

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONTEZUMA CITY COUNCIL
October 14, 2025
Montezuma City Hall
408 S. Dooly St.
Montezuma, GA 31063

- CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Nealie L. 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, Walter Felton, Charles Ivey, Marie Tooks, and Daniel Porter; City Attorney, Jon Coogle; City Manager, Mel Fulghom; City Administrator/Clerk, Jennifer McCarthy; Police Chief Eric Finch; Police Captain Chris Hill; W/WW Plants Chief Terry Cross; Public Works/W&S Line Maintenance Chief Lonnie Shaw; Special Projects Coordinator Angie Peaster
- ABSENT:** Council Member Howard Brown; Fire Chief Roy Yoder

Citizens Comments

1. Minister Jeff Rogers asked Council to consider extending the paved road at Champ Waters Cemetery. Mr. Rogers will follow up with City Manager Mel Fulghom with more information.
2. Mrs. Sherri Rogers asked if it was possible to start the Montezuma Christmas Parade at an earlier time - while it is still daylight. Special Projects Coordinator Angie Peaster responded that she would work with Police Chief Finch, and they would look into the options of an earlier start time.
3. Mr. Ed Turley notified Council that he is seeking to hold a neighborhood meeting to have 6 speed bumps removed.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

To Approve minutes of council meeting of September 23, 2025, as received by all members.

To donate the corner lot of the McKenzie Mall (at the corner of 102 East Railroad St and Spaulding Road) to the DDA.

To approve the purchase of 4.81 acres of land from Clete Sanders, located across the street from the wastewater treatment plant. The property will be leased for \$10.00 from October 15, 2025 – January 20, 2026. Before January 20, 2026, the City

will close on the purchase of the property at a cost of \$410,000.00. Purchase to be funded by the Sewer Fund. Property to be used for future wastewater projects and a possible location for second Fire Department (A copy is attached to and made part of these minutes. Attachment #1)

To approve the lease of 1 office building at 150 Airport Rd. and 2 buildings at 910 Travelers Rest Rd. in the amount of \$2,800.00 per month to Trantham Fams.
(A copy is attached to and made part of these minutes. Attachment #2)

To approve the purchase of two (2) 2025 Ford Explorers for the Police Department Patrol Division. To be awarded to low bidder, Brannen Automotive of Unadilla, GA in the amount of \$93,800.00 for both. This is a FY2026 Budgeted item from SPLOST Fund.

To approve purchase of one (1) 2025 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 for the Police Department Investigations Division. To be awarded to low bidder, Brannen Automotive of Unadilla, GA in the amount of \$54,900.00. This is a FY2026 Budgeted item from SPLOST Fund.

To approve the purchase of 10 Panasonic Toughbook Computers for Police Department vehicles. To be purchased from low bidder, PrologicITs in the amount of \$33,163.50. This is a FY2026 Budgeted item from SPLOST Fund.

MOTION BY: Mr. Hobbs

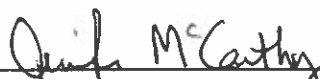
SECOND BY: Mr. Porter

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, IN FAVOR OF

ADJOURN: With no further business, the meeting adjourned.



Neealie L. Johnson – Mayor



Jennifer McCarthy – City Administrator/Clerk