

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

November 9, 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 and from the two previous budget workshops were provided to all council members. Councilmember Beckham moved to approve both the current agenda with a second by Councilmember Damon Riggins. Councilmember Damon Riggins moved to approve the minutes. This was seconded by Councilmember Beckham. Both motions were passed unanimously.

IV. Open issues

- a) Invited guest, Librarian Rosemary Bunn, discussed the (L4GA Grant Application, n.d.) grant reinstating First Foundation and that she is looking for sponsors. She detailed many of the library's goals for the area including, but not limited to Little Free Libraries. She described what a Little Free Library consists of and how she would like to see several in Molena to encourage reading for young and old.
- b) Mr. Larry Jones appeared on behalf of Cathleen Richardson to present a case requesting a refund of her water bills for the past several months. Mr. Jones explained why he believed the bills were too high. He also detailed how the

meters were being read and why he felt they were being read incorrectly. The Council agreed to the requests.

V. Chief of Police Novin Darsey

- a) Chief of Police, Novin Darsey reported on the number of calls and citations. Chief Darsey advised caution and stated he had already notified the Molena Food Mart of robberies in Concord and at Wilsons. He stated he had checked the cameras at the store and had the owner move them. 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 - nothing to report other than the need to approve the new water budget.
 - v) The Mayor's report - nothing new to report at this time.

VI. Old/Unfinished Business

- a) Millage Rate was approved at 8 mils following a motion by Councilmember Glenn Beckham and a second by Councilmember Damon Riggins.
- b) Discussion of the previous meeting with Joe Walter regarding updating Zoning Ordinances. No changes.
- c) Council voted unanimously to approve Dyke McMichael's schedule flexibility request as long as he is working the same number of hours, he is free to come in later if he needs to.
- d) Councilmember Allison Turner moved to approve the rehiring of parttime grounds worker Steven Portillo. Councilmember Jennifer Riggins seconded and all approved.
- e) Councilmember Glenn Beckham moved to approve tabled request to have CleanLee perform a full cleaning of City Hall monthly following court and a touchup monthly prior to council meetings at the agreed upon rates. This falls under the maintenance budget.

- f) Item F was added to the agenda and approved to discuss approval of up to \$9,000 for Arcadia construction to remove the metal building owned by the City of Molena situated next to the Post Office on Hwy 18.
- g) Darrell Winkler property on Garland, across from 130 needs to be cleaned - below the second house on the left on Hwy 18.

Mr. Winkler requested an update on the Fire department wish list.

Councilmember Damon Riggins advised the Council is still awaiting the list since the time of the previous mayor and has not acted on it. Advised to please provide the list to the City Clerk and the Council will consider it.

VII. New business

- a) In Open Discussion, the council unanimously voted to approve both budgets as submitted upon a motion by Councilmember Damon Riggins and a second by Councilmember Allison Turner.
- b) Next regular meeting December 14th 6 p.m.

VIII. 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: _____