

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONTEZUMA**  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
March 13, 2018

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pro-tem Bessie Warren called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**INVOCATION:** Councilman Ivey gave the invocation.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Larry Smith, Council Members Bessie Warren, Roy Barker, Byron Thompson, Danny Levie , Mel Fulghom and Charles Ivey; Clerk/Administrator, Joyce Hardy; Clerk of Council, Monica N. Cephus; Chief of Police, Eric Finch; Chief of Public Works, Marcel Jackson; Fire Chief Moye; Water/Wastewater Chief Jim Copland and City Attorney, Jon Coogle.

**ABSENT:** Library Manager, Elnora Felton

**ACTIONS**

**MOTION #1** **TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2018 AS RECEIVED BY ALL MEMBERS.**

MOTION BY: Mr. Ivey  
SECOND BY: Mr. Fulghom  
VOTE: Unanimous in Favor Of

**MOTION #2** **ADOPT RESOLUTION #666 IN CELEBRATION OF WOMEN. A copy of Resolution #666 is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. Attachment #1.**

MOTION BY: Mr. Ivey  
SECOND BY: Mr. Fulghom  
VOTE: Unanimous in Favor Of

**MOTION #3** **TO CHANGE OVERTIME POLICY AND WORK PERIOD FOR POLICE AND FIRE PERSONNEL, FROM A 28 DAY WORK PERIOD (POLICE 171 HOURS BEFORE TIME AND ½ OVERTIME IS PAID & 212 HOURS FOR FIRE BEFORE TIME AND A HALF OVERTIME IS PAID) TO A 14 DAY WORK PERIOD THAT WOULD COINCIDE WITH THE PAY PERIOD (86 HOURS BEFORE TIME AND ONE HALF OVERTIME IS PAID**

**FOR POLICE & 106 HOURS WORKED BEFORE TIME AND A HALF OVERTIME IS PAID FOR FIRE) PURSUANT TO SECTION 3(S)(1)(C) OF FEDERAL FAIR LABOR STANDARDS LAW. CHANGE TO BE EFFECTIVE BEGINNING MARCH 22, 2018.** This change will result in overtime (if worked) being paid on a bi-weekly basis rather than a monthly basis.

MOTION BY: Mr. Thompson  
SECOND BY: Mr. Levie  
VOTE: Unanimous in Favor Of

**MOTION #4**

**TO CONTRACT WITH LOW BIDDER, MID STATE CONSTRUCTION, FOR STRIPING OF THE DOWNTOWN AREA, AT THE LOW BID AMOUNT OF \$12,000 AND CITY HALL AND LIBRARY PARKING LOTS BY SAME COMPANY AT THE LOW BID AMOUNT OF \$1,810. Funds for this purpose will be as follows: TSPLOST - \$12,000 and General Fund – Public Buildings R & M - \$1,810.**

MOTION BY: Mr. Levie  
SECOND BY: Mr. Thompson  
VOTE: Unanimous in Favor Of

**MOTION #5**

**TO CREATE INTERNAL LOAN FUND WITH AN OPERATING TRANSFER OF \$200,000 FROM WATER FUND. THIS LOAN FUND TO BE USED TO FINANCE BUDGETED EQUIPMENT PURCHASES TO BE REPAID WITH SPLOST FUNDS. LENDING RATE TO ALL CITY OF MONTEZUMA DEPARTMENTS WILL BE 3% WITH A MAX PAYBACK OF 5 YEARS. ANY LOANS COMING FROM THIS ACCOUNT MUST HAVE APPROVAL OF THE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL PRIOR TO MAKING LOAN.**

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

**MOTION #6**

**TO AUTHORIZE A LOAN FROM THE NEWLY CREATED INTERNAL LOAN FUND, FOR THE PURCHASE OF 4 POLICE VEHICLES FROM LANGDALE FORD, AT A TOTAL COST OF \$151,652.06. LOAN SPECIFICS: LOAN IS TO THE SPLOST FUND WITH A 3% INTEREST RATE WITH 4 ANNUAL PAYMENTS WITH FIRST PAYMENT BEING DUE AT THE END OF MARCH, 2019 AND FINAL PAYMENT BEING DUE AT THE END OF MARCH, 2022.**

MOTION BY: Mr. Thompson  
SECOND BY: Mr. Levie  
VOTE: Unanimous In Favor Of

**MOTION #7**

**TO AUTHORIZE SALE OF 199.41 ACRES OF LAND FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE LAND APPLICATION SITE, TO HIGH BIDDERS, PETE GELBER AND GARY YODER, FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$400,001. BUYER WILL ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY SURVEYING NEEDED AND ALL ATTORNEY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SALE.** *Proceeds from this sale will be placed into the sp#2 sinking fund & not used until council approves a capital project.*

MOTION BY: Mr. Thompson  
SECOND BY: Mr. Barker  
VOTE: All in Favor except Mr. Levie who voted as OPPOSED

**MOTION #8**

**TO AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT FOR PIPE BURSTING THE SANITARY SEWER LINE FROM THE MANHOLE ON BEAVER ST TO LIFT STATION #2 AT 306 S. DOOLY ST, AT A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$85,000.** *This is a city sewer line that runs across Easterlin property and is necessary to accommodate the expansion planned for Easterlin Pecan Co. and the weight of the pecan trucks. This will be a capital expense of the Sewer Fund.*

MOTION BY: Mr. Thompson  
SECOND BY: Mr. Barker  
VOTE: All in Favor with Mr. Fulghom abstaining from vote due to his employment with Easterlin

**MOTION #9**

**TO AUTHORIZE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE MONTEZUMA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION:**

**NEW APPOINTMENTS:**

**TERM**

DWAIN MIDDLEBROOKS

2 YEARS BEGINNING JAN 2018 & ENDING DEC 2019

SANDRA WALL

3 YEARS BEGINNING JANUARY 2018 & ENDING DECEMBER 2020

**REAPPOINTMENTS:**

SUSAN EASTERLIN

3 YEARS BEGINNING JAN 2018 & ENDING DEC 2020

JUDY REID

ONE YEAR BEGINNING JAN 2018 & ENDING DEC 2018

PENNY POWELL

2 YEARS BEGINNING JAN 2018 & ENDING DEC 2019

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

**MOTION #10**

**TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING AS 2 OF MONTEZUMA'S REPRESENTATIVES TO THE MACON COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

**MRS. GENEVERLYN TOOKES AND MS. SHELIA HAMBRICK**

MOTION BY: Mr. Thompson  
SECOND BY: Mrs. Warren  
VOTE: Unanimous in Favor Of

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

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Larry J. Smith - Mayor

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Joyce Hardy – City / Administrator