

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONTEZUMA
CITY COUNCIL

May 8, 2001

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

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Charles Glover.

PRESENT: Mayor Willie J, Larry; Council Members Charles Glover, Carl Adams, Cordel Jackson and Marvin Edwards; City Clerk, Joyce Hardy; Police Chief, Sabrina Friday; Fire Chief, David Trussell; PW Chief, Ben Coogle; City Attorney, Jon Coogle; and City Manager, David M. Peaster, Sr.

ABSENT: Council Members Carl Peaster and Roy Barker.

MOTION #1: **ACCEPT MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 10, 2001 AS RECEIVED BY ALL MEMBERS.**

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

SPECIAL ORDERS:

MOTION #2: **TO ALLOW MR. MORRIS JAMES TO ADDRESS MAYOR & COUNCIL WITHOUT BEING PREVIOUSLY ON THE AGENDA.**

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

MORRIS JAMES STATEMENT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL: Mr James appeared before Mayor & Council to request that they relieve Assistant Chief, Eric Finch from his duties with the Police Department because Mr. Finch had lied to Mr. James on three occasions, according to Mr. James, in an attempt to cover-up issues associated with an alleged theft of records at Mr. James place of business. Mr. James stated, "I will do whatever I have to do to get him

relieved of his duties." No comment was made by Mayor and Council on this subject. Due to the fact that this issue was added to the agenda only moments before, Mr. Finch was not present to defend himself against these allegations.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: No Report

CITY CLERK'S REPORT: No Report.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

MOTION #3: TO FORWARD LETTER TO DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NOT LATER THAN MAY 11, 2001 REQUESTING WAIVER OF COPFAST GRANT RETENTION PLAN.

MOTION BY: Mr. Jackson

SECOND BY: Mr. Adams

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor Of

MAYOR'S REPORT: No Report

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

WATER & SEWER UTILITIES COMMITTEE - COUNCIL MEMBER CARL ADAMS, CHAIRMAN: No Report.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY - COUNCIL MEMBER CARL ADAMS, CHAIRMAN: No Report.

POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE - COUNCIL MEMBER CORDEL JACKSON, CHAIRMAN: No Report.

STREETS, SANITATION, CEMETERY & PARKS MATTERS - COUNCIL MEMBER CHARLES GLOVER, CHAIRMAN: No Report.

FINANCE, BUDGET & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - COUNCIL MEMBER CARL PEASTER, CHAIRMAN: Absent.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE - COUNCIL MEMBER ROY BARKER, CHAIRMAN: Absent

FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE - COUNCIL MEMBER MARVIN EDWARDS, CHAIRMAN: No Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION #4: **TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF SPEED TRAILER FROM APPLIED CONCEPTS AT A COST OF \$6,995.** *Revenue source for this purchase will be \$5,000 from "Strap and Snap" grant funds and \$1,995 from funds already in Police Dept Budget.*

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

MOTION #5: **TO AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION TO FEMA FOR PURCHASE OF FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT.** *10% matching funds required for this purchase will be appropriated in FY2002 budget.*

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

MOTION #6: **TO ENTER INTO A NEW AGREEMENT WITH THE GEORGIA DEPT OF CORRECTIONS FOR CONTINUED SERVICES OF A PRISON DETAIL CREW AT A COST OF \$31,774 PER YEAR.**

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

MOTION #7: **TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #355 TO AMEND GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR FY2001. A copy of Resolution #355 is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #1.**

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

MOTION #8: **TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #356 RECOGNIZING RETIRING BOARD OF EDUCATION EMPLOYEE AND LONGTIME MONTEZUMA CITIZEN, MRS. ADDIE MAE MARTIN. A copy of Resolution #356 is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #2.**

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

MOTION #9: **TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO LIBRARY HVAC SYSTEM BY PEACH HEATING & COOLING AT A COST OF \$2,000. Budget Amendment, if it becomes necessary, will be made at a future meeting.**

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

MOTION #10: TO USE A. M. FIELDS CENTER AS POLLING PLACE FOR UPCOMING 2001 MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2001. *Usual polling place (National Guard Armory) will be undergoing extensive renovations during the next 12 months.*

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

MOTION #11: TO RATIFY APPOINTMENT OF JOHN BAKER BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARVIN EDWARDS TO THE AIRPORT COMMITTEE.

MOTION BY: Mr. Edwards
SECOND BY: Mr. Adams
VOTE: All in Favor Of except Council Member Jackson who voted in Opposition

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

Willie J. Larry - Mayor

David M. Peaster, Sr. - City Manager