

COUNCIL MEETING CITY OF MOLENA

MARCH 9, 2020 6:00 P.M.

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

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

Councilwoman Jennifer Riggins made a motion to approve the minutes from the February Council Meeting and the March Planning & Zoning Workshop followed by a second from Councilman Damon Riggins and this unanimously passed.

INVITED GUEST

Harris Stokes from Crawford Grading & Pipeline notified the council that his company can map the water system for Molena and that he thinks that is should be done in the near future because every time there is a water leak it is difficult find the shut off valves because our water maps are so outdated. Mr. Stoles then walked the council through the process of mapping the water system.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

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

Chief Darsey reported that the mileage on the Tahoe is 121,616 and the Impala is 130,958.

BUILDINGS, STREETS AND GROUNDS

None

PUBLIC SAFETY

None

WAYS & MEANS

None

WATER

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Corley notified the council notified the council that she is still waiting on the decision for the generator grant but that if we receive the grant, we will be responsible for the cost of installing the generator and the yearly inspections and up keep. Mayor Corley notified the council that the initial cost would be about \$10,000.

Mayor Corley notified the council that there were two water leaks over Valentine's Day weekend. One leak was on East Jones street that caused the entire water system to be shut down and one behind City Hall on Main Street. The repairs cost the city roughly \$7000. The Mayor and Council discussed the necessity for the water mapping so that in the future the whole system will not have to be shut down to make repairs. The council thought it was a good idea to look into grants to help alleviate the cost of the mapping. Mayor Corley was going to do the research and reach out to some people and hopefully have more information at the next meeting.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Corley notified the council that she had to correct some items on the LMIG application because there was some information the previous Mayor did not fill out correctly. The application was submitted and we are waiting on hear back from GDOT.

Mayor Corley notified the council that she is still working on the police car grant and will notify the council when she makes progress.

Mayor Corley notified the council that Joel received a quote to have the uranium filters changed out for \$550 from Virginia Well Company. Councilman Damon Riggins made a motion to have the uranium filters for \$550 followed by a second from Councilwoman Jennifer Riggins and this unanimously passed.

City attorney Scott Mayfield presented the council the no smoking ordinance. The council looked over the ordinance and Councilman Damon Riggins a made a motion to adopt the first reading of the no smoking ordinance followed by a second from Allison Turner. This unanimously passed.

Mayor Corley notified the council that all the projects for city hall are currently on hold because they are having trouble finding a contractor. City Clerk Tausha Grose will continue to work on finding a contractor.

Mayor Corley is still working on the city logo. She will keep the council up to date on her progress.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Corley notified the council that they need to consider purchasing a cell phone for city hall because cell service is so bad. City Clerk Grose presented the council with a quote for cell service with Verizon. The phone will be free and we will receive a \$50 rebate and the service will cost about \$51 a month. Councilman Damon Riggins made a motion to purchase a cell phone for City Hall followed by a second from Allison Turner and this unanimously passed.

City Clerk Grose is currently waiting on a quote from Pike County Road Department for the culvert and road repairs on Bagwell Road.

The next regular meeting will be April 13, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

Councilman Damon Riggins made a motion to adjourn at 6:36 P.M. followed by a second from Councilwoman Jennifer Riggins and this unanimously passed.

Joyce Corley, Mayor

Tausha Grose, City Clerk