

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONTEZUMA
CITY COUNCIL

January 14, 2003

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, and Marvin Edwards; City Clerk, Joyce Hardy; Fire Chief, David Trussell; PW Chief, Ben Coogle; Police Chief, Eric Finch; W & S Chief, Ben Rhoden; Librarian, Lucy Warnock and City Attorney, Jon Coogle.

ABSENT: Council Member, Carl Peaster.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Larry announced that Council Member Carl Peaster has resigned as Council Member effective December 31, 2002. Council election to fill this vacancy will be held at the February Regular Meeting or a Special Called Meeting.

MOTION #1: ACCEPT CITY'S INDEBTEDNESS AS OF JANUARY 1, 2003:

GEFA LOAN #2.....\$1,683,120

MOTION BY: Mr. Barker

SECOND BY: Mr. Glover

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor Of

MOTION #2: TO ELECT COUNCIL MEMBER CHARLES GLOVER AS MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE FOR 2003.

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

MOTION #3: TO REAPPOINT ANNUAL CONTRACT EMPLOYEES FOR 2003:

**CITY ATTORNEY -JON L. COOGLE
CITY COURT JUDGE-DONALD LAMBERTH**

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

MOTION #4: TO RENEW LEASE AGREEMENTS FOR 2003: 1) PHILLIPTOWN REC CTR TO DANIELLE LAKES FOUNDATION. 2) A. M. FIELDS CTR TO MENS CIVIC CLUB. 3) OLD CITY HALL TO ASSOCIATION OF MACON COUNTY CHURCHES. 4) ENGRAM ST BUILDING TO INTERCLUB COUNCIL. A copy of these 4 leases are attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #1.

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

CITIZEN REMARKS

Citizen, B. A. Beary, appeared before Mayor & Council to express his displeasure with Council over his perceived view of the lack of support given by Council to the Montezuma Airport.

MOTION #5 **TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 10, 2002 AS RECEIVED BY ALL MEMBERS.**

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

MOTION #6: **TO CHANGE PRE-COUNCIL WORK SESSION WORK DAY TO THE MONDAY PRIOR TO THE TUESDAY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.**

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

MOTION #7: **TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,900 TO SOUTHEAST PIPE SURVEY FOR EMERGENCY VIDEOTAPE OF DOOLY STREET SEWER LINE & ALSO TO AUTHORIZE ANOTHER \$2,900 FOR ADDITIONAL VIDEOTAPE IN SAME VICINITY.**

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

MOTION #8: TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR LARRY TO ACCEPT AN IMMEDIATE THREAT & DANGER GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$61,473 FROM GA DEPT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE S DOOLY WATER MAIN BREAK OF MARCH, 2002. Attachment #2

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

MOTION #9: TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR LARRY TO ACCEPT AN AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,268 FROM GA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION TO REPLACE THE ROTATING BEACON AT THE AIRPORT & CONTRACT WITH TAYLOR REFRIGERATION FOR THIS WORK, AT A TOTAL COST OF \$5,690. Grant Share - \$4,268 (75%) & City Share \$1,422 (25%). Attachment #3.

MOTION BY: Mr. Edwards
SECOND BY: Mr. Barker
VOTE: All in Favor Of except Mr. Jackson who voted "OPPOSED"

MOTION #10: TO ENTER INTO A STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR MUTUAL AID ASSISTANCE DURING DISASTERS AND/OR EMERGENCIES. A copy of this agreement is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #4

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

MOTION #11: **TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #378 ADOPTING
A FIVE-YEAR SHORT TERM WORK
PROGRAM UPDATE TO THE CITY'S
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.** A copy of
Resolution #378 is attached to and made a part
of these Minutes. Attachment #5.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MAYOR LARRY

Mayor Larry made the following announcements: 1) Dedication of Downtown City Park in honor of Elton Hunter, Sr. will take place on Saturday, January 18, 2003 at 11:00 AM. 2) Mayor Larry's 2003 Committee Chair Appointments are:

Personnel, Finance & Budget Committee – New Council Member
Police Committee – Council Member Edwards
Fire & Emergency Services Committee – Council Member Jackson
Utilities Committee – Council Member Adams
Streets, Sanitation, Cemetery & Parks Committee – Council Member Glover
Public Properties Committee – Council Member Barker

An update of the proposed multi-county E911 system was given by Gerald Mixon, Middle Flint RDC.

WATER & SEWER UTILITIES COMMITTEE – COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS

W & WW Chief, Ben Rhoden gave the following report: 1) Crushed sewer line in the downtown area has been located and repair options are being developed and will be brought back to Council.

Council Member Adams also rebutted several of Mr. Beary's earlier accusations regarding the Airport.

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

PW Chief, Benny Coogle gave the following report: 1) First quarter financial reports for the Solid Waste Fund indicate that revenues are right on target and expenses are below anticipated. 2) He would check with DOT to find out the regulation height for stop signs and verify that all Montezuma stop signs are at that height.

POLICE COMMITTEE - COUNCIL MEMBER EDWARDS

Chief Finch gave the following report: 1) In order to help alleviate the speeding problem on Travelers Rest Rd, he recommended that a four-way stop be approved for Thomas St/TRR intersection and a three-way stop be approved at the intersection of Cedar Court & TRR. After receiving positive support from Council, Chief stated he would proceed with ordering the signs and placement of same.

Council Member Edwards asked PW Chief Coogle to meet with Mr. Jimmie Riddle and himself to discuss the drain pipe issue on Mr. Riddle's property located at the intersection of Spaulding Rd. and Devaughn Ave.

**MOTION #12: TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION
TO DISCUSS A REAL ESTATE
ACQUISITION.**

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

After a brief discussion of the acquisition of property located adjacent to SP#1, the executive session was closed and Regular Session reconvened.

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

Willie J. Larry - Mayor

Joyce H. Hardy - City Clerk