

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONTEZUMA**  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**October 11, 2022**

- CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Nealie Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
- INVOCATION:** Mayor Nealie Johnson called for the invocation and Councilmember Felton led in prayer. Then attendees stood and said the "Pledge of Allegiance" in unison.
- PRESENT:** Mayor Nealie Johnson, Council Members: Cleveland Hobbs, Walter Felton, Howard Brown, and Charles Ivey; City Administrator, Joyce Hardy; City Clerk, Jennifer McCarthy; City Manager, Mel Fulghom; Police Chief, Eric Finch; W/WW Plants Chief, Terry Cross; W & S Line Maintenance Chief, Lonnie Shaw, and Public Works Chief, Tim Goodman, Development/Tourism Coordinator, Angie Mathews
- ABSENT:** Councilmember Daniel Porter; City Attorney, Jon Coogle; Interim Fire Chief, Roy Yoder
- CITIZENS COMMENTS:** Marvis Brown expressed concern that kudzu was taking over the road near 423 Mitchell St. She asked if the City could do anything to control it. Public Works Chief, Tim Goodman stated that he would check into it on Wednesday.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- MOTION # 1**            **TO ACCEPT ALL ISSUES ON THE CONSENT AGENDA, AS FOLLOWS:**
- TO APPROVE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF: SEPT. 27, 2022; REZONING/CONCU PUBLIC HEARING OF SEPT. 27, 2022; FY2023 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING OF SEPT. 15, 2022; MILLAGE RATE PUBLIC HEARING #1 OF SEPT. 29, 2022; MILLAGE RATE PUBLIC HEARING #2 OF OCT. 6, 2022; MILLAGE RATE PUBLIC HEARING #3 OF OCT. 6, 2022, AS RECEIVED BY ALL MEMBERS.**

**TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #718 TO SET THE MILLAGE RATE FOR 2022 AT 13 MILS AND ELIMINATE THE FIRE FEES ON TAXABLE PROPERTIES. NON-TAXABLE PROPERTIES WILL PAY A FIRE FEE ON THEIR UTILITY BILLS. A copy of Resolution #718 is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Attachment #1.**

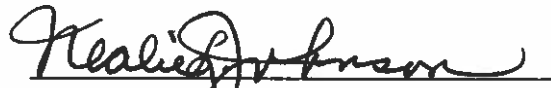
**TO AWARD CDBG20 PROJECT CONTRACT TO SOLE BIDDER POPCO, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,429,849.66 WITH CHANGE ORDER #1 TO REDUCE SCOPE OF WORK TO FIT WITHIN THE PROJECT BUDGET AS RECOMMENDED BY DCA AND PROJECT ENGINEER, BRIAN HENDERSON.**

**TO RENEW SPEED OF DETECTION DEVICE PERMIT FOR THE MONTEZUMA POLICE DEPARTMENT. A LIST OF ROADWAYS PERMITTED BY DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR SPEED DETECTION DEVICES. A copy of this permit is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Attachment #2.**

MOTION BY: Mr. Ivey  
SECOND BY: Mr. Hobbs

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS, IN FAVOR OF

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

  
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Neele L. Johnson - Mayor

  
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Jennifer McCarthy - City Clerk

RESOLUTION NUMBER 718

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA TO SET THE 2022 AD  
VALOREM TAX MILLAGE RATE

BE IT RESOLVED, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Mayor  
and Council of the City of Montezuma, Georgia that the ad valorem  
tax millage rate for the City of Montezuma for 2022 be set at 13.0  
mils.

RESOLVED, this 11<sup>TH</sup> day of October 2022.

THE CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA

By:   
Neale L. Johnson – Mayor

Attest,   
Joyce H. Hardy – Clerk/Administrator



Colonel Christopher Wright  
Commissioner

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**Office of Professional Standards**  
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Mr. Mike Phillips  
Director

September 30, 2022

Chief Eric R. Finch  
Montezuma City Government  
PO Box 388  
Montezuma, GA 31063

**RE: Expiration of Speed Detection Device Permit(s) on December 31, 2022**

**Dear Chief Eric R. Finch:**

This letter is to inform of your agency's expired Speed Detection Device Permit. In support of your continued use of Speed Detection Devices, the following information must be submitted to the Department of Public Safety's Special Investigations Division:

1. A letter from the governing authority requesting renewal of its speed detection device permit. Counties must have their correspondence signed by either the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners or a member of the same. Municipalities must have their letter signed by the Mayor. If the County Sheriff seeks renewal of its speed detection device permit, the letter must be signed by the County Sheriff.
2. A copy of the Agency's **FCC Radio Station License**. O.C.G.A. §40-14-4 and Ga. Comp. R. and R. r. §570-7-7-02(e). Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §90-179, "Licensees of radio stations authorized under this rule part may share the use of their facilities. A station is shared when persons not licensed for the station control the station for their own purposes pursuant to the licensee's authorization." In the event that the FCC Radio License being used by your jurisdiction was not issued to it, it must submit an intergovernmental or interagency agreement or contract authorizing its use of the FCC license. The intergovernmental or interagency agreement or contract authorizing your jurisdiction's use of the FCC license should be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, Sheriff or Mayor of the respective governmental authority.

3. A copy of each law enforcement officer's **Speed Detection Device Operator Permit** issued from **P.O.S.T.** or the **Agency Speed Detection Report** from **P.O.S.T.** or the **Agency Speed Detection Report** from the **P.O.S.T.** website. See, **O.C.G.A. §40-14-5** and **Ga. Comp. R. and R. r. §570-7-.06** and **.07**.
4. A copy of each governing authorities' **Certification of Calibration**. Each device should have been calibrated recently (within the year), so that the calibrations are current at the time of the issuance of the renewed permit. **O.C.G.A. §40-14-5** and **Ga. Comp. R. and R. r. §570-7-.02(e)**.

Should you have questions regarding this correspondence please contact Jewel Johnson at 404-624-7491. The mailing address of Department of Public Safety's Office of Professional Standards, P. O. Box 1456, Atlanta, Georgia 30371.

Sincerely,

Jewel Johnson  
Admin Assistant II  
jjohnson@gsp.net

**ALL LISTS AND PARTS OF LISTS IN CONFLICT WITH THIS LIST ARE HEREBY REPEALED.**

Signature of Governing Authority:

*Nelson L. Johnson*  
Mayor, City of Montezuma

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

Sworn and Subscribed before me  
This 11 day of October,  
2022.

*Jim McCarthy*  
Clerk

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

The City of Montezuma Board of Commissioners is hereby requesting that the following roadways be approved for the use of speed detection devices:

**LIST OF ROADWAYS  
for  
THE CITY OF MONTEZUMA**

**ON-SYSTEM ROADWAYS**

**ALL ON-SYSTEM ROUTES HAVE BEEN VERIFIED BY GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION**

STATE ROUTE	WITHIN THE CITY / TOWN LIMITS OF and/or School Name	FROM	MILE POINT	TO	MILE POINT	LENGTH IN MILES	SPEED LIMIT
SR 26	MONTEZUMA	West City Limits	11.65	South Dooly Street	12.39	0.74	45
SR 26	MONTEZUMA	South Dooly Street	12.39	State Route 90	13.08	0.69	35
SR 26	MONTEZUMA	State Route 90	13.08	Seaboard Coastline Railroad	13.61	0.53	40
SR 26	MONTEZUMA	Seaboard Coastline Railroad	13.61	East City Limits	13.82	0.22	45
SR 49	MONTEZUMA	West City Limits	10.09	500 feet west of Drumwright Street	10.61	0.48	50
SR 49 **	MONTEZUMA	500 feet west of Drumwright Street	10.61	Drumwright Street	10.71	0.10	40
SR 49	MONTEZUMA	Drumwright Street	10.71	June Drive	12.10	1.39	35
SR 49	MONTEZUMA	June Drive	12.10	East City Limits	12.80	0.70	45
SR 90**	MONTEZUMA	South City Limits	3.76	Salem Street	3.93	0.17	45
SR 90	MONTEZUMA	Salem Street	3.93	500 feet south of State Route 26	4.49	0.56	40
SR 90	MONTEZUMA	500 feet south of State Route 26	4.49	State Route 49	5.42	0.93	35

**\*\*\*SCHOOL ZONES ARE EFFECTIVE\*\*\***

**A.M. from 60 minutes prior to commencement time to 0 minutes after commencement time –  
SCHOOL DAYS ONLY.**

**P.M. from 45 minutes prior to dismissal time to 15 minutes after dismissal time –  
SCHOOL DAYS ONLY.**

**\*\* indicates segment is too short for the use of speed detection devices and is listed  
for sign placement only.**

**\*\*\*\*ATESD HOURS ARE EFFECTIVE\*\*\*\***

**60 minutes before instructional classes begin until 30 minutes after such instructional classes  
have concluded for the dismissal of school.  
SCHOOL DAYS ONLY.**



**OFF-SYSTEM ROADWAYS**

**ALL OFF-SYSTEM ROUTES WILL NOT BE VERIFIED BY GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

ROAD NAME	WITHIN THE CITY / TOWN LIMITS OF and/or School Name	FROM	TO	LENGTH IN MILES	SPEED LIMIT
Airport Road	MONTEZUMA	Hamilton Road	Hamilton Road	1.05	40
Christopher Drive	MONTEZUMA	Ellison Road	Dead End	0.70	30
College Street	MONTEZUMA	East Railroad Street	West Railroad Street	1.00	25
Drayton Street	MONTEZUMA	South City Limits	1056 feet east of the South City Limits	0.20	45
Drayton Street	MONTEZUMA	1056 feet east of the South City Limits	State Route 26	0.40	35
Drayton Street	MONTEZUMA	State Route 49	State Route 49	0.46	25
East Railroad Street	MONTEZUMA	State Route 90	2112 feet east of State Route 90	0.40	35
East Railroad Street	MONTEZUMA	2112 feet east of State Route 90	0.80 miles east of State Route 90	0.40	50
East Railroad Street	MONTEZUMA	0.80 miles east of State Route 90	East City Limits	0.28	50
Engram Street	MONTEZUMA	East Railroad Street	North Adams Street	1.00	25
Hamilton Road	MONTEZUMA	State Route 26	East Railroad Street	1.30	40
June Drive	MONTEZUMA	Ellison Road	State Route 49	0.61	30
Lakeview Drive	MONTEZUMA	Ellison Road	Christopher Circle	0.62	30
Morse Avenue	MONTEZUMA	State Route 49	Dead End	0.47	30
River Road	MONTEZUMA	Morse Avenue	State Route 49	0.70	25
Riverview Road	MONTEZUMA	State Route 49	Weathers Drive	0.35	25
South Dooly Street	MONTEZUMA	State Route 26	State Route 49	0.60	25
Travelers Rest Road	MONTEZUMA	East Adams Street	King Road	0.30	25
Travelers Rest Road	MONTEZUMA	King Road	State Route 26	1.35	35
Weathers Drive	MONTEZUMA	Ellison Road	Overlook Drive	0.47	30
West Railroad Street	MONTEZUMA	East Artesian Avenue	State Route 49	0.40	30

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