

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONTEZUMA CITY COUNCIL
December 09, 2025
Montezuma City Hall
408 S. Dooly St.
Montezuma, GA 31063

- CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Nealie L. Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
- INVOCATION:** Attendees stood as Councilman elect; Mr. Charlie C. Carr led in prayer then said the "Pledge of Allegiance" in unison.
- PRESENT:** Mayor Nealie Johnson; Council Members: Mayor Pro Tempore Cleveland Hobbs, Howard Brown, Walter Felton, Charles Ivey, and Marie Tooks; City Attorney Jon Coogle; City Manager, Mel Fulghom; City Administrator/Clerk, Jennifer McCarthy; Police Chief Eric Finch; Police Captain Chris Hill; Fire Chief Roy Yoder; W/WW Plants Chief Terry Cross; Public Works/W&S Line Maintenance Chief Lonnie Shaw; Special Projects Coordinator Angie Peaster
- ABSENT:** Council member Daniel Porter

New Council Members Ms. Marvis Brown and Mr. Charlie C. Carr were sworn in and will take office on January 1, 2026.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Councilman Cleveland Hobbs, Councilman Walter Felton, and Fire Chief Roy Yoder.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

To Approve minutes of council meeting of November 11, 2025, as received by all members.

To accept the SAFER Grant, FY2024 Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response Grant Funding in the total amount of \$286,000.00 (Federal Funding) over the next 4 years (Montezuma FY2026 - \$67,600.00, FY2027 - \$70,200.00, FY2028 - \$72,800.00, and FY2029 - \$75,400.00.) No local share of the grant is required. Funds from the Fire fund will be used to pay the 5.00% grant writing fee, invoice #2025-10 to Davidson's Grant in the amount of \$14,300.00. (A copy is attached to and made part of these minutes. Attachment #1)

To accept the AFG Grant, FY2024 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Funding in the total amount of \$82,000.00 with a local 5.00% match of \$4,100.00. Funds from the Fire fund will be used to pay the 5.00% grant writing fee, invoice #2025-09 to Davidson's Grant in the amount of \$4,100.00. (A copy is attached to and made part of these minutes. Attachment #2)

TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ALCOHOL LICENSES FOR 2026:

Montezuma Liquor Store	502A Spaulding Rd	Packaged Beer, Wine, & Distilled Spirits
Fillers #1 (Pending proper documents)	112 N. Dooly St.	Packaged Beer/Malt Bev. & Wine
Fillers #2 (Pending proper documents)	322 Spaulding Rd	Packaged Beer/Malt Bev.
LaHood & Company, LLC (Pending proper documents)	97 E. Railroad St.	On Premises Sale of Distilled Spirits
McKenzie Memorial Club	100 Country Club Rd.	On Premises Beer/Malt Bev. & Wine
Minute Market	333 W. Drayton St.	Packaged Beer/Malt Bev. & Wine
Perry Bros/Mtz. Gas N Go	424 Spaulding Rd.	Packaged Beer/Malt Bev.
Quick Shop	712 Vienna Rd.	Packaged Beer/Malt Bev.
Reynolds IGA/DBA Piggly Wiggly	506 D Spaulding Rd.	Packaged Beer/Malt Bev. & Wine
Old Mexico of Montezuma	127 Cherry St.	Packaged Beer, Wine, & Distilled Spirits
Tranmazon (Pending proper documents)	201 Walnut St.	On Premises Beer, Wine, & Distilled Spirits
Azteca	109 Oglethorpe Rd.	On Premises Beer, Wine, & Distilled Spirits

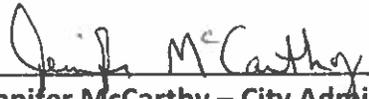
MOTION BY: Mr. Hobbs
SECOND BY: Mr. Brown

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, IN FAVOR OF

ADJOURN: With no further business, the meeting adjourned.



Neele L. Johnson – Mayor



Jennifer McCarthy – City Administrator/Clerk