

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONTEZUMA
CITY COUNCIL

July 10, 2001

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

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Carl Peaster.

PRESENT: Mayor Willie J. Larry ; Council Members Charles Glover, Carl Adams, Cordel Jackson, Carl Peaster, Roy Barker and Marvin Edwards; City Clerk, Joyce Hardy; Fire Chief, David Trussell; PW Chief, Ben Coogle; Police Chief, Sabrina Friday; City Attorney, Jon Coogle; and City Manager, David M. Peaster, Sr.

MOTION #1: TO ALLOW MR MORRIS JAMES TO ADDRESS COUNCIL REGARDING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

MOTION BY: Mr. Edwards

SECOND BY: Mr. Glover

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor Of

Mr. Morris James appeared before Mayor & Council to state his support for Police Committee Chair Cordel Jackson. He indicated that "there are two sides to every story" and it is unfortunate that better communications did not exist between Mr. Jackson and Chief Friday. Mr. James indicated that he did not receive support from the Police Department involving a recent incident at his NRC Office. A copy of Mr. James' handout at the meeting is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #1.

Mayor Larry also asked if any citizen would like to speak on behalf of Chief Friday and Mr. Willie C. Sparks complimented Chief Friday on the good job she is doing in the community.

MOTION #2: TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 12, 2001 AS RECEIVED BY ALL MEMBERS.

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: The City Manager announced that a meeting would be scheduled during the next three weeks between Flood Revolving Loan recipients and the servicing banks to determine how the banks might better serve the borrowers.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT: The City Clerk announced that notice of a 16.75% increase in group health & dental insurance premiums would be forthcoming effective September 1, 2001.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Larry presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" to Ms. Pharis Deane for her work in past years as the Election Poll Manager. Mayor Larry also read a statement announcing replacement of the Police Committee Chair and a call for unity and teamwork. A copy of Mayor Larry's statement is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #2.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

WATER & SEWER UTILITIES COMMITTEE - COUNCIL MEMBER CARL ADAMS, CHAIRMAN: PW Chief, Benny Coogle stated that the cost for testing of sludge would be \$1,000.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY - COUNCIL MEMBER CARL ADAMS, CHAIRMAN: Council Member Adams announced that the DDA has sold the building it owned downtown and have plans to use the proceeds for another project to benefit the downtown. He extended his thanks to the DDA board members for their dedication and involvement to make a difference.

POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE - COUNCIL MEMBER CORDEL JACKSON, CHAIRMAN: No report.

STREETS, SANITATION, CEMETERY & PARKS MATTERS - COUNCIL MEMBER CHARLES GLOVER, CHAIRMAN: PW Chief announced that Drayton Road project is back on track and easements have been obtained.

FINANCE, BUDGET & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - COUNCIL MEMBER CARL PEASTER, CHAIRMAN: City Clerk reminded all of budget meeting to be held at 6:00 PM on Thursday, July 12th when Department Heads will present their budget requests to full Mayor & Council.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE - COUNCIL MEMBER ROY BARKER, CHAIRMAN: No report.

FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE - COUNCIL MEMBER MARVIN EDWARDS, CHAIRMAN: Council Member Edwards thanked the Fire Department for the fine job that they do.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION #3: **TO AUTHORIZE THE POLICE CHIEF TO TRADE IN FOUR DILAPIDATED POLICE CARS FOR TWO NEWER USED CARS.**
Attached to and made a part of these Minutes is a copy of Chief Friday's memo to Council on this issue. Attachment #3.

MOTION BY: Mr. Glover

SECOND BY: Mr. Edwards

VOTE: This motion failed by the following vote:

Glover	-	IN FAVOR OF
Edwards	-	IN FAVOR OF
Jackson	-	OPPOSED
Barker	-	OPPOSED
Peaster	-	OPPOSED
Adams	-	OPPOSED

MOTION #4: TO APPROVE REPLACEMENT OF MOTORS & CONTROLS TO OVERHEAD DOORS LOCATED AT BOTH FIRE STATIONS BY LOW BIDDER, OVERHEAD DOOR OF MACON AT A COST OF \$2,980. *This is a budgeted expense in the Fire Department Budget. Attached to and made a part of these Minutes is a copy of bid sheet. Attachment #4.*

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

MOTION #5: TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR LARRY TO EXECUTE "LIABILITY RELEASE AGREEMENT" WITH MACON COUNTY CONCERNING SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX THAT BECAME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2001 .

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

MOTION #6: TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #357 TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR FY2001. *A copy of Resolution #357 is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #5.*

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

MOTION #7: TO NAME THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN HONOR OF FORMER MAYOR ALBERT DAVIS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE "CITIZEN RECOGNITION BOARD".

MOTION BY: Mr. Peaster

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

**MOTION #8: TO ACCEPT MIDDLE FLINT RDC DUES
INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17.24
PER QUARTER EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001.**

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

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

Willie J. Larry - Mayor

David M. Peaster, Sr. - City Manager