguished herself and received the respect and admiration of her peers, supervisors and the City of Montezuma; and

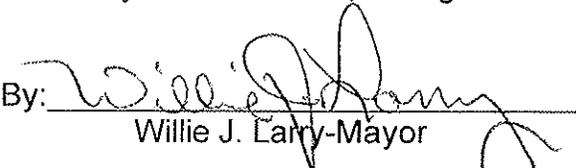
WHEREAS, Officer Jennifer Bailey; in addition to her patrol duties, Officer Bailey was tasked with several responsibilities and performs them all in an exemplary manner as the Department's Gang Investigator, conducted the most follow up investigation and developed the Montezuma Police Department web page (www.montezumapolicedepartment.org) and

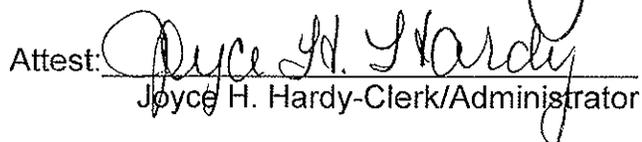
WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Montezuma Police Department to identify criminal activity, pursue and apprehend criminal offenders, to instill public confidence in the agency by maintaining a high degree of professionalism, dedication and expertise in the department;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council and the citizens of Montezuma do hereby commend and thank Officer Jennifer Bailey for her service, dedication and professionalism displayed on a daily basis.

SO RESOLVED, the 9th day of February by the Mayor and Council of Montezuma, Georgia.

City of Montezuma, Georgia

By: 
Willie J. Larry-Mayor

Attest: 
Joyce H. Hardy-Clerk/Administrator

RESOLUTION #531

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010, SMALL CITIES, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Montezuma possesses full Legal Authority to make application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for Community Development Block Grant Program funds incorporated in the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; and

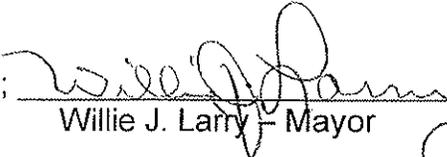
WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Montezuma has found it needful and necessary to file an application for Community Development Block Grant Program Funds.

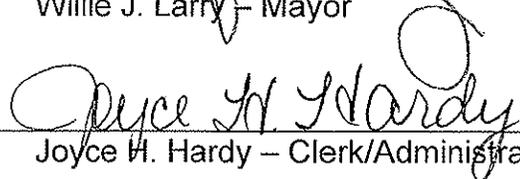
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved that the City Council of the City of Montezuma approves and authorizes the filing of said application including all understandings and assurances necessarily contained therein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Montezuma directs the Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem to execute and file said joint application on behalf of the City as the lead agency, to furnish additional information as required by the Department of Community Affairs and to do all those acts which are needful and necessary to expedite approval of said application.

This 9th Day of February, 2010.

City of Montezuma, Georgia

By: 
Willie J. Larry – Mayor

Attest; 
Joyce H. Hardy – Clerk/Administrator

RESOLUTION NUMBER 532**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA, RECOGNIZING PRESIDENT OBAMA'S PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH.**

Whereas, in the centuries since African Americans first arrived on our shores, they have known the bitterness of slavery and oppression, the hope of progress, and the triumph of the American Dream. African American history is an essential thread of the American narrative that traces our Nation's enduring struggle to perfect itself. Each February, we recognize African American History Month as a moment to reflect upon how far we have come as a Nation, and what challenges remain. This year's theme, "The History of Black Economic Empowerment," calls upon us to honor the African Americans who overcame injustice and inequality to achieve financial independence and the security of self empowerment that come with it.

Whereas, nearly 100 years after the Civil War, African Americans still faced daunting challenges and indignities. Widespread racial prejudice inhibited their opportunities, and institutional discrimination such as black codes and Jim Crow laws denied them full citizenship rights. Despite these seemingly impossible barriers, pioneering African Americans blazed trails for themselves and their children. They became skilled workers and professionals. They purchased land, and a new generation of black entrepreneurs founded banks, educational institutions, newspapers, hospitals, and businesses of all kinds.

Whereas, this month, we recognize the courage and tenacity of so many hard-working Americans whose legacies are woven into the fabric of our Nation. We are heirs to their extraordinary progress. Racial prejudice is no longer the steepest barrier to opportunity for most African Americans, yet substantial obstacles remain in the remnants of past discrimination. Structural inequalities -- from disparities in education and health care to the vicious cycle of poverty -- still pose enormous hurdles for black communities across America.

Whereas, we salute those who have worked and continue to work to eliminate racial inequalities,

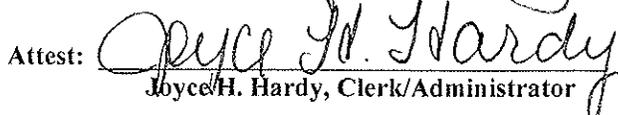
NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, this 9th day of February, 2010 that Mayor and Council of the City of Montezuma proclaim the month of February, 2010 Black History Month.

CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA

By:


Willie J. Larry, Mayor

Attest:


Joyce H. Hardy, Clerk/Administrator