

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONTEZUMA CITY COUNCIL

January 13, 2026

**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 Carr led in prayer then said the "Pledge of Allegiance" in unison.
- PRESENT:** Mayor Nealie Johnson; Council Members: Marvis Brown, Charlie Carr, Charles Ivey, Daniel Porter. 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 Louis Esh; Public Works/W&S Line Maintenance Chief Lonnie Shaw; Special Projects Coordinator Angie Peaster; Librarian John Fox
- ABSENT:** Council member Howard Brown; W/WW Plants Chief Terry Cross

Citizens Comments

1. Minister Jeff Rogers asked Council to consider extending the paved road at Champ Waters Cemetery. Attorney Coogle addressed the legal reasons as to why the City could not contribute to this project.
2. Mr. Clayton Jenkins addressed the downtown sidewalks and 2 benches that needed repair. Public works and Economic Dev./Tourism will inspect the sidewalks.
3. Mrs. Sherri Rogers asked if it was possible for the City to consider placing a dumpster in the City for extra trash.

SPECIAL ORDERS

Elect Mayor Pro-Tempore 2026

Mayor opens nominations: Councilman Carr nominated Councilman Ivey.

No other nominations were submitted.

With a Single Accepted Nomination and no opposition:

Mr. Charles Ivey is our newly elected Mayor Pro-Tempore 2026

CONSENT AGENDA

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

To approve minutes of council meeting of December 9, 2025, as received by all members.

To ratify phone poll to approve GA Power Contract to replace City Street lights with LED lights.

To donate Public Works Truck #88, 2013 Ford F250 4WD to Macon County. A City contribution towards starting up Animal Control in Macon County, Montezuma, Oglethorpe, Ideal, & Marshallville. (next meeting 1/14/26 @ 1:00 pm)

To approve purchase of 21 sets of Fire gear from sole bidder, Fisher Scientific in the amount of \$89,292.72 and 21 helmets from sole bidder, Ten-8 in the amount of \$10,118.75. \$82,000.00 will be funded from the AFG grant, \$17,411.47 local match. A budget amendment will be made to the Fire Fund.

To approve purchase of UniMac Cabinet 100 G Fire Market Washer-Extractor to wash Fire Gear for Fire Station #1. From sole bidder Southeastern Laundry Equipment Sales in the amount of \$14,556.48. A budget amendment will be made to the Fire Fund.

To approve purchase of 3.5 Ton Cooling system and 90,000 BTU Gas Furnace for Public Works from low bidder Christmas Heating and Air Conditioning in the amount of \$8,481.20. A budget amendment will be made to Public Buildings.

To select Stillwater Engineering based upon evaluation of statement of qualifications submitted for GEFA Water Tank Project

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To award contract for Montezuma Water System Improvements, Phase III to serve S. Dooly St., Lavendar St., and Ross Street to second lowest bidder - Doyle Hancock & Sons Construction Inc. in the amount of \$707,490.10. (due to a miscalculation and withdrawal from the lowest bidder). Funding from CDBG 24 Grant.

MOTION BY: Mr. Ivey
SECOND BY: Mr. Porter

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 Administrator/Clerk