

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONTEZUMA
CITY COUNCIL

November 11, 2003

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Willie J. Larry called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Council Member Hildreth.

PRESENT: Mayor Willie J. Larry; Council Members; Carl Adams, Cordel Jackson, Charles Glover, and Bobby Hildreth, City Clerk, Joyce Hardy; Fire Chief, David Trussell; Police Chief, Eric Finch; W & S Chief, Ben Rhoden; Librarian, Lucy Warnock; PW Chief, Ben Coogle; and City Attorney, Jon Coogle. Development Authority of Macon County President, Bill Sawyer was also present.

ABSENT: Council Member Edwards and Council Member Barker

CITIZEN COMMENTS

A neighborhood citizens' group with Jean Abbott as spokesperson appeared before Mayor and Council to express their concerns regarding safety issues in their neighborhoods. Mrs. Abbott stated that recent events (man running through the neighborhood & discharging a firearm) brought their concern to the point where they feel additional action is necessary to maintain safety. She requested that Police officers patrol more often and legal steps be taken to eliminate the dog fights and loud, unruly behavior in both nearby trailer parks. Mayor Larry assured the group that he and Chief Finch have met to determine a course of action and that meetings will also be held with the owners of both trailer parks.

MOTION #1 TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 14, 2003 AS RECEIVED BY ALL MEMBERS.

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

MOTION #2 TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #394 AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A TRANSITIONAL UPDATE (2004-2008) PORTION TO THE SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM ELEMENT OF THE MACON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR STATE & REGIONAL REVIEW. A *copy of Resolution #394 is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #1.*

MOTION BY: Mr. Jackson
SECOND BY: Mr. Adams
VOTE: Unanimous in Favor Of

MOTION #3 TO ADOPT NEW STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE MANUAL FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT *A copy of this SOP is on file at City Hall.*

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

MOTION #4 TO AUTHORIZE CHIEF TRUSSELL TO APPLY FOR A FEMA SAFETY GRANT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SAFETY FIRE HOUSE AND VEHICLE TO PULL SAME.

MOTION BY: Mr. Jackson
SECOND BY: Mr. Adams
VOTE: Unanimous in Favor Of

MOTION #5 **TO AWARD BID TO REPLACE DIRVE IN WINDOW AT CITY HALL TO DIEBOLD AT A TOTAL COST OF \$14,099.**

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

MOTION #6 **TO ACCEPT RESULTS OF NOVEMBER 4, 2003 MUNICIPAL ELECTION AS PRESENTED BY THE CITY CLERK.** *A copy of the results are attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #2*

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

MOTION #7 **TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #395 TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND FY2003 BUDGET.** *A copy of Resolution #395 is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #3.*

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

MOTION #8 **TO ADD FOLLOWING ISSUE TO THE AGENDA.**

MOTION BY: Mr. Adams
SECOND BY: Mr. Jackson
VOTE: Unanimous in Favor Of

MOTION #9 **TO CONTRACT WITH TAYLOR REFRIGERATION TO REPLACE THE STREET LAMPS LOCATED IN THE CITY HALL PARKING LOT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$3,500.** *Budget amendment will be made at a future meeting of Council.*

MOTION BY: Mr. Adams
SECOND BY: Mr. Jackson

VOTE:

Unanimous in Favor Of

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT -

No Report.

WATER & SEWER UTILITIES COMMITTEE - COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS

No Report

FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE - COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON

No Report.

STREETS, SANITATION CEMETERY & PARKS COMMITTEE - COUNCIL MEMBER GLOVER

No Report

FINANCE, PERSONNEL & BUDGET COMMITTEE - COUNCIL MEMBER HILDRETH

No Report

PUBLIC PROPERTIES COMMITTEE - COUNCIL MEMBER BARKER

No Report.

POLICE COMMITTEE - COUNCIL MEMBER EDWARDS

Chief Finch addressed the concerned citizens and announced that he had spoken with Tommy McKenzie, owner of McKenzie Trailer Park, and he is willing to implement stricter tenant guidelines. Namely if the Police Department present evidence that they have had two complaints on any one tenant, he will initiate the eviction process.

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

Willie J. Larry - Mayor

Joyce H. Hardy - City Clerk