

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

January 8, 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, Cordel Jackson, Charles Glover, Roy Barker, Carl Peaster and Marvin Edwards; City Clerk, Joyce Hardy; Fire Chief, David Trussell; PW Chief, Ben Coogle; Detective Isaac Lawrence; Librarian, Lucy Warnock and City Attorney, Jon Coogle.

**ABSENT:** City Manager, David M. Peaster, due to illness and Acting Police Chief, Eric Finch, due to illness in family.

**MOTION #1: TO POSTPONE VOTE ON BEER & WINE LICENSE REQUEST OF ERIC COTTON UNTIL A WORK SESSION TO DISCUSS THE MATTER CAN BE HELD.**

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

**ADMINISTER OATHS TO COUNCIL MEMBERS:** City Attorney Coogle administered the oath of office to Council Members Barker, Edwards & Glover.

**MOTION #2: ACCEPT CITY'S INDEBTEDNESS AS OF JANUARY 1, 2002:**

**GEFA LOAN #2.....\$1,756,163**  
MOTION BY: Mr. Edwards  
SECOND BY: Mr. Barker  
VOTE: Unanimous in Favor Of

**MOTION #3: TO ELECT COUNCIL MEMBER CARL PEASTER AS MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE FOR 2002.**

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

**MOTION #4: TO REAPPOINT ANNUAL CONTRACT EMPLOYEES FOR 2002:**

**CITY MANAGER -DAVID M. PEASTER, SR.  
CITY ATTORNEY -JON L. COOGLE  
CITY COURT JUDGE -DONALD LAMBERTH**

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

**CITIZEN COMPLAINT:** Citizen, Shelia Wynn appeared before Mayor & Council to express her concerns over the treatment she received by a Police Officer after a routine traffic stop recently. Mayor Larry assured Mrs. Wynn that the matter would be investigated. Attached to and made a part of these Minutes is a copy of Mrs. Wynn's complaint as provided by Mrs. Wynn. Attachment #1.

**MOTION #5: TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 11, 2001 AS RECEIVED BY ALL MEMBERS.**

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

**MOTION #6:** TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT \$2,604.14 FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO LEAF VACUUM BY MCCRANIE TRACTOR CO.

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

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **MAYOR LARRY**

**MOTION #7:** TO RATIFY MAYOR LARRYS' 2002 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

FINANCE, PERSONNEL & BUDGET - CARL S. PEASTER  
POLICE DEPARTMENT - MARVIN EDWARDS  
FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES - CORDEL JACKSON  
PUBLIC PROPERTIES - ROY BARKER  
WATER & SEWER UTILITIES - CARL B. ADAMS  
STREET, SANITATION, CEM & PARKS - CHARLES GLOVER

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

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

PW Chief, Benny Coogle gave the following report: 1) Fire hydrant repair has been completed on N. Dooly St. 2) Sewer line problem on Cherry St. will be eliminated by the installation of a larger grease trap at A & E Restaurant. Owner has been notified and has agreed to comply. 3) Diesel fuel tank has been installed on a trailer to make it mobile.

## **FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Chief Trussell gave the following report: 1) He presented year-end report of fire calls and personnel training. 2) He intends to advertise for additional Volunteer Firefighters to remain in compliance with NFPA.

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

The City Clerk announced the following: 1) Interviews for the position of W/WW Chief has been postponed until later in January. 2) Mayor's Day Conference will be held in Atlanta, January 25 through January 28, 2002.

## **PUBLIC PROPERTIES COMMITTEE - COUNCIL MEMBER BARKER**

**MOTION #8:** **TO RENEW LEASES OF CITY PROPERTY TO INTERCLUB COUNCIL, MENS CIVIC CLUB AND THE ASSOCIATION OF MACON COUNTY CHURCHES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2002.** *A copy of these sign leases are attached to & made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #2.*

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

**MOTION #9:** **TO CANCEL LEASE WITH WOMENS CIVIC CLUB/DANIELLE LAKES FOUNDATION EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2002.** *The City Clerk was instructed to have the Police Department notify Mrs. Reather Lakes of Council's decision and to get all keys to building or have locks changed.*

MOTION BY: Mr. Barker  
SECOND BY: Mr. Peaster

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor Of

**MOTION #10:** **TO ADVERTISE & ACCEPT BIDS FOR SALE OF THE DOUBLE-WIDE MOBILE HOME THE CITY OWNS LOCATED ON AIRPORT ROAD.**  
*Building must be removed from City property within 60 days of city accepting bid.*

MOTION BY: Mr. Barker

SECOND BY: Mr. Peaster

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor Of

### **POLICE COMMITTEE - COUNCIL MEMBER EDWARDS**

Detective Isaac Lawrence gave the following report: 1) Criminal activity was minimal over the recent holiday period with no major incidents. 2) Code Enforcement actions are on-going.

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

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Willie J. Larry - Mayor

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David M. Peaster, Sr. - City Manager