

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONTEZUMA
CITY COUNCIL
November 14, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

INVOCATION: Attendees stood as Mayor Johnson led in prayer, then said the "Pledge of Allegiance" in unison.

PRESENT: Mayor Nealie Johnson; Council Members: Mayor Pro Tempore Cleveland Hobbs; Walter Felton, Howard Brown, and Charles Ivey; City Manager, Mel Fulghom; City Clerk, Jennifer McCarthy; City Attorney, Jon Coogle; Police Chief, Eric Finch; Fire Chief, Roy Yoder; W/WW Plants Chief, Terry Cross; W & S Line Maintenance Chief, Lonnie Shaw; Public Works Chief, Tim Goodman

ABSENT: Council Member, Daniel Porter and Economic Development/Tourism Coordinator, Angie Mathews

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Citizen #1: Mr. Leroy Porter thanked the Street Department for addressing the litter throughout the city. Mr. Porter inquired about ordinances concerning pets and property owners' responsibilities for private property upkeep. Chief Finch and Mayor Johnson both addressed his concerns.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION # 1 To accept all issues on the consent agenda, as follows:

Approve minutes of council meeting of October 17, 2023, as received by all members.

Accept Election Results of the November 7, 2023 Municipal Election; as certified by the Macon County Board of Elections and Registrations/Election Superintendent on Monday, November 13, 2023. A copy of results are attached to and made a part of these minutes. Attachment #1.

Ratify Phone Poll Results of 9/22/23. The Revolving Loan Committee Approved the loan of \$150,000 to Austin Bradley for the renovation of McKenzie Mall. A copy of Phone Poll 9/22/23 is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Attachment #2.

Approve Painting of the interior of the Police Dept. at City Hall. Awarded to Sole bidder Meza Painting LLC in the amount of \$11,017.60. This is a FY2024 Budgeted item, Public Buildings.

Approve Mill and Pave near 506 N. Dooly Street. This will complete the repairs in front of the library. GDOT repaired the storm drain. The City is responsible for paving the road to complete the repair. The sole bidder was Griffin Grading and Concrete in the amount of \$19,718.67. A FY24 Budget Amendment will be made to General Fund: Stormwater Collection/Repairs & Maint.

Approve Emergency purchase of a knuckle gear unit to repair boom truck #104. \$15,000 (Montezuma Welding, \$10,000 parts, \$5,000 est. labor). A FY 24 Budget Amendment will be made to Solid Waste: Yard Waste Coll & Mgt/Vehicle Repair & Maint.

Accept Chiefs Diploma Program Grant. Receive and accept the terms of the Dr. Annise Mabry Foundation award of the USDA DLT Grant to provide laptops and neat boards in the amount \$27, 032.00 for internal training and to support the Chief's Diploma Program. A FY24 Budget Amendment will be made to General Fund to show revenue and expense changes.

Adopt Resolution #725 to conduct an inventory to identify existing lead service lines in its drinking water system through investigation activities, such as employee interviews, acquisition of tax records or engineering site plans predictive and statistical modeling, field investigation, and/or potholing. To accept the GEFA Loan #DWLSL2022161 in the amount of \$91,400.00 from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Administered by Georgia Environmental Finance Authority. The City of Montezuma did qualify for Principal Forgiveness Funding. A copy of Resolution #725 is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Attachment #3.

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

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, IN FAVOR OF

ADJOURN: With no further business, the meeting adjourned.



Nealie L. Johnson

Nealie L. Johnson - Mayor

Jennifer McCarthy

Jennifer McCarthy - City Clerk

**Notice: December Council Meeting will be held on
December 28, 2023**