

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

Monday, November 8, 2021

I. Call to order

- A. Mayor Joyce Corley called to order the City Council meeting of the Molena, Georgia City Council at 6 p.m.

II. Pledge and Invocation

- B. Councilmember Damon Riggins, Post 2 led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by opening prayer led by Councilmember Damon Riggins, Post 2.

III. Public Comments and Invited Guests

Mayor Joyce Corley called for public comments and read comments submitted via email and social media. The following is a summary of all comments both in-person and via electronic means:

- A. Invited Guest Tom Brown
 - a. Invited to fundraiser for Willow Strong
- B. Terri Wester
 - a. Appeared to request a variance to place a well on her property located within the city limits on Watson Road
 - b. The city has not been able to provide water to her location due to needed water upgrades and repairs delaying construction of her home.
 - c. City Attorney Scott Mayfield clarified whether this was a temporary or permanent exception.
 - d. Council voted on a motion by Councilmember Luis Vazquez and a second by Council member Damon Riggins to approve a permanent well placement to accommodate continued construction and allow the Westers to complete construction in a timely manner. The motion was unanimously approved.
- C. Dan Cheek, III.
 - a. Requested an exception to be temporarily allowed to place his RV at his parent's home at 84 BJ Court and live there. - See request for T-pole (temporary pole) with Pike County Planning and Zoning.

- b. The second request is to be allowed to place his RV on his lot on Bobbie Court, once there is power and water, to live in until his home is built. . Once CO is obtained, RV would be vacated and would simply be stored in back yard as allowed per Molena ordinance
- c. Council requested a plat of the land in question, a legal description of the property from the Warranty Deed or Deed, and provisionally approved the variances pending receipt of the requested items.
- d. Councilmember Damon Riggins Moved to approve all the above for Mr. Cheek, Mayor pro Tempore seconded. Council approved unanimously.

IV. Roll call

City Clerk Tina L. Lee conducted a visual roll call. The following persons were present Mayor Joyce Corley; Mayor Pro Tempore Jennifer Riggins, Post 1; Councilmember Damon Riggins, Post 2; Councilmember Andrea Ashby, Post 3; Councilmember Andrea Ashby, Post 3; Councilmember Luis J. Vazquez, Sr., Post 4; Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5; City Attorney L. Scott Mayfield, and City Clerk Tina L. Lee.

V. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Current agenda and minutes from the previous meeting were provided to all council members. Councilmember Damon Riggins moved to approve the current agenda with a second by Councilmember Luis Vazquez. Councilmember Damon Riggins moved to approve the minutes. This was seconded by Councilmember Luis Vazquez. Both motions were passed unanimously.

VI. Chief of Police Matthew Polk

- A. Chief of Police, Matthew Polk reported on the number of calls and citations - see attached.
 - a. There were 45 calls including area checks.
 - b. Chief Polk answered Council's questions regarding the reported incidents.
 - c. Currently, we have 15 reserve officers.
 - d. Officer Wilcox is recovering. He cannot wait to come back to work.
 - i. Little Manna Foods collected over \$1,500 on Friday and presented it on Saturday.
- B. Chief of Police, Matthew Polk reported the mileage on both police cars.
 - a. Mileage on the Tahoe -
- C. Mileage on the Explorer-
- D. Current loan balance on the Explorer \$

VII. Reports from council and committees

- A. Buildings, Streets, and Grounds - Allison Turner
 - a. -
- B. Public Safety - Damon Riggins
 - a.
- C. Ways & Means - Luis Vazquez
 - a.
- D. Technology & Engineering - Luis Vazquez
 - a.
 - b. Broadband update
 - i. 15 Active Clients
 - ii. One pending client
 - iii. 20+ Active Leads
- E. Water - Jennifer Riggins
 - a.
- F. The Mayor's report -
 - a.
 - b. Will know after first of the year if grant is approved or not.
 - c. Grant will allow City to blanket Molena with broadband availability, consumers will not need to pay for installation or for equipment to the extent that grant money holds out.
 - d. OPB Grant - Chief Polk will receive \$1,000 bonus

VIII. Old/Unfinished Business

- A. Overhead Doors quote for fire station
 - a. Councilmember Damon Riggins moved to move forward with current quote up to \$4,000 and get quote for new repairs.
 - b. Councilmember Luis Vazquez seconded.
 - c. Unanimously approved.

IX. New business

- A.
- B. Set called meeting date to vote on budget / millage
 - a. Date for both: November 22, 2021
 - b. The intention is to convene Budget meeting at 6 p.m.
 - c. The intention is to convene the called meeting at 6:45 p.m.

X. Roundtable

- A. Mayor Pro Tempore Jennifer Riggins

- a.
- B. Councilmember Damon Riggins, Post 2
 - a.
- C. Councilmember Andrea Ashby, Post 3
 - a.
- D. Councilmember Luis Vazquez, Post 4
 - a.
- E. Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5
 - a.
- F. Mayor Joyce Corley
 - a.

XI. Adjournment

Mayor Joyce Corley adjourned the meeting at p.m. following a motion by , Councilmember Damon Riggins and a second by Councilmember Allison Turner. The motion to adjourned was passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: City Clerk Tina L. Lee

Minutes approved by: _____

Joyce Corley, Mayor