

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

December 10, 2002

**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 Carl Adams, Charles Glover, Carl Peaster, Roy Barker, Cordel Jackson and Marvin Edwards; City Clerk, Joyce Hardy; PW Chief, Ben Coogle; Police Chief, Eric Finch; W/WW Chief, Ben Rhoden; Fire Chief, David Trussell and City Attorney, Jon Coogle.

**ABSENT:** Lucy Warnock, Librarian

**SPECIAL ORDERS**

**Dedication of Council Chambers** - Mayor Larry dedicated the City Hall Council Chambers in honor of former Mayor, Albert H. Davis.

**CITIZEN REMARKS**

**Willie C. Sparks** - Mr. Sparks appeared before Mayor & Council to express his concern over the recent increase in Water & Sewer rates; Council absenteeism; Elected official benefits.

**Danny Patel** - Mr. Patel, owner of Budget Inn on Railroad Street, appeared before Mayor & Council to notify of the unsafe condition of the storm sewer in front of his business. Mr. Patel was informed that the problem will be addressed in the next phase of SOST project.

**COUNCIL ACTIONS**

**MOTION #1: TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF PROPERTY TAX PUBLIC HEARINGS OF NOVEMBER 4, 7 & 12, 2002 & REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 8, 2002 AS RECEIVED BY ALL MEMBERS.**

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

**MOTION #2: TO ADD MOTION #3 ISSUE TO THE AGENDA.**

MOTION BY: Mr. Jackson  
SECOND BY: Mr. Peaster  
VOTE: Passed with Vote as Follows:

Mr. Jackson	-	YES
Mr. Peaster	-	YES
Mr. Glover	-	YES
Mr. Adams	-	YES
Mr. Barker	-	NO
Mr. Edwards	-	NO

**MOTION #3: TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF ONE-TIME SALARY INCREASES & TO AMEND BUDGET ACCORDINGLY.** A copy of the approved schedule is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #1.

MOTION BY: Mr. Jackson  
SECOND BY: Mr. Glover  
VOTE: Passed with Vote as Follows:

Mr. Jackson	-	YES
Mr. Peaster	-	ABSTAIN
Mr. Glover	-	YES
Mr. Adams	-	YES
Mr. Barker	-	NO
Mr. Edwards	-	NO

**MOTION #4:** **TO APPROVE LEASE OF DEPOT TO THE MACON COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM.** A copy of the lease agreement is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #2.

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

**MOTION #5:** **TO TABLE DECISION OF WHETHER OR NOT TO ALLOW GA DOT TO ACCEPT GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF MONTEZUMA UNTIL SUCH TIME AS CITY RECEIVES NOTIFICATION THAT "ONE GEORGIA" FUNDS ARE APPROVED.**

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

**MOTION #6:** **TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #342 TO CREATE A NEW GMEBS MASTER DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT PLAN AS RECOMMENDED BY GMEBS AND AS APPROVED BY IRS.**

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

**MOTION #7:** **TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO WACO ELECTRIC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,575 FOR REBUILD TO PUMP AT LIFT STATION #2.** This is a budgeted expense in the Sewer Fund under Line Item Repairs & Maintenance.

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

**MOTION #8:** TO AWARD BID FOR PURCHASE OF A BREATHING AIR SYSTEM FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT, FROM LOW BIDDER, BREATHING AIR SYSTEMS, AT A COST OF \$35,432 AFTER TRADE-IN OF OLD SYSTEM & TO AUTHORIZE BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THIS PURCHASE. Funding for this purchase is as follows: Fire Act Grant - \$33,480 and General Fund - \$1,952.

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

**MOTION #9:** TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #341 PROHIBITING THE HANDLING, STORAGE OR TRANSFER OF ANY CHEMICALS, FERTILIZERS OR OTHER TOXIC SUBSTANCES AT THE MONTEZUMA AIRPORT. A copy of Ordinance #341 is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #2.

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

**MOTION #10:** TO INCREASE VOLUNTEER FIRE PAY EFFECTIVE WITH THE 2002 PAYROLL, TO \$15 PER FIRE OR DRILL.

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

**MOTION #11:** TO ISSUE PERMIT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF MACON COUNTY TO PLACE MOBILE OFFICE BUILDING ON CITY PROPERTY AT AIRPORT. This mobile building will serve as a temporary lounge for customers of Earl Evans.

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

**MOTION #12:** TO ADD MOTION #13 ISSUE TO THE AGENDA.

MOTION BY: Mr. Barker  
SECOND BY: Mr. Glover  
VOTE: Unanimous In Favor Of

**MOTION #13:** TO ISSUE AN IMMEDIATE FREEZE IN HIRING OF ANY NEW CITY EMPLOYEES (BOTH FULL AND PART TIME) REQUIRING ANY POSITION VACANCIES TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL BEFORE FILLING.

MOTION BY: Mr. Jackson  
SECOND BY: Mr. Glover  
VOTE: Passed with Vote as Follows:

Mr. Jackson	-	FOR
Mr. Glover	-	FOR
Mr. Adams	-	FOR
Mr. Peaster	-	FOR
Mr. Barker	-	FOR
Mr. Edwards	-	AGAINST

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Larry discussed the following issues: 1) Annual Christmas Parade was a big success and Mayor thanked all who participated in making this parade the best one ever. Special thanks were extended to Gwen Smith and Angela Lester

for their dedicated efforts with this event. 2) Elton Hunter Park dedication service is scheduled for 10:00 AM, Saturday, January 18, 2003. 3) Mayor requested that the city engineers look into modifying the pavement downtown to eliminate problem of car bumpers being damaged by curb. 4) Issue of eliminating monthly council work sessions and changing manner in which elected officials are paid was discussed. No vote was taken.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **WATER & SEWER UTILITIES COMMITTEE - COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS**

Ben Rhoden reported the following: 1) Water leak downtown has been located and repaired thanks to the use of location equipment provided by the Georgia Rural Water Authority.

Mr. Rhoden was instructed to notify all affected businesses in the event that water must be shut-off for repairs. Mr. Rhoden agreed to comply.

### **FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE - COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON**

Council Member Jackson announced that his appointment to the Airport Committee is Charles Allen.

### **STREETS, SANITATION CEMETERY & PARKS COMMITTEE - COUNCIL MEMBER GLOVER**

Ben Coogle reported on the following issues: 1) Completion on Brantley Street project is stalled pending Georgia Power's moving a utility pole. 2) Next phase SOST paving was announced. (A copy is attached to and made a part of these Minutes . Attachment # 3)

**FINANCE, PERSONNEL & BUDGET COMMITTEE - COUNCIL  
MEMBER PEASTER**

City Clerk announced that November financial statements are complete and have been given to Mayor and Mr. Peaster.

**POLICE COMMITTEE - COUNCIL MEMBER EDWARDS**

Chief Finch made the following announcements 1) Burned out station on Dooly Street has been demolished; 2) Wholesale Tire Co. have placed their tires in a bin; 3) Burglary report was given.

**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