

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONTEZUMA  
CITY COUNCIL**

January 9, 2007

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

**INVOCATION:** The invocation was given by Mayor Larry

**PRESENT:** Mayor Willie J. Larry; Council Members; Charles Glover, Charles Ivey, Frank Lester, Roy Barker, Cordel Jackson and James Trask; City Clerk, Joyce Hardy; Fire Chief, David Trussell, Police Chief, Eric Finch; Student Office Clerk, Felicia Respress; and City Attorney, Jon Coogle.

**ABSENT:** None

**ACTIONS**

**MOTION #1**

**TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 10, 2006 AS RECEIVED BY ALL MEMBERS.**

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

**MOTION #2**

**TO PURCHASE A 1997 FORD F150 PICK-UP TRUCK FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM DOAS AT A COST OF \$ 2,118. AND TRANSFER BALANCE OF FUNDS BUDGETED FOR THIS PURCHASE TO "VEHICLE REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE" LINE ITEM. *This is a budgeted expense in the General Fund, Fire Dept budget. Amount budgeted - \$4,999***

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

**MOTION #3**

**TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR PHASE 1 OF WWTP CONSOLIDATION PROJECT CONSISTING OF FORCE MAIN FROM WWTP#1 TO WWTP#2 TO LOW BIDDER, MEADORS CONSTRUCTION, AT A TOTAL COST OF \$1,060,000. AS RECOMMENDED BY ENGINEER, PAUL RAKEL. Funds for this project will come from EIP Grant, EDA Grant and GEFA loan.**

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

**MOTION #4**

**TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF A DESKTOP COMPUTER & MONITOR FOR ADMINISTRATIVE DEPT FROM DELL AT THE GOVERNMENT CONTRACT PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$1,300 PLUS SHIPPING AND TO PURCHASE A DESK FROM GA CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES WITH REMAINDER OF FUNDS BUDGETED. Amount budgeted - \$2,400**

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

**MOTION #5**

**TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE MACON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO ADMINISTER HOTEL MOTEL TAX FUNDS COLLECTED SPECIFICALLY FOR TOURISM PURPOSES AND ACCORDING TO ANNUAL BUDGET APPROVED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL EACH YEAR. A copy of this agreement & FY07 Budget is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #1.**

MOTION BY: Mr. Lester  
SECOND BY: Mr. Hildreth  
VOTE: Unanimous in Favor Of

**MOTION #6**

**TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF 2500 LBS OF PHOSPHATE FOR WATER SYSTEM FROM LOW BIDDER, HYDRO SOLUTIONS AT A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$4,000. This is a budgeted expense in the Water Fund budget.**

MOTION BY: Mr. Barker  
SECOND BY: Mr. Hildreth  
VOTE: Unanimous in Favor Of

**MOTION #7**

**TO PERMIT CHIEF FINCH TO APPLY FOR GRANT MONIES FROM WEYERHAEUSER AND FLINT ENERGIES TO PURCHASE & TRAIN A DRUG DOG.**

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

**MOTION #8**

**TO CANCEL UPCOMING DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING.**

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Larry reported on the following: 1) Chris Clark with Carter & Sloope Engineers, has been contacted to do a study & give an estimate on how much it will cost to alleviate the drainage problem at & near the Miller Auto Parts store. He further stated that he intends to request grant funds to correct the problem. 2) Per W & S Line Maintenance Chief, Alfred Wynn, street cuts are repaired when the number of cuts warrant a full load of cold patch.

**WATER & SEWER UTILITIES COMMITTEE – COUNCIL MEMBER HILDRETH**

After reading aloud Mr. Hildreth's letter of resignation the following vote occurred.

**MOTION #9**

**TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCIL MEMBER HILDRETH EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2006.**

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

Following this vote, Mayor Larry presented Mr. Hildreth with a plaque in appreciation for his service on Council.

**FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE – COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON**

Mr. Jackson expressed his appreciation for the way Mr. Hildreth conducted city business and his demeanor while on Council.

**POLICE COMMITTEE – COUNCIL MEMBER IVEY**

Council Member Ivey announced that Council Member Hildreth will be moving very close to his hometown and he intends to visit him when he goes back home. He also expressed his sentiments on Council Member Hildreth's resignation.

Council Member Ivey commended Chief Finch on his recent 2005 Annual Report of the Montezuma Police Dept and suggested that parts of it be published in the local newspaper

**STREETS, SANITATION CEMETERY & PARKS COMMITTEE – COUNCIL MEMBER GLOVER**

Council Member Glover echoed other members regarding Council Member Hildreth.

**FINANCE, PERSONNEL & BUDGET COMMITTEE – COUNCIL MEMBER LESTER**

<b>MOTION #10</b>	<b>TO SEND LETTER TO ALL DELINQUENT FLOOD LOAN ACCOUNTS STATING THAT IF PAYMENT IS NOT RECEIVED THEN DELINQUENCY WILL BE REPORTED TO THE CREDIT BUREAUS.</b>
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MOTION BY:	Mr. Lester
SECOND BY:	Mr. Ivey
VOTE:	Unanimous in Favor Of

**PUBLIC PROPERTIES COMMITTEE – COUNCIL MEMBER BARKER**

Mr. Barker stated that he is still negotiating with the owner for purchase of the property considered by Mayor & Council at the last executive session.

## **MOTION & VOTE TO REPLACE COUNCIL MEMBER HILDRETH**

At this point in the meeting, Mayor Larry opened the floor for nominations to fill the unexpired term of resigning Council Member Bobby Hildreth.

Council Member Barker nominates **James R. Trask**. Mayor Larry calls for any other nominations. None were received. Council Member Barker motions to close nominations with Council Member Lester seconding the motion. Vote was unanimous to close the nominations.

Mayor Larry then calls for a vote on appointing James R. Trask as the new Council Member, effective January 1, 2007. Vote was unanimous in favor.

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

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Willie J. Larry – Mayor

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Joyce H. Hardy – City Clerk