

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONTEZUMA
CITY COUNCIL
February 14, 2023

- CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Nealie Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
- INVOCATION:** Public Works Chief Tim Goodman led in prayer. Then attendees stood and said the "Pledge of Allegiance" in unison.
- PRESENT:** Mayor Nealie Johnson, Council Members: Cleveland Hobbs, Howard Brown, and Charles Ivey; City Administrator, Joyce Hardy; City Clerk, Jennifer McCarthy; City Manager, Mel Fulghom; City Attorney, Jon Coogle; Police Chief, Eric Finch; Fire Chief, Roy Yoder; W/WW Plants Chief, Terry Cross; W & S Line Maintenance Chief, Lonnie Shaw, and Public Works Chief, Tim Goodman; Economic Development/Tourism Coordinator, Angie Mathews
- ABSENT:** Councilmembers: Daniel Porter and Walter Felton

CITIZEN COMMENTS

- CITIZEN # 1** Emmitt Worthy also spoke concerning the street repair on North Dooly across from the Library.

SPECIAL ORDERS
Elect Mayor Pro-Tempore 2023

Mayor opens nominations: CM Brown nominated CM Hobbs.
Mayor calls for a motion to close under one said nomination.

Motion By: Mr. Ivey
Second By: Mr. Brown

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, IN FAVOR OF MR. HOBBS

Mr. Cleveland Hobbs is our newly elected Mayor Pro-Tempore 2023

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION # 1

To accept all issues on the consent agenda, as follows:

To approve minutes of council meeting of January 10, 2023, as received by all members.

To commend Police Officer Julie Soto-Gutierrez for being awarded Employee of the Year for 2022


To re-appoint Austin Bradley as Montezuma's Representative to the Macon County Landbank for a 4-year term. January 2023 through December 2026.

To accept phone poll of January 23, 2023 to approve the City match of 20% for the TAP Grant awarded toward the Professional Engineering only of the Beaver Creek Walking Trail. The total grant amount is \$245,000.00 (80% Federal: \$196,000.00 & 20% Local match: \$49,000.00).

To approve the contract to lease the Depot to LaHood & Company to be used as a distillery and tasting room.

**MOTION BY: Mr. Hobbs
SECOND BY: Mr. Ivey
VOTE: UNANIMOUS, IN FAVOR OF**

ADJOURN: With no further business, the meeting adjourned.



Neele L. Johnson - Mayor



Jennifer McCarthy - City Clerk

Resolution #719

A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND POLICE OFFICER
JULIE SOTO-GUTIERREZ FOR BEING AWARDED
EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR 2022

WHEREAS, From January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, Officer Julie Soto-Gutierrez is awarded for the outstanding work performance of her duties as an officer of the Montezuma Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Officer Julie Soto-Gutierrez's work criteria included attendance, most productive officer, organizational commitment, leadership and community involvement. Officer Julie Soto-Gutierrez has distinguished herself and received the respect and admiration of her peers, supervisors, and the City of Montezuma; and


WHEREAS, Officer Julie Soto-Gutierrez; in addition to her patrol duties was tasked with several responsibilities and performed them all in an exemplary manner, conducted the most follow up investigations and assisted in several major investigations, and served as the Department Child Abuse Investigator; 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 Julie Soto-Gutierrez for her service, dedication and professionalism displayed on a daily basis.

SO RESOLVED, the 14th day of February 2023 by the Mayor and Council of the City of Montezuma, Georgia.

By: 
Nalie Johnson - Mayor

Attest: 
Jennifer McCarthy - City Clerk

PHONE POLL OF MAYOR & COUNCIL

DATE OF POLL	20-Jan-23		
QUESTION:	<p>DOT has conditionally approved the TAP Grant to be awarded toward the Beaver Creek Walking Trail. This is an 80% federally funded grant with a 20% match from The City of Monezuma. This award is for PE funds only in the amount of \$245,000 (80% federal: \$196,000 & 20% local match: \$49,000) Do you approve the match?</p>		
VOTE	YES	NO	COMMENTS
MAYOR JOHNSON	X		
WALTER FELTON	X		
CLEVELAND HOBBS	X		
CHARLES IVEY	X		
DANIEL PORTER	X		
HOWARD BROWN	X		