

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONTEZUMA CITY COUNCIL

June 9, 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 Charlie Carr led in prayer then said the "Pledge of Allegiance" in unison.

PRESENT: Mayor Nealie Johnson; Council Members: Mayor Pro Tempore Charles Ivey; Howard Brown, Marvis Brown, Charlie Carr, Daniel Porter and Marie Took; City Attorney Jon Coogle; City Administrator/Clerk, Jennifer McCarthy; Police Chief Eric Finch; Police Captain Chris Hill; Public Works/W&S Line Maintenance Chief Lonnie Shaw; W/WW Plants Chief Terry Cross; Special Projects Coordinator Angie Peaster; Librarian John Fox

ABSENT: City Manager, Mel Fulghom; Fire Chief Louis Esh

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION # 1: To accept remaining items individually:

To approve minutes of council meeting of April 14, 2026, as received by all members.

MOTION BY: Mr. Ivey

SECOND BY: Mr. Brown

Vote: Unanimous, in favor of

To approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Macon County Development Authority Board for the shared services and expenses of an Economic Development Director. The agreement designates Ms. Peaster as the new Executive Director of Economic Development for Macon County, who will simultaneously maintain her role providing Economic Development and Tourism Services to the City of Montezuma.

Motion to postpone this item to next council meeting.

MOTION BY: Mr. Porter

SECOND BY: Mr. Carr

Vote: Approved by majority

Yes: Ms. M. Brown, Mr. Porter Mr. Carr, Ms. Took

No: Mr. H. Brown, Mr. Ivey

To allocate funding for the Juneteenth Festival being held on June 20, 2026, in Gladys Hair Park in the amount not to exceed \$2,200.00. This funding is to provide entertainment and activities for the festival.

MOTION BY: Mr. Porter

SECOND BY: Mr. Brown

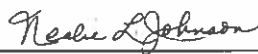
Vote: Unanimous, in favor of

To authorize the Juneteenth Committee to host a waterslide at the Juneteenth Festival, with strict condition that the Committee assumes full responsibility for providing adequate supervision and participant liability waivers, noting that rented entertainment is not covered under the City's standard insurance policy. (Per suggestion from the insurance company, A COI needs to be requested by the vendor ensuring they hold a \$1,000,000.00 policy and they name the City as additional insured.)

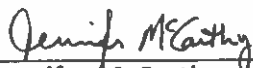
Unanimously agreed to vote as a phone poll to allow time to check with vendor

Mayor Johnson read aloud a formal letter stating that her resignation will be effective on July 1, 2026, and wholeheartedly thanked the Council, Department Heads, and All City Staff for their support.

ADJOURN: With no further business, the meeting adjourned.



Nealie L. Johnson – Mayor



Jennifer McCarthy – City Administrator/Clerk