

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONTEZUMA CITY COUNCIL**  
**August 13, 2024**  
**Montezuma City Hall**  
**408 S. Dooly St.**  
**Montezuma, GA 31063**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Nealie Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

**INVOCATION:** Attendees stood as Mayor Nealie 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 Took; 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; Special Projects Coordinator, Angie Peaster

**ABSENT:** Mayor Pro Tempore Daniel Porter

**Special Presentations & Citizen Comments**

**Speaker #1:** National Fire Service Office - Skip Starling presented the requirements for lowering the ISO from 4 to 3.

**CITIZEN #1:** Mr. Ed Turley requested consideration of removing the speed bump on Holland.

**Responses:** Mayor Nealie Johnson & City Clerk/Administrator, Jennifer McCarthy responded that the initial vote for the speed bump must remain in place for a minimum of six months.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

To Approve minutes of regular council meeting of July 09, 2024, as received by all members.

To Ratify Phone Poll of July 29, 2024, to award LMIG bid to Reeves Construction in the low bid amount of \$209,467.00. This is for streets: Lyn Gresham, East Adams, Leon Court, and Norris St. The city will use LMIG 23, LMIG 24, & LRA 24 funds in the amount of \$188,646.90. The

City Match will be \$30,820.10 budgeted in TSPLOST FY2024. (A copy is attached to and made part of these minutes. Attachment #1)

To Accept a grant from International Paper in the amount of \$6,000. to be used for a golf cart for the Montezuma Police Department, Teen Traffic Safety Awareness Program. This program is designed to teach High School Students the effects of drug usage. The total cost of the golf cart is \$8,015.98. The balance of the vehicle will be \$2,015.98 from the SPLOST Fund. A budget amendment will be made at the end of FY2024.

To accept the tentative allocation of state funding in the amount of \$550,000 for Runway Rejuvenation and Remarketing of the Dr. CP Savage Airport. The City match will be \$183,333.00

To enter a contract with Still Waters Engineering to provide engineering services for the Lead Service Line Inventory Project. Still Waters Engineering was chosen "because they have provided many years of good service to the City of Montezuma" as well as their extensive knowledge of our community. (A copy is attached to and made part of these minutes. Attachment #2)

To approve a \$95,000.00 transfer from Sewer to Water for the Lead Service Line Inventory project in order to meet the October 16, 2024 deadline to complete the field investigation work. This funding may be reimbursed in the next round of funding awarded in November 2024.

Motion By: Mr. Hobbs  
Second By: Mr. Brown  
Vote: Unanimous, in Favor of

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

  
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Nalie L. Johnson – Mayor

  
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Jennifer McCarthy – City Clerk/Administrator