

COUNCIL MEETING CITY OF MOLENA

MARCH 11, 2019 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor George Ingram and Councilmen Damon Riggins, Elise Anthony, and Joyce Corley were present as well as City Clerk Tausha Grose, City Attorney Scott Mayfield and Chief of Police Novin Darsey. 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

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

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

INVITED GUEST

Martha Darden requested that the city repair damage sustain to her electrical meter box when a tree in the right-of-way fell near her house and pulled the meter off the side of her trailer. The council asked if Ms. Darden had any quotes for repair and she did not. Mayor Ingram notified Ms. Darden and the council that after speaking with the insurance company we are not liable for damage caused by live trees that the city has never received any complaints about. Mayor Ingram also notified the council that he saw the tree after it fell and the tree was a live tree. The council asked City Attorney what he thought and he agreed with the insurance company that the city was not liable.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

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

Chief Darsey notified the council that the unmarked Charger is down and too costly to repair. He also notified the council that the marked Charger also had some mechanical issues and had to have the timing belt and water pump replaced at a cost of \$881.84. Councilman Damon Riggins made a motion to approve payment for the repairs followed by a second from Councilwoman Elise Anthony and this unanimously passed.

Chief Darsey notified the council that he received the quote for the computers that will be installed in the police cars. The price quoted was \$10,110.00 and the grant the police department would only cover \$10,000.00. Councilman Damon Riggins made a motion to pay the additional \$110.00 that the grant would not cover followed by a second from Councilwoman Elise Anthony and this unanimously passed.

Chief Darsey notified the council that he received the quoted from Verizon for the wi-fi jetpacks the police department will need for the computers in the cars. The jetpacks will cost \$75.98 per month. Councilman Damon Riggins made a motion to approve payment for the jetpacks followed by a second from Councilwoman Joyce Corley and this unanimously passed.

Chief Darsey notified the council that he filled the volunteer police officer spot that Officer Bobby Gray left due to his health issues. Officer Curtis Keys will be filling the spot from now on.

Chief Darsey reported that the mileage on the Tahoe is 111,468 and the marked Charger it is 161,661.

BUILDINGS, STREETS AND GROUNDS

None

PUBLIC SAFETY

None

WAYS & MEANS

None

WATER

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor George Ingram notified the council that the city received the franchise fee payment from Georgia Power. He also notified the council that Georgia Power is working on a program that will provide broadband internet solutions to rural communities. The program would allow antennas placed on power poles to provide internet to rural communities. Mayor Ingram thought this would be a good solution for our city and he would keep the council updated on the progress of the program.

Mayor Ingram notified the council that he will be applying for a grant from the Woodman Insurance group to provide lighting and flags for the flag pole at the police department. He will keep the council updated.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor George Ingram presented the council with two options for the city logo. After some discussion Councilwoman Elise Anthony made a motion to approve the “Molena” design for the new logo followed by a second from Councilman Damon Riggins and this unanimously passed.

Mayor Ingram notified the council that he received the quoted for the Purple Heart City signs that was included in the LMIG projects. The quote was for the amount of \$667.13. Councilman Damon Riggins made a motion to approve payment for the signs followed by a second from Councilwoman Elise Anthony and this unanimously passed.

Mayor Ingram notified the council that he received the other quote for the repairs to the water tank and maintenance plan from Southern Corrosion. He also notified the council that he is working with other cities in the county that do not currently have maintenance plans for their water tanks and the maintenance companies the work out a group rate that will include a discount for multiple accounts. Mayor Ingram will keep the council updated on his progress.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Ingram asked the council to consider setting an approved amount of money the mayor can spend in the event of an emergency, i.e. water repairs and vehicle repairs. Councilman Damon Riggins made a motion for City Attorney Scott Mayfield to draw up a resolution to allow the mayor to spend up to \$3000.00 in the event of an emergency followed by a second from Councilwoman Elise Anthony and this unanimously passed.

City Attorney Scott Mayfield presented the council with the resolution enacting a moratorium to bar acceptance of all rezoning applications for one hundred and twenty days. Councilman Damon Riggins made a motion to accept the resolution followed by a second from Councilwoman Elise Anthony and this unanimously passed.

The next regular meeting will be April 8, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

Councilman Damon Riggins made a motion to adjourn at 6:57 P.M. followed by a second from Councilwoman Elise Anthony and this unanimously passed.

George E Ingram, Mayor

Tausha Grose, City Clerk