

Molena City Council
PO Box 247 10 Spring Street Molena GA 30258
Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2021

I. Call to order

- i) called to order the City Council meeting of the Molena, Georgia City Council at 6 p.m.

II. Pledge and Invocation

- A. led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by opening prayer led by .

III. Public Comments and Invited Guests

- A. called for public comments and read comments submitted via email and social media. The following is a summary of all comments both in-person and via electronic means:
- a. None.
 - B. Mr. Roger Shedlock of Woodmen Life Chapter 199 presented American flags to Mayor Joyce Corley for the Jail and Police Chief Matthew Polk for the Police Station/Fire Station Flag Pole. Pictures will be sent to Woodsmen Life for their publication.
 - C. Mr. Lee Smallwood of Suez Tanks
 - a. Presented report regarding what they can do for the city
 - i. Temporary tank
 - ii. Tank Maintenance contract proposal
 - 1. Would bring in a temporary tank during repairs and renovations
 - 2. Understand that a contract can only be one year and would require a clause allowing for cancellation at the end of each year.
 - iii. It is possible to add a custom logo when repainting the tank.

IV. Roll call

City Clerk Tina Lee conducted a visual roll call. The following persons were present Mayor Joyce Corley: Mayor Pro Tempore Jennifer Riggins, Post 1; Councilmember Damon Riggins, Post 2; Councilmember Andrea Ashby, Post 3; Councilmember Luis Vazquez, Post 4; Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5; and City Clerk Tina L. Lee.

V. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Current agenda and minutes from the previous meeting and workshop were provided to all council members. moved to approve the

current agenda with a second by .

moved to approve the minutes. This was seconded by . Both motions were passed unanimously.

VI. Chief of Police Matthew Polk

- a) Chief of Police, Novin Darsey reported on the number of calls and citations
 - i) Reported on the arrest of a citizen who has had multiple complaints throughout the city who will be held in Upson County Jail for 60 days.
 - ii) There were 17 in-city calls and there was one out-of-city call where Chief Polk was dispatched.
 - iii) The quote for the seat repair on the Tahoe was \$450.
 - (1) Council advised Chief Polk to get additional quotes.
 - iv) Chief Polk stated that Officer Cooper has an arrangement with a junk yard to notify him when Tahoe seats come in. Can get a whole seat for \$42.
- b) Mileage on the Tahoe - 138,023
- c) Mileage on the Explorer - 5,928
- d) Current loan balance on the Explorer \$45,828.35
- e) Displayed new clothing patch

VII. Reports from council and committees

- i) Buildings, Streets, and Grounds - Allison Turner -
 - (1) Bagwell Road sign correct
 - (2) Culvert scheduled to be fixed
 - (3) Tree issues - County offered suggestions as to who we might use.
 - (a) Discussed which trees need to be addressed
 - (b) Trees on Garland
 - (i) Councilmember Luis Vazquez to handle getting bids due to trees being near his property.
 - (4) Discussed trash pickup. -- improvement after face-to-face discussion with Amwaste.
 - (a) Discussed what was learned in the meeting with Amwaste
 - (5) Overhanging trees on several roads obstructing view and hitting cars.
 - (a) County will come by and address this next week.
 - (b) Will cut anything they can get with the bushhog.
 - (c) Will address anything that is left
 - (6) The Old Community Grocery began tearing down the building without a permit, so they had to stop.
 - (7) Discussed the other nuisance letters that were mailed to homeowners.
 - (a) The nursing home does intend to remove the vehicle.
 - (b) Letters were not sent to Penelope Cooper, Charles Darden, John Wynne et al.
 - (c) John Wynne property gate is open.
 - (d) Salem Fitzgerald - some items have been cut.
- ii) Public Safety - Damon Riggins - nothing to report
- iii) Ways & Means - Luis Vazquez
 - (1) Still nothing on millage rates
 - (2) Amwaste billing corrections

- iv) Water - Jennifer Riggins -
 - (1) We've got leaks
 - (2) Discussed what to bill for Dunn Road -
 - (a) Everything except the meter and meter box \$5,763.00
 - (3) Have not received quote for meter at nursing home
 - (4) Discussed Watson Road quote -
 - (a) City Clerk Tina Lee to contact engineering firm EMC regarding assistance with obtaining additional quotes
- v) The Mayor's report -
 - (1) ARP update
 - (2) Scheduled Employee's retirement meeting on October 4th in the afternoon.
 - (a) Update -- this has been changed to October 25th, 2021.
 - (3) Rescheduled next Council meeting for October 4th. May need to have Councilmember Luis Vazquez meet via Zoom.
 - (4) Discussed scheduling date for budget meeting - tabled
 - (5) Pike County's birthday celebration - will participate in some way.
 - (6) Trunk or Treat with first responders October 29, 2021, 6-8 p.m.

VIII. Broadband Update

- a) 11 active clients
- b) We had more than 20 active leads.
- c) Leads who are not currently able to be activated have been moved to a separate list.
- d) Proposal of PTMP "POP" at Main and Dunn discussed. This would require a power source of some sort. Signal would reach Beckhams, Dunn, White Plains Baptist Church, East and West Jones Roads. Would need a power source. Still awaiting word if the steeple is a good placement choice for a PTMP at church. White Plains BC has not decided if they will allow a POP on the church property.

They have also not currently decided whether to go with MSI or AT&T for internet service.

IX. Old/Unfinished Business

- a) Fire Department Doors
 - i) Appointment for technician to come out on Wednesday to look at the doors.
- b) Second reading and approval of Hotel/Motel Tax Ordinance. Motion Councilmember Damon Riggins, Second by Mayor Pro Tempore Jennifer Riggins. All in favor. Motion Passed.
- c) Second reading and approval of Food Truck Ordinance. . Motion Councilmember Damon Riggins, Second by Mayor Pro Tempore Jennifer Riggins. All in favor. Motion Passed.
- d) Insurance decision was tabled.

X. New business

- a) Budget workshop slated to be scheduled as new business was discussed above.
- b) Fees ordinance was read for the first time and fees were discussed and tabled until after the budget meeting. The water connection fee was set at \$300.

XI. Roundtable

- a) Mayor Pro Tempore Jennifer Riggins
- b) Councilmember Damon Riggins
- c) Councilmember Andrea Ashby
- d) Councilmember Luis Vazquez
 - i) Solar powered radar signs were discussed to slow people down and keep people safe.
 - ii) Would like Council to consider purchasing an electronic sign to replace the current city sign at the pavilion.
 - (1) Advertisements can be sold in order to recoup the cost
- e) Councilmember Allison Turner

XII. Adjournment

Mayor Joyce Corley adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m. following a motion by

and a second by

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Minutes approved by: _____