

COUNCIL MEETING CITY OF MOLENA

SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor George Ingram and Councilmen Damon Riggins, Glenn Beckham, and Allison Turner were present as well as Chief of Police Novin Darsey and City Attorney Scott Mayfield. City Clerk Tausha Grose was not present.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

City Resident Willie McDowell addressed a nuisance property that is located beside his residence at 70 West Jones Street. He complained that there are wild animals, such as cats, dogs, rats, and armadillos, which are coming on his property and causing damage and killing his animals. Mayor Ingram agreed that the city will look into how best to remedy the situation.

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 August Council Meeting, August Budget Workshop, and August City Ordinance Workshop followed by a second from Councilwoman Allison Turner and this unanimously passed.

INVITED GUEST

Bryan Richardson from the American Legion presented Police Chief Novin Darsey with the American Legion Policeman of the Year Award.

Lynn Vickers presented the council with the Inter-Governmental Agreement for the Pike County Board of Elections and Registration.

Councilman Damon Riggins made a motion to amend the agenda to include discussion of the Inter-Governmental Agreement followed by a second from Councilman Glenn Beckham and this unanimously passed.

Councilman Damon Riggins made a motion to accept the Inter-Governmental Agreement to govern municipal elections followed by a second from Councilman Glenn Beckham and this unanimously passed.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

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

Chief Darsey notified the council that the Chevy Impala should be back from the shop soon and will be operational.

Chief Darsey reported that the mileage on the Tahoe is 115,737 and the Impala is 128,000.

BUILDINGS, STREETS AND GROUNDS

None

PUBLIC SAFETY

None

WAYS & MEANS

None

WATER

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor George Ingram notified the council that the payment from Verizon for the water tower has started and we can expect to receive the back payment in October.

Mayor Ingram notified the council that the generator grant is still in the grant process.

Mayor Ingram presented the council with a request for equipment for the fire station. The council decided that they would like to have a price list and justification for why the items are needed. The Mayor will have an update next month.

Mayor Ingram notified the council that Joyce Corley qualified for mayor, Damon Riggins qualified for Post 2, and Jennifer Riggins qualified for Post 1.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Ingram notified the council that the review of the city ordinance is completed and he has a draft ready. Mayor Ingram asked the council to review that draft and map so that it can be voted on at the next council meeting.

Mayor Ingram notified the council that he looked at the state contract for lawn mowers and the lawn mower that was comparable to the model that we got the quote from Stanco of \$7504.40 was in excess of \$12,000. The council decided to come back to the lawn equipment purchase later in the year.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Ingram notified that council that monitoring the water tank to make sure it is full is becoming a big issue. He presented the council with a quote for telemetry controls that would monitor the water levels in the water tank. Councilman Glenn Beckham made a motion to purchase the HighTide Telemetry Control System for the water tank followed by a second from Councilman Damon Riggins and this unanimously passed.

Mayor Ingram notified the council that a budget workshop and millage rate hearing. The council decided that they would like to meet on September 23, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

The next regular meeting will be October 14, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

Councilman Glenn Beckham a motion to adjourn at 7:08 P.M. followed by a second from Councilman Damon Riggins and this unanimously passed.

George E Ingram, Mayor

Tausha Grose, City Clerk