

COUNCIL MEETING CITY OF MOLENA

AUGUST 12, 2019 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 P.M. by Mayor George Ingram and Councilmen Damon Riggins, Joyce Corley, and Allison Turner were present as well as City Clerk Tausha Grose, Chief of Police Novin Darsey, and City Attorney Scott Mayfield. Councilman Glenn Beckham was not present.

Councilman Damon Riggins opened the meeting with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Councilwoman Joyce Corley made a motion to approve the agenda followed by a second from Councilman Damon Riggins and this unanimously passed.

Councilwoman Joyce Corley made a motion to approve the minutes from the July Council Meeting and July budget Workshop followed by a second from Councilwoman Allison Turner and this unanimously passed.

INVITED GUEST

None

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Chief Novin Darsey presented the monthly report (see attached).

Chief Darsey notified the council that the Zebulon Police Department has a Chevrolet Impala that they are willing to sell the City of Molena for the amount of \$1500. Councilman Damon Riggins made a motion to purchase the Impala for a cost of \$1500 followed by a second from Councilwoman Joyce Corley and this unanimously passed.

Chief Darsey notified the council that he has the paperwork to apply for the USDA grant for a new police car. Mayor Ingram notified the council that the City can apply for this grant every year. The federal fiscal year runs from October to September. Mayor Ingram suggested that we apply for the grant this fiscal year to pay for the police car and apply next fiscal year for a water tank to provide a backup water source for the city. Councilman Damon Riggins made a motion to apply for the USDA grant in 2019 to pay for a new police car and in 2020 to pay for a backup

water tank followed by a second from Councilwoman Allison Turner and this unanimously passed.

Chief Darsey reported that the mileage on the Tahoe is 114,937 and the marked Charger it is 165,538.

BUILDINGS, STREETS AND GROUNDS

None

PUBLIC SAFETY

None

WAYS & MEANS

None

WATER

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor George Ingram notified the council that he received quotes for post to solve the parking problem at the pavilion. Councilman Damon Riggins made a motion to move forward with having post and cable installed at a cost of \$2500 followed by a second from Councilwoman Joyce Corley and this unanimously passed.

Mayor Ingram notified the council that Dependable Waste will be increasing their rate in accordance with the contract. Councilman Damon Riggins made a motion to increase garbage rates from \$10 to \$12.50 followed by a second from Councilwoman Allison Turner and this unanimously passed.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Ingram notified the council that they will be moving forward working on the city ordinances and there is a workshop scheduled for later in the week.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Ingram notified the council that he would like to review the contract that the city has with AirFi to install an antenna on the water tower. AirFi has no plans to install the antenna any time soon and he feels that the contract should be cancelled. Councilman Damon Riggins made

a motion to terminate the contract with AirFi followed by a second from Councilwoman Allison Turner and this unanimously passed.

Mayor Ingram notified the council that he would like to have lapel pins made to honor Purple Heart Veterans that visit the City of Molena. Councilman Damon Riggins thought it would be a good idea to provide a certificate as well. Councilman Damon Riggins made a motion to order lapel pins and certificates for Purple Heart Veterans followed by a second from Councilwoman Joyce Corley and this unanimously passed.

The next regular meeting will be September 9, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

Councilman Damon Riggins made a motion to adjourn at 7:06 P.M. followed by a second from Councilwoman Allisson Turner and this unanimously passed.

George E Ingram, Mayor

Tausha Grose, City Clerk