

COUNCIL MEETING CITY OF MOLENA

DECEMBER 9, 2019 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor George Ingram and Councilmembers Damon Riggins, Allison Turner, and Glenn Beckham were present as well as Chief of Police Novin Darsey, City Clerk Tausha Grose, and City Attorney Scott Mayfield.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Councilman Glenn Beckham made a motion to approve the agenda followed by a second from Councilman Damon Riggins and this unanimously passed.

Councilman Glenn Beckham made a motion to approve the minutes from the November Council Meeting followed by a second from Councilman Damon Riggins and this unanimously passed.

INVITED GUEST

Ronnie Milner was an invited guest to discuss some plans that he has for some property that he has in the city but he did not attend the council meeting.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

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

Chief Darsey notified the council that costumers of The Topsy Daisy have been littering the parking lots with beer bottles and trash. Chief Darsey notified the council that he will start writing City Ordinance 36 violations to try and control the problem.

Chief Darsey reported that the mileage on the Tahoe is 118,451 and the Impala is 130,417.

BUILDINGS, STREETS AND GROUNDS

None

PUBLIC SAFETY

None

WAYS & MEANS

None

WATER

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Ingram presented the council with a proposed LMIG/SPLOST project list. Councilman Glenn Beckham made a motion to use LMIG/SPLOST funds to repair Hill Street, Depot Street, and to install crosswalks at the Main Street and Spring Road followed by a second from Councilwoman Allison Turner and this unanimously passed.

Mayor Ingram notified the council that the septic tank lids at the pavilion are cracked and he is worried of someone falling in the septic tank. He presented the council with a quote from Blount's Sheet Metal for a metal plate that would cover the entire tank so that there is no possible way for anyone to fall into the tank. Councilman Glenn Beckham made a motion to purchase the metal plate from Blount's Sheet Metal for \$1000 followed by a second from Councilwoman Allison Turner. Councilman Damon Riggins opposed the motion and the motion passed with two votes for and one opposed.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Ingram notified the council that the incoming mayor will have to continue working on the grant for the police car and water tank. The city needs to get quotes from two banks for loans.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Ingram notified the council that there have been some problems since The Topsy Daisy has opened. There have been complaints from other businesses about patrons smoking on the city sidewalk and complaints from business owners and citizens of the city about litter including cigarette butts and empty alcohol containers littering the city. The council discussed possible solutions to the problems such as ordinances that outlaw smoking in the city. The council asked the city attorney to look into what other cities are doing to combat the problem. The Mayor suggested the city placing trash receptacles around the city. Councilwoman Allison Turner made a motion to purchase trash receptacles for the city. There was no second so the motion died. The council decided to table the motion until next month.

The Mayor notified the council that they needed to decide what to do about Christmas bonuses. Councilman Glenn Beckham made a motion to pay the volunteer officers \$50 and the

city workers and police chief \$100 followed by a second from Councilman Damon Riggins and this unanimously passed.

City Clerk Tausha Grose presented the council with quotes for a new conference table. The council reviewed all the table styles and Councilman Damon Riggins made a motion to purchase the 12' boat shaped espresso conference table followed by a second from Councilman Glenn Beckham and this unanimously passed.

City Clerk Tausha Grose presented the council with quotes for new chairs for the conference table. The council reviewed all the chair styles and Councilman Damon Riggins made a motion to purchase 10 side chairs followed by a second from Councilman Glenn Beckham and this unanimously passed.

The next regular meeting will be January 13, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

Councilman Glenn Beckham made a motion to adjourn at 7:19 P.M. followed by a second from Councilman Damon Riggins and this unanimously passed.

Joyce Corley, Mayor

Tausha Grose, City Clerk