

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONTEZUMA
CITY COUNCIL
February 11, 2020

- CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
- INVOCATION:** Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance in unison and Mayor Smith said a prayer.
- PRESENT:** Mayor Larry Smith, Council Members, Cleveland Hobbs, Nealie Johnson, Byron Thompson, Roy Barker and Charles Ivey; Special Projects Manager, Mel Fulghom; Clerk/Administrator, Joyce Hardy; Clerk of Council, Monica Cephus; Chief of Police, Eric Finch; W/W Plant Operations Manager Terry Cross; W/S Line Maint. Supt. Lonnie Shaw; Library Branch Manager Darneisha Ivey and Fire Chief, Mathew Moye.
- ABSENT:** Council member Danny Levie; PW Chief, Marcel Jackson and City Attorney, Jon Coogle.

SPECIAL ORDERS

1. Presentation of Police Department "Officer of the Year" Award to Officer Gregory Guerra for 2019.
2. Ms. Nealie Johnson will read aloud the Georgia General Assembly Resolution honoring former Council Person, Mrs. Bessie Warren.

- MOTION #1** **TO ACCEPT ALL ISSUES ON THE CONSENT AGENDA, AS FOLLOWS:**
- TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 14, 2020, AS RECEIVED BY ALL MEMBERS.**

TO APPROVE REZONING REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION BY THE PLANNING & ZONING COMM TO REZONE VACANT LOT LOCATED AT 520 MCKENZIE DR, FROM R1 TO R3R, TO ALLOW OWNER TO PLACE ONE DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE HOME ONTO IT. THERE ARE TWO LOTS THAT WILL BE COMBINED FOR THE PLACEMENT OF ONE DOUBLE WIDE TRAILER WITH STIPULATIONS THAT THE TRAILER BE AFFIXED TO A PERMANENT FOUNDATION, AXLES REMOVED, UNDER SKIRTING ATTACHED AND AREA LANDSCAPED, BEFORE CITY UTILITIES ARE TURNED ON.

TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #685 AS FINAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR FY2019, FOR AUDIT PURPOSES. *A copy of resolution #685 is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Attachment # 1.*

TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #686, NAMING GREGORY GUERRA OFFICER OF THE YEAR FOR 2019. *A copy of resolution #686 is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Attachment # 2.*

TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #687, PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 21, 2020 AS "ARBOR DAY" IN MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA. *A copy of resolution #687 is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Attachment # 3.*

TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #688 ADOPTING THE MACON COUNTY PRE-DISASTER HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR 2019-2023. *A copy of resolution #688 is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Attachment # 4.*

TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC PROPERTY FOR SALE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER.

BUILDING KNOWN AS THE FORMER HILL'S DEPT STORE, 111 CHERRY ST, AS IS AND IF NO BIDS RECEIVED THEN AUTHORIZATION REPLACE ROOF AND REBID.

MINIMUM BIDS TO BE DETERMINED BY MAYOR & SPECIAL PROJECTS MANAGER PRIOR TO ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS.

TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF ONE 2020 F150 PUP TRUCK FOR THE WATER DEPT FROM LOW BIDDER, BRANNEN MOTOR CO., AT A TOTAL COST OF \$24,600. *This is a budgeted expense in the Water Fund. Amount Budgeted is \$25,000.*

TO PURCHASE A PUSH CAMERA HEAD & PIGTAIL FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,000. *This is a budgeted expense in the Sewer Line Maint. Fund.*

MOTION BY: Mr. Thompson
SECOND BY: Mr. Barker
VOTE: Vote passed unanimously

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


Larry J. Smith - Mayor


Joyce Hardy - City / Administrator

House of Representatives

House Resolution 917

By: Representative Bentley of the 139th

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the life and memory of Bessie Byrom Warren; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens with the passing of Bessie Byrom Warren on October 11, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Bessie Byrom Warren was born on June 11, 1945, in Macon, Georgia, a beloved daughter of Augustus and Ellen West Byrom; and

WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Bessie Byrom Warren was an active member of Magnolia Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, she faithfully served the church in many capacities, including as assistant church secretary, and was involved in many ministries that improved the spiritual growth of the church and surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, Bessie Byrom Warren was united in love and marriage to her husband, Jessie Warren, and was blessed with three remarkable children, Torrance, Jessie, and Alonze; and two wonderful grandchildren, Nyah and Torrance; and

WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to her family and friends were admired by others; and

WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she made of her life, she made this world a better place in which to live; and

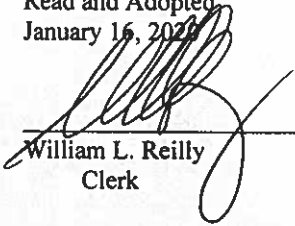
WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Bessie Byrom Warren will long be remembered for her love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing her.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Bessie Byrom Warren and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

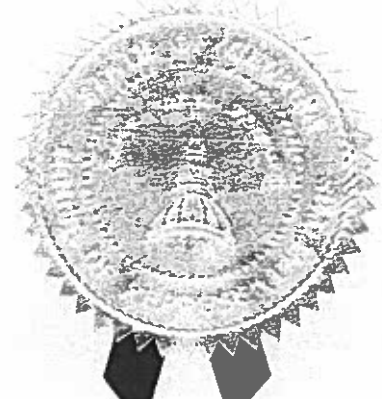
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of Bessie Byrom Warren.

IN HOUSE

Read and Adopted
January 16, 2019



William L. Reilly
Clerk



RESOLUTION NUMBER 685

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEZUMA GEORGIA TO ADOPT FINAL AMENDMENT TO FY2019 BUDGETS BUDGETS

WHEREAS, the local budgets for the City of Montezuma, Georgia were adopted on the 11th day of September, 2018,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend said budget now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Montezuma, Georgia that the following amendments to the Water & Sewer Fund Budgets be made.

		FROM	TO
EXPENDITURES			
51400	ELECTIONS	\$ -	\$ 2,150
51500	ADMINISTRATION	\$ 428,982	\$ 459,322
51565	PUBLIC BUILDINGS	\$ 111,115	\$ 80,145
52650	MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 70,261	\$ 73,051
53200	POLICE DEPT	\$ 845,944	\$ 853,844
53250	POLICE K9 DIVISION	\$ 10,906	\$ 23,406
54200	STREET DEPT	\$ 249,838	\$ 252,338
54250	STORMWATER COLL & DISPOSAL	\$ 79,208	\$ 81,283
55144	MOSQUITO CONTROL	\$ 19,218	\$ 27,673
56200	PARKS DEPT	\$ 64,877	\$ 61,977
56500	LIBRARY	\$ 91,485	\$ 102,815
57500	ECONOMIC DEV & TOURISM	\$ 18,500	\$ 36,557
59000	OTHER DEPTS-HOLIDAY EXPENSES	\$ 13,500	\$ 3,000
OPERATING TRANSFERS			
	FROM SEWER FUND	\$ 180,000	\$ 207,685
CONTINGENCIES			
	GEN FUND - CONTINGENCIES	\$ 26,062	\$ (26,062)

RESOLVED this 11th day of February, 2020

CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA

By: Larry J. Smith
Larry J. Smith - Mayor

Attest: Joyce H. Hardy
Joyce H. Hardy - Clerk/Administrator

Resolution # 686

A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND POLICE OFFICER
GREGORY GUERRA FOR BEING AWARDED
EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR 2019

WHEREAS, From January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, Officer Gregory Guerra is awarded for the outstanding work performance of his duties as an officer of the Montezuma Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Officer Gregory Guerra work criteria included attendance, most productive officer, organizational commitment, leadership and community involvement. Officer Guerra has distinguished himself and received the respect and admiration of his peers, supervisors and the City of Montezuma; and


WHEREAS, Officer Guerra; in addition to his patrol duties, Officer Guerra was tasked with several responsibilities and performs them all in an exemplary manner, conducted the most follow up investigations and assisted in several major investigations and serving as the Department Traffic and Tag Reader Operator, and

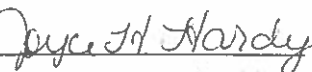
WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Montezuma Police Department to identify criminal activity, pursue and apprehend criminal offenders, to instill public confidence in the agency by maintaining a high degree of professionalism, dedication and expertise in the department;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council and the citizens of Montezuma do hereby commend and thank Officer Gregory Guerra for his service, dedication and professionalism displayed on a daily basis.

SO RESOLVED, the 11th day of February 2020 by the Mayor and Council of Montezuma, Georgia.

City of Montezuma, Georgia

By: 
Larry Smith-Mayor

Attest: 
Joyce H. Hardy-Clerk/Administrator

Resolution # 687

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 21, 2020 AS
“ARBOR DAY” IN MONTEZUMA.**

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska and is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees are renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal and serve to enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Larry J. Smith, as Mayor of the City of Montezuma, Georgia, do hereby proclaim, Friday, February 21, 2020 as:

“Arbor Day”

in Montezuma, Georgia and urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and join together in planting trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

SO IT BE RESOLVED, this 11th day of February, 2020.

THE CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA

By: _____

Larry J. Smith
Larry J. Smith - Mayor

Attest: _____

Joyce H. Hardy
Joyce H. Hardy - Clerk Administrator

Resolution # 688

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA, ADOPTING THE MACON COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL PRE-DISASTER HAZARD MITGRATION PLAN FOR 2019-2023 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Montezuma, Macon County and the Cities of Ideal, Marshallville and Oglethorpe are required to have a Pre-Disaster Hazed Mitigation Plan pursuant to the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, local governments that complete Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plans will remain eligible for Federal mitigation funding; and

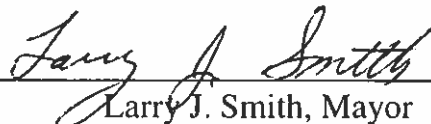
WHEREAS, the City of Montezuma, working in cooperation with Macon County and the Cities of Ideal, Marshallville and Oglethorpe, has completed a Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan that fulfills the Federal requirements for the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

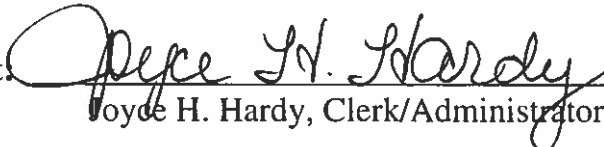
WHEREAS, Macon County has been notified that the plan, pursuant to review by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has been deemed compliant with programmatic requirements of the Federal Hazard Mitigation Planning Standards; and

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved that the Mayor and Council of the City of Montezuma formally adopts the Macon County Multi-Jurisdiction Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan for 2019-2023.

SO RESOLVED, this 11th day of February, 2020.

CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA

By: 
Larry J. Smith, Mayor

Attest: 
Joyce H. Hardy, Clerk/Administrator

