

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONTEZUMA CITY COUNCIL

June 3, 2025

Montezuma City Hall

408 S. Dooly St.

Montezuma, GA 31063

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor 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: Mayor Pro Tempore Cleveland Hobbs, Howard Brown, Charles Ivey, Daniel Porter, and Marie Took; City Attorney, Jon Coogle; City Manager, Mel Fulghom; City Administrator/Clerk, Jennifer McCarthy; Police Chief Eric Finch; Public Works/W&S Line Maintenance Chief Lonnie Shaw; Special Projects Coordinator Angie Peaster

ABSENT: Councilmember Walter Felton; Fire Chief Roy Yoder; W/WW Plants Chief Terry Cross

Special Presentations & Citizen Comments

Speaker #1: Mr. Ed Turley would like Council to remove the speed bump from Holland St. and asked about Downtown Code Enforcement.
Angie Peaster addressed the new code enforcement methods being taken to reduce blight in the City of Montezuma

Speaker #2: Assistant Pastor Hudson asked the City to collaborate with the Montezuma Church of Christ to provide a plan to deter the water runoff between the Church and Felton Cemetery.
Mayor Johnson asked for a proposal for the Council to review.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

To Approve minutes of council meeting of April 8, 2025, as received by all members.

To adopt Resolution #740. To re-name Devaughn St. to Willie J. Larry St. in honor of Mayor Willie James Larry.

To Adopt Resolution #742. A general election will be held 4th day of November 2025 at which a referendum will be submitted to allow registered voters within the corporate limits of the City of Montezuma to approve or disapprove the Sunday Sales

of "On Premises" distilled spirits, beer, or wine where 50 percent or more of the gross income of the establishment is from the sale of food.

To Approve Emergency Expense. To approve the demolition of condemned buildings: 111, 113, & 115 S. Dooly Street. Per court order of March 27, 2025, the City was directed to proceed with demolition due to unsafe conditions. The contract was awarded to low bidder Hunter Construction LLC in the amounts of: \$170,000.00 for 113 South Dooly St. (budgeted in FY2025), \$110,000.00 for 111 South Dooly St., and \$110,000.00 for 115 South Dooly St. (A budget amendment will be made to General Fund in the amount of \$220,000.00)

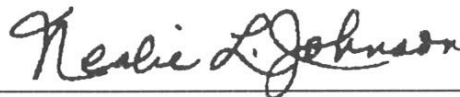
Approve Emergency Expense. To approve engine rebuild of Fire Truck #12 \$20,000.000 (A budget amendment will be made to Fire Fund in the amount of \$20,000.00)

To revise City of Montezuma Alcohol Ordinance Sections 10-3-e, 10-5-a, & 10-5-c

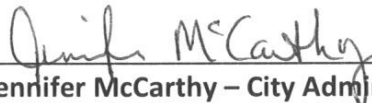
To approve the purchase of handheld radios and patch for the Montezuma Police Dept. Southern Link will be the provider in the amount of \$14,581.77. (A budget amendment will be made to SPLOST)

MOTION BY: Mr. Ivey
SECOND BY: Mr. Porter & Mr. Hobbs simultaneously
VOTE: UNANIMOUS, IN FAVOR OF

ADJOURN: With no further business, the meeting adjourned.



Neele L. Johnson – Mayor



Jennifer McCarthy – City Administrator/Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 742

RESOLUTION OF CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of City of Montezuma, Georgia voted to submit by referendum to authorize Sunday Alcohol Sales of "On Premises" distilled spirits, beer, or wine where 50 percent or more of the gross income of the establishment is from the sale of food.

WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly enacted O. C. G. A. Section 3-3-7 which authorizes Sunday on premises sales by retailers of malt beverages, wine, and distilled spirits under certain conditions and subject to a local referendum; and

WHEREAS, a general election will be held 4th day of November 2025 at which a referendum will be submitted to the voters registered within the corporate limits of the City of Montezuma, Georgia, for approval or disapproval of Sunday Alcohol Sales on premises where 50 percent or more of the gross income of the establishment is from the sale of food.

NOW, THEREFORE, that the city clerk is directed to forward this resolution to the Election Superintendant of Macon County, Georgia, and authorizing the call of the election and submission to the voters within the corporate limits of the City of Montezuma, Georgia. Preclearance by the Justice Department is no longer required.

SO RESOLVED by a vote of 5 for and 0 opposed, this 3rd day of June 2025.

CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA.

By: Nealie L. Johnson
Nealie L. Johnson, Mayor

Attest: Jennifer McCarthy
Jennifer McCarthy, City Clerk/Administrator