***CITY OF MOLENA***

***10 SPRINGS ROAD***

***MOLENA, GA 30258***

Joyce Corley, Mayor Jennifer Riggins, Mayor Pro Tempore, Post 1

Matthew Polk, Police Chief Willie McDowell, Jr., Post 2

Andrea Ashby, Post 3

Joel Bowen, Water Works Luis J. Vazquez, Sr. Post 4

Tina L. Lee, City Clerk Allison Turner, Post 5

L. Scott Mayfield, City Attorney

January 9, 2023

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| Present: | Mayor Joyce Corley, Mayor Pro Tempore – Post 1 Jennifer Riggins; Council Member Willie McDowell, Jr., Post 2; Councilmember Luis J. Vazquez, Sr., Post 3 Council Member Andrea Ashby, Post 3; Council member Allison Turner, Post 5; City Attorney Scott Mayfield; Chief of Police, Matt Polk; City Clerk, Tina Lee |
| Next meeting: | February 13, 2023, 6 p.m., Molena City Hall |

1. Announcements
2. Swearing In

Judge David Fowler swore in new Post 2 Councilmember Willie “Billy McDowell, Jr.

1. Reappointments

Council voted unanimously to reappoint Chief of Police Matt Polk, City Attorney L. Scott Mayfield, and City Clerk Tina L. Lee.

Motion: Jennifer Riggins, Mayor Pro Tempore, Post 1

Second: Councilmember Luis J. Vazquez, Post 3

Vote: Yay 5 Nay 0

1. Public Comments and Invited Guests

Resident of 210 Railroad Street read a prepared statement asking Council to step in and ask the owner of the property behind his to please move his cattle feeding trough. He contends that the current location for feeding the cattle causes undue smell, flies, and distress to him on his property and is inconsiderate when the other person has a large parcel of land and could feed his livestock well away from any property boundaries. He further stated he has made the same request to no avail.

Council took the request under consideration with appropriate steps to be taken as determined.

County manager Brandon Rogers came to discuss the Service Delivery Agreement.

Potential changes affecting Molena:

E911 Service cost

Emergency Management

Update Public Works Agreement

Discussed having County collect City taxes

Discussed SPLOST and need for projects.

Randy Davis appeared on behalf of the landowners of the Main Street lot at the corner of Main and West Jones (2171 South Main Street) to request approval for the proposed subdivision of the lot into three building lots. The proposed lots meet with current ordinances and were approved.

Motion: Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5

Second: Jennifer Riggins, Mayor Pro Tempore, Post 1

Vote: Yay 5 Nay 0

Add approval of qualifying fees to agenda.

Motion: Jennifer Riggins, Mayor Pro Tempore, Post 1

Second: Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5

Vote: Yay 5 Nay 0

Approval of Agenda and Minutes of previous meeting

Motion: Councilmember Luis J. Vazquez, Sr., Post 3

Second: Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5

Vote: Yay 5 Nay 0

Approval of Agenda and Minutes of Emergency called meeting

Motion: Councilmember Luis J. Vazquez, Sr., Post 3

Second: Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5

Vote: Yay 5 Nay 0

1. Chief of Police Report
   1. See attached report
   2. 106 calls for service
   3. Status of Vehicles & Mileage
      1. Explorer mileage28,017
      2. Tahoe mileage 150,863
      3. Crown Victoria approx. 143,000
         1. Currently under repair due to engine issues
         2. At City Shop for repair
      4. Obtained two more vehicles at no cost
         1. Crown Victorias
         2. Both in good condition
   4. Two part-time officers
      1. Captain Josh Guthrie
         1. Recently promoted
      2. Mitchell Smith
   5. Balance Ford loan $32,926.85
      1. Interest paid Life of Loan: $2,591.66
      2. Principal Paid Life of Loan:$17,499.82
2. Reports from Council and Committees and New/Old Business

Jennifer Riggins, Mayor Pro Tempore, Post 1 will take over Public Safety. Councilmember Willie McDowell, Jr., Post 2 will be responsible for Water.

Discussed opening discussions with Pike County Tax Commissioner re having the county collect property taxes for Molena.

Motion: Councilmember Luis J. Vazquez, Sr., Post 3

Second: Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5

Vote: Yay 5 Nay 0

Set date for goal planning session: Tuesday, January 24, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

* 1. Note: 2023 Holidays
     1. These are the days the City Offices will be closed in 2023.
     2. October 9 is the date of the October City Council meeting.
        1. **Rescheduled for October 2, 2023.**

1. **New Year’s Day**: Sunday, January 1 (Observed Monday, January 2)
2. **Martin Luther King Jr Day**: Monday, January 16
3. **Presidents’ Day**: Monday, February 20
4. **Memorial Day**: Monday, May 29
5. **Independence Day**: Tuesday, July 4
6. **Labor Day**: Monday, September 4
7. **Columbus Day**: Monday, October 9
8. **Veterans’ Day**: Saturday, November 11 (Observed Friday, November 10)
9. **Thanksgiving**: Thursday, November 23
10. **Black Friday**: Friday, November 24
11. [**Christmas**](https://www.independent.co.uk/topic/christmas): Monday, December 25

Councilmember Luis J. Vazquez, Sr., Post 3 requested an update on the garbage situation. Advice of attorney is we can advise Amwaste to come pick up the bins within 30 days.

Currently, the owner of Amwaste has taken the stance when the city pays $18,000 he will pick up the bins.

1. **NEXT REGULAR MEETING**
   1. Monday, February 13, 2023, 06:00 PM
2. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Jennifer Riggins, Mayor Pro Tempore, Post 1

Second: Councilmember Luis J. Vazquez, Sr., Post 3

Vote: Yay 5 Nay 0

**STATE OF GEORGIA**

**City of** Molena

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**QUALIFYING FEE NOTICE**

**Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §21-2-131 (a)(1), the following qualifying fees were set by the \_City of Molena\_ Mayor and Council in the *January 9, 2023* meeting:**

**Mayor** **$\_\_72.00\_\_\_**

**Councilperson** **$\_\_36.00\_\_\_**

**Qualifying for the offices listed above will begin at 9 a.m. on tba and will end at 3 p.m. on tba at 10 Springs Road, Molena, GA 30258 a/k/a Molena City Hall. The General Election will be held on November 7, 2023.**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

An election for the purpose of Mayor will be held on November 7, 2023. In accordance with section 21-2-131 of the Georgia Election Code and Rules of the State Election Board the governing authority of the municipality shall, not later than February 1 of the year of the general election, fix and publish a qualifying fee for each office to be filled in the upcoming election.

Such fee shall be 3% of the total gross salary of the office. The qualifying fee for each council seat will be $36.00. The qualifying fee for Mayor shall be $72.00.