

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

October 5, 2020

I. Call to order

Mayor Joyce Corley called to order the City Council meeting of the Molena, Georgia City Council at 6:00 p.m. after calling for public comments.

II. Roll call

City Clerk Tina Lee conducted a visual roll call. The following persons were present: Mayor Joyce Corley; Mayor Pro Tem Jennifer Riggins, Post 1; Councilmember Glenn Beckham, Post 4; Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5; Councilmember Damon Riggins, Post 2; City Clerk Tina Lee.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Current agenda and minutes from the previous meeting were provided to all council members. Councilman Beckham moved to approve both the current agenda and minutes. Councilmember Damon Riggins seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Damon Riggins moved to approve the minutes from the September Budget workshop. Councilmember Allison Turner seconded. All voted in favor.

IV. Open issues

- a) Dr. Robert Kies requested a deer crossing sign to be placed on Watts to slow people down. He also discussed the ditch on the same road, which he feels is unsafe. Dr. Kies requested the City consider purchasing the land currently for sale to prevent it being turned into a subdivision. Mayor Corley assured him there is a process that would need to be followed for that to happen. Finally, Dr. Kies requested the City place an end to farm animals in the city limits due to the flies. Currently, the properties with animals are zoned Residential Agricultural and therefore, the owners are within their rights to have animals on their properties per Councilmember Glenn Beckham.

- (1) The Council tabled these requests for later discussion.

- b) Mr. David M. Lee of CleanLee offered the services of his business to clean City Hall on either a biweekly or monthly schedule.
 - (1) The Council tabled this request for later discussion with the possibility of a monthly cleaning following court each month and a touch up to clear away any dust and empty trash, if necessary, prior to the monthly meeting.
- c) City Clert Tina Lee asked about the AC filters and who/if anyone changed these since they should be changed monthly. They especially need to be changed following the recent construction. Councilmember Damon Riggins suggested having Dyke McMichael change them.

V. Chief of Police Novin Darsey

- a) Chief of Police, Novin Darsey reported on the number of calls and citations. He advised the status of the vehicles and mileage of 129, 714 Tahoe / 131,754 Dodge; and financials.
- b) Reports from council and committees
 - i) Buildings, Streets, and Grounds - Allison Turner - nothing to report
 - ii) Public Safety - Damon Riggins - nothing to report
 - iii) Ways & Means - Glenn Beckham - nothing to report
 - iv) Water - Jennifer Riggins - began discussion regarding leak repairs. Councilmen Damon Riggins and Glenn Beckham moved and Seconded the approval of an invoice by Crawford Pipeline and Grading. The vote to approve was unanimous.
 - v) The Mayor's report - nothing new to report at this time.
 - vi) The Budget Workshop was rescheduled for 5 p.m. on October 20th followed by the City Ordinance Workshop at 6 p.m.
 - vii) Public millage hearing was scheduled for 5 p.m. on October 28th, and the Zoning Workshop was scheduled for 5:30

VI. New business

- a) Discussed what needed to be done to prepare for upcoming Millage rate discussions

- b) Discussed proposed application for commercial water service
- c) Tabled discussion for hotel/motel taxes
- d) Discussed comprehensive alcohol legislation and decided to give it further study. Citizen Jenny M. requested open air pouring for dining.
- e) CIE CWP Annual update
- f) Discussion regarding fees for permits tabled.
- g) During Council comments decided to run ad for part time street position.
- h) Next regular meeting December 14th 6 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

Mayor Joyce Corley adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m. followed by motion by Glenn Beckham, Second by Damon Riggins and unanimous approval.

Minutes submitted by: Tina L. Lee, City Clerk

Minutes approved by: _____