

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

September 14, 2010

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

**INVOCATION:** The invocation was given by Council Member Ivey

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

**MOTION #1**                    **ACCEPT MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 10, 2010 & BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2010, AS RECEIVED BY ALL MEMBERS.**

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Trask

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Glover

**VOTE:** Motion Passed Unanimously

**MOTION #2**                    **TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #541 TO ADOPT FY2011 BUDGETS AND ALL ATTACHMENTS FOR GENERAL, AIRPORT, HOTEL/MOTEL TAX AND SPLOST FUNDS. A copy of Resolution #541 is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #1**

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Glover

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Trask

**VOTE:** Motion Passed with Vote as follows:

**FOR**

Mr. Glover

Mr. Trask

Dr. Carter

Mr. Ivey

**AGAINST**

Mr. Lewis

Mr. Peaster

**MOTION #3** TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #382 TO FREEZE THE CITY'S CURRENT DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT PLAN AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 AND TO REQUIRE ALL NON-VESTED CURRENT EMPLOYEES TO TRANSFER OVER TO A NEW DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN. *A copy of Ordinance #382 is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #2.*

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Ivey  
**SECOND BY:** Mr. Peaster  
**VOTE:** Motion Passed Unanimously

**MOTION #4** TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #542 ADOPTING A NEW EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN TO BE KNOWN AS THE "GEORGIA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION 401(a) DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN" FOR CURRENT EMPLOYEES WITH LESS THAN FIVE YEARS SERVICE TO THE CITY AND ANY ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES HIRED AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2010. *A copy of Resolution #542 is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #3.*

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Trask  
**SECOND BY:** Mr. Lewis  
**VOTE:** Motion Passed Unanimously

**MOTION #5** TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #543 INCREASING ALCOHOL LICENSE FEES BY 25% AND CEMETERY PLOT FEES FROM \$125 TO \$350 PER GRAVE SPACE AND IMPLEMENTING A BURIAL FEE OF \$150, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2010. *A copy of Ordinance #543 is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #4.*

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Glover  
**SECOND BY:** Dr. Carter  
**VOTE:** Motion Passed with Vote as follows:

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Mr. Glover	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Trask	Mr. Peaster
Dr. Carter	
Mr. Ivey	

**MOTION #6** TO APPROVE ALL ISSUES ON THE CONSENT AGENDA, AS FOLLOWS:

**ADOPT ORDINANCE #381 AMENDING CODE SECTION 42.3 AS IT PERTAINS TO PERMITS FOR OPEN BURNING.** *A copy of Ordinance #381 is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #5*

**AUTHORIZE THE FOLLOWING PURCHASES/REPAIRS AND ANY NECESSARY BUDGET AMENDMENTS:**

LOW BIDDER	ITEM	AMT	BUDGET AMENDMENT REQ?	DEPT
Sam Hall & Sons	Replace Catch Basin Top & Curb at Engram & Forrest Sts	\$3,450	Y	Street Dept
Ocmulgee Engineering	Survey & Plot Champ Waters Cemetery	\$4,000	Y	Cemetery
Peak Striping, LLC	Restripe C Hall & Library Parking Lots	\$2,262	Y	Public Bldgs
Dr. Norman Carter	Fireworks Display	\$3,813	Y	Other Depts

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Glover  
**SECOND BY:** Dr. Carter  
**VOTE:** Motion Passed Unanimously

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Larry announced the following appointments and reappointments to the Montezuma Downtown Development Authority for 2010/2011 – Tommy McKenzie, Frank Lester, III, Mary Jo Moreno, Cynthia Carter, Dr. Carolyn Medlock, Mayor Willie J. Larry and Quincy Hammond.

Mayor Larry reported the following: 1) Gas Company representatives are in town to inspect the natural gas lines in light of the recent major explosion of a gas line in California. 2) Upcoming traveling Vietnam War Memorial Wall exhibit in Andersonville. 3) Nuisance letters have been mailed to property owners of 400 Spaulding Rd and 627 Spaulding Rd to clean up their nuisance properties by September 21 or be cited in City Court.

### FINANCE, PERSONNEL & BUDGET COMMITTEE – COUNCIL MEMBER CARTER

Dr. Carter stated that he will meet with city employees to assure that all water meters are being read each month. He also agreed with citizen Sam Rowland who stated at the previous nights work session,

that the City should increase taxes and other charges a small amount each year to keep up with rising expenses instead of waiting and having to go up such a large amount.

### **POLICE COMMITTEE – COUNCIL MEMBER IVEY**

Mr. Ivey agreed with Dr. Carter and added that the city made a mistake several years ago when the tax millage rate was lowered.

### **FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE – COUNCIL MEMBER TRASK**

No Further Report

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

Mr. Glover stated that some people with high water bills are reporting that they only have one or two people living in the household and do not take into account when friends or relatives visit them.

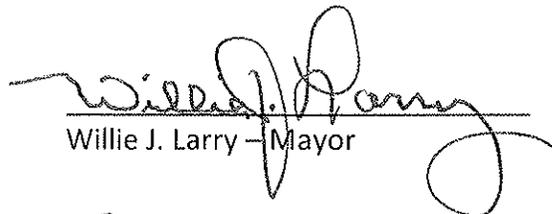
### **PUBLIC PROPERTIES COMMITTEE – COUNCIL MEMBER LEWIS**

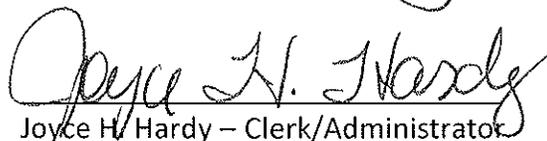
Mr. Lewis explained why he did not vote for the FY2011 budget. He stated that although the budget is balanced, there are still cuts that could and should be made.

### **WATER & SEWER UTILITIES COMMITTEE – COUNCIL MEMBER PEASTER**

Mr. Peaster explained his reasons for not voting for the budget.

**ADJOURN:** With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. ~~to Executive Session to discuss a potential litigation matter.~~

  
Willie J. Larry – Mayor

  
Joyce H. Hardy – Clerk/Administrator