

COUNCIL MEETING CITY OF MOLENA

AUGUST 10, 2020 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Mayor Joyce Corley and Councilmembers Damon Riggins, Glenn Beckham, Jennifer Riggins, and Allison Turner were present as well as Chief of Police Novin Darsey, Interim City Clerk Tina Lee, and City Attorney Scott Mayfield. Mayor Joyce Corley and Councilmember Damon Riggins opened the meeting with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Leonard "Skip" Ferron spoke briefly about potential plans to start a food pantry at Depot Street property owned by Paul and Melanie Smith.

Councilmember Jennifer Riggins commented that it was a good ministry to bring to Molena. City Attorney Scott Mayfield offered advice and details as to the proper steps that will need to be taken in order to proceed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

Councilmember Glenn Beckham made a motion to approve the minutes from the July Meeting, Molena Jail Renovations Workshop held August 3, and the Budget Workshop held August. This was immediately followed by a second by Councilmember Damon Riggins. The motion passed unanimously.

INVITED GUEST

The invited guest did not come this month. Mayor Corley briefly noted their absence and proceeded with the remainder of the meeting.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Chief Novin Darsey presented the monthly report detailing a suspicious vehicle, a car alarm and multiple traffic stops. (see attached).

The new officer is riding with Officer Keys.

Chief Darsey requested the council approve LED flashers for the new lawn mower as a safety feature for Dyke McMichael. The motion was offered by Councilmember Damon Riggins and seconded by Councilmember Jennifer Riggins.

Chief of Police Novin Darsey reminded the council of upcoming surgery and advised of his plans to return in one week.

The council through Councilmember Damon Riggins and Mayor Joyce Corley advised as long as Chief of Police Novin Darsey sticks to light duty and does not exceed the limitations placed on him by his physicians or impede the healing process, they accept his early return. Chief Novin Darsey reported that the mileage on the Tahoe is 127,943 and the Impala is 131,689.

BUILDINGS, STREETS AND GROUNDS

None

PUBLIC SAFETY

None

WAYS & MEANS

None

WATER

Mayor Corley reported a leak repaired beside the sidewalk near Councilmember Allison Turner's house.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Joyce Corley is still working on getting the quote for the playground equipment.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SPLOST AND LMIG at the same point as the last meeting

City Clerk Tausha Grose notified the council that she scanned all of the current zoning ordinances and sent them to Paragon so that they can quote what it will cost to redo the ordinances. City Clerk Tausha Grose is still waiting on Paragon to finish reviewing the ordinances. Tina will continue to follow up on this process.

Council voted to approve the addition of a part-time grounds worker at \$12 per hour up to 20 hours. Council member Glenn Beckham moved to approve the position and Councilmember Damon Riggins seconded.

Councilmember Damon Riggins moved for a pay raise for Dyke McMichael, Head of Public Works to \$16 per hour. The motion was seconded by both Councilmember Glenn Beckham and Councilmember Jennifer Riggins.

Mayor Joyce Corley announced City Clerk Tausha Grose's last day of work will be August 18th. Councilmember Allison Turner moved to officially hire Tina Lee as City Clerk. Councilmember Damon Riggins seconded.

Councilmember Damon Riggins moved to make the appropriate changes to the signature card, second was by Councilmember Jennifer Riggins.

NEW BUSINESS

The jail quotes are not yet ready due to the availability of the historical pieces.

Mayor Joyce Corley presented the quotes for the office renovations and the floor repair.

Councilmember Damon Riggins moved to complete the floor repairs with a second by Councilmember Glenn Beckham up to \$20,000. Upon further discussion, Councilmember Glenn Beckham moved to go ahead and complete the remainder of the office repairs up to an additional \$15,000. Motion seconded by Councilmember Allison Turner.

Interim City Clerk Tina Lee will be sure the contractor understands the work must be complete prior to voting in November.

Demolition of the metal building will be put off until next year and will be discussed at the budget workshop in September.

The budget workshop will be the same day as the council meeting in September. That date is September 14, 2020. The workshop will be held at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Joyce Corley at 6:48 p.m.

Joyce Corley, Mayor

Tina L. Lee, Interim City Clerk