

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONTEZUMA
CITY COUNCIL
March 8, 2022

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

INVOCATION: Mayor Johnson called for the invocation. Councilmember Felton led in prayer then attendees stood and said the "Pledge of Allegiance" in unison.

PRESENT: Mayor Nealie Johnson, Council Members: Daniel Porter, Cleveland Hobbs, Walter Felton, Byron Thompson, Danny Levie, and Charles Ivey; Special Projects Manager, Mel Fulghom; City Administrator, Joyce Hardy; City Clerk, Jennifer McCarthy; City Attorney, Jon Coogle; Police Chief, Eric Finch; Public Works Chief, Tim Goodman; W/WW Plants Chief, Terry Cross, and W & S Line Maintenance Chief, Lonnie Shaw; DDA/Tourism Director, Angie Mathews

ABSENT: Fire Chief, Matthew Moye

CITIZEN COMMENTS

CITIZEN # 1 Ms. Ann Harris spoke with council concerning the operations of Mt. Pleasant Travelers Rest Food Bank. The church serves the community on the first and third Monday and the first and third Wednesday of each month. Ms. Harris was asking council for donations to help fund the food bank.

CITIZEN # 2 Mr. Allan Doherty appeared before Mayor & Council and expressed his support of the Mt. Pleasant Travelers Rest Food Bank.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION # 1 **TO ACCEPT ALL ISSUES ON THE CONSENT AGENDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

TO APPROVE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7, 2022, MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 8, 2022, AND SPECIAL

CALLED MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2022, AS RECEIVED BY ALL MEMBERS.

TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #713: COMMENDING POLICE OFFICER JALEN JOHNSON FOR BEING AWARDED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR FOR 2021. Chief Finch presented Officer Johnson with a framed resolution #713 (A copy of the resolution attached to and made a part of these minutes.) Attachment #1

TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH GDOT FOR FUNDING OF THE DESIGN PHASE OF FY23 AIRPORT PROJECT TO BE KNOWN AS THE "MID FIELD APRON PROJECT". EST. COST IS \$186,440 (Fed Share - \$166,667; State Share - \$9,886.50; Local Share - \$9,886.50) If BIL funding is allowed to be used, Local Share will be less.

TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT 214 RAILROAD STREET (4024C 0014), RECOMMENDED FOR PURCHASE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AT A TOTAL COST OF \$13,000.00 PLUS LEGAL FEES. BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR SAME.

MOTION BY: Mr. Ivey
SECOND BY: Mr. Levie

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, IN FAVOR OF

COUNCIL COMMENTS

CM Levie: Councilmember Levie announced that this would be his last council meeting as he has moved out of Montezuma. Mr. Levie is stepping down as councilmember. He spoke of the changes in council from when he began to present. He also spoke to new council concerning the things he has learned in his years of service.

Chief Finch: Thanked CM Levie for his friendship, support, and love for the city.

Mr. Goodman: Thanked CM Levie for being welcoming, for his support, and wished him well in the future.

CM Thompson: Thanked Mel for the opportunities he has brought to the city. He expressed his appreciation of being able to make decisions that impact the city.

Mayor Johnson:
of Montezuma

Presented Mr. Levie with a framed Certificate of Appreciation from the City

ADJOURN:

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Nalie L. Johnson - Mayor



Joyce Hardy - City / Administrator

Special Note: It was announced during the work session that the date for the Mayor and Council Meeting for the month of April has been moved and will be held on April 19, 2022.

Resolution # 713

A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND POLICE OFFICER
JALEN JOHNSON FOR BEING AWARDED
EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR 2021

WHEREAS, From January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, Officer Jalen Johnson is awarded for the outstanding work performance of his duties as an officer of the Montezuma Police Department; and

WHEREAS Officer Jalen Johnson's work criteria included attendance, most productive officer, organizational commitment, leadership, and community involvement. Officer Johnson has distinguished himself and received the respect and admiration of his peers, supervisors, and the City of Montezuma; and


WHEREAS Officer Johnson; in addition to his patrol duties, Officer Johnson was tasked with several responsibilities and performed them all in an exemplary manner, conducted the most follow up investigations and assisted in several major investigations, and

WHEREAS it is the goal of the Montezuma Police Department to identify criminal activity, pursue and apprehend criminal offenders, to instill public confidence in the agency by maintaining a high degree of professionalism, dedication, and expertise in the department.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council and the citizens of Montezuma do hereby commend and thank Officer Jalen Johnson for his service, dedication and professionalism displayed daily.

SO RESOLVED, the 8th day of March 2022 by the Mayor and Council of Montezuma, Georgia.

City of Montezuma, Georgia

By: 
Nalie L. Johnson - Mayor

Attest: 
Joyce H. Hardy - City Administrator

