

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONTEZUMA CITY COUNCIL
December 10, 2024
Montezuma City Hall
408 S. Dooly St.
Montezuma, GA 31063

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Nealie Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

INVOCATION: Attendees stood as Mayor Johnson led in prayer then said the "Pledge of Allegiance" in unison.

PRESENT: Mayor Nealie Johnson; Council Members: Howard Brown, Walter Felton, Cleveland Hobbs, Charles Ivey, and Marie Tooks; City Attorney, Jon Coogle; City Manager, Mel Fulghom; City Clerk/Administrator, Jennifer McCarthy; Police Chief Eric Finch; Fire Chief Roy Yoder; Public Works/W&S Line Maintenance Chief, Lonnie Shaw; W/WW Plants Chief, Terry Cross; and Special Projects Coordinator, Angie Peaster

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tempore Daniel Porter

Special Presentations & Citizen Comments

Speaker #1: Ms. Jacqueline Robinson, the Executive Director of the Albany Boys and Girls Club discussed the Club and Grant funding for immediate upgrades to the facility for daily operations.

Citizen #1: Ms. Marvis Brown thanked Lonnie and the Water Department for all their efforts in the city of Montezuma. She also spoke on a water cut off request over the Thanksgiving Holidays.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION # 1 To accept all issues on the consent agenda, as follows, individually:

To Approve minutes of regular council meeting of November 12, 2024, as received by all members.

Motion By: Mr. Hobbs

Second By: Mr. Brown

Vote: Unanimous, in Favor of

To ratify phone poll of 11/19/24 to allow Georgia Power Company to lease 2 parking spaces on the front side of Gladys Hair Park, Parking Lot for a term of 10 years in the amount of \$1.00 per year. GPC will place an Electric Vehicle Charging Station in this location. (A copy is attached to and made part of these minutes. Attachment #1)

Motion By: Mr. Hobbs

Second By: Mr. Brown

Vote: Unanimous, in Favor of

To approve the construction of Montezuma City Restrooms to low bidder Hunter Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$114,000.00. A budget amendment will be made to remove from FY25 SPLOST and add to FY25 ARPA.

Motion By: Mr. Ivey

Second By: Mr. Hobbs

Vote: Unanimous, in Favor of

To approve the purchase of Computerized Tasers (Required by Insurance) from sole bidder Axon Enterprise, Inc. in the amount of \$54,597.60. This is a budgeted item FY2025 – A budget amendment will be made to remove from SPLOST and add to ARPA.

Motion By: Mr. Hobbs

Second By: Mr. Brown & Mr. Ivey simultaneously

Vote: Unanimous, in Favor of

To approve the purchase of Red Dot Firearms, from sole bidder Dana Safety Supply, Inc. in the amount of \$12,152.78. This is a budgeted item FY2025 – A budget amendment will be made to remove from SPLOST and add to ARPA.

Motion By: Mr. Ivey

Second By: Mr. Hobbs

Vote: Unanimous, in Favor of

To Appoint Councilwoman Marie Took as Montezuma's Representative to the Macon County Library Board to complete the remainder of Wanda Pendl's 4-year term as Ms. Pendl stepped down in 2024. (Term: October 1, 2023 through October 1, 2027).

Motion By: Mr. Hobbs

Second By: Mr. Felton

Vote: Unanimous, in Favor of

To Appoint Angie Peaster as Montezuma's Representative to the Macon County Landbank to complete the remainder of Austin Bradley's 4-year term as Mr. Bradley stepped down in 2024. (Term: January 2023 through December 2026).

Motion By: Mr. Brown

Second By: Mr. Hobbs

Vote: Unanimous, in Favor of

To Approve the Following Alcohol Licenses for Calendar Year 2025:

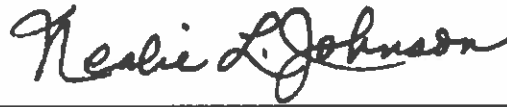
Montezuma Liquor Store	502A Spaulding Rd	Packaged Beer, Wine, & Distilled Spirits
Fillers #1	112 N. Dooly St.	Packaged Beer/Malt Bev. & Wine
Fillers #2	322 Spaulding Rd	Packaged Beer/Malt Bev.
LaHood & Company, LLC	97 E. Railroad St.	On Premises Sale of Distilled Spirits
McKenzie Memorial Club	100 Country Club Rd.	On Premises Beer/Malt Bev.
Minute Market	333 W. Drayton St.	Packaged Beer/Malt Bev. & Wine
Perry Bros/Mtz. Gas N Go	424 Spaulding Rd.	Packaged Beer/Malt Bev.
Quick Shop	712 Vienna Rd.	Packaged Beer/Malt Bev. & Wine
Reynolds IGA/DBA Piggly Wiggly	506 D Spaulding Rd.	Packaged Beer/Malt Bev. & Wine
Old Mexico of Montezuma	127 Cherry St.	On Premises Beer, Wine, & Distilled Spirits
Tranmazon	201 Walnut St.	On Premises Beer, Wine, & Distilled Spirits
Azteca	109 Oglethorpe Rd.	On Premises Beer, Wine, & Distilled Spirits

Motion By: Mr. Ivey

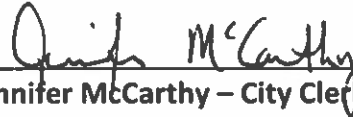
Second By: Mr. Hobbs

Vote: Unanimous, in Favor of

ADJOURN: With no further business, the meeting adjourned.



Neealie L. Johnson – Mayor



Jennifer McCarthy – City Clerk/Administrator

PHONE POLL OF MAYOR & COUNCIL

DATE OF POLL	19-Nov-24		
QUESTION:	<p>Phone Poll: To allow Georgia Power to lease 2 parking places in the front side of Gladys's Hair Parking Lot for a term of 10 years for \$1.00 per year to place 2 double electric vehicle parking stations. The City will not receive revenue. Do you agree?</p>		
VOTE	YES	NO	COMMENTS
Nealie Johnson	X		Concern is the location
Marie Tooks		X	Go with the majority vote. Cautious of allowing GP to use City property for free for 10 years
Charles Ivey	X		For it because they are coming. The main concern is location. Is that the best possible place? Check with others for references. Would the City Benefit from it?
Howard Brown		X	Not in favor of the location
Walter Felton	X		
Cleveland Hobbs	X		Contingent upon wording in the contract concerning the fact that the City will not be policing the parking spots.
Daniel Porter	X		