

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

February 8, 2021

I. Call to order

Mayor Joyce Corley called to order the City Council meeting of the Molena, Georgia City Council at 6:03 p.m. after calling for public comments.

A public statement was given by Mr. Chris Childers regarding the EMC Broadband announcement and his thoughts regarding Broadband.

Mayor Corley read the following comments:

- A. Called in comments**
 - a. Will the tennis courts at the park be resurfaced any time in the near future? How about repairing/replacing the net(s)?
 - i. Councilmember Damon Riggins noted the discussion from the goals workshop to repaint the lines, but not to resurface. The courts have been repaved.
 - ii. Mayor Corley stated yes, this can be done in the near future.
 - b. There is a walking track behind the park. Will the City please bring it back into useful condition?
 - i. Council has discussed this in the past. Manpower is not available and volunteers are not forthcoming. It is also not safe.
 - c. Please begin posting agendas and minutes on Facebook since there is no City web page.
 - d. It would be helpful if all other upcoming events and news related to Molena could be posted on Facebook. It is a useful forum where people can actually find out what is going on.
 - i. Mayor Corley agrees that it is a good idea to post meeting times and dates on the Facebook page.
- B. Comments via text, email, or Facebook**
 - a. Facebook comment regarding potential interne: We are a mile outside city limits will this help us?"
 - i. Councilmember Damon Riggins stated he believed the answer to be as long as there is line of sight, the answer is yes, but left the true answer to David Stewart.

II. Roll call

Secretary Name 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 Glenn Beckham, Post 4; Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5; City Attorney L. Scott Mayfield; and City Clerk Tina L. Lee.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

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

IV. Invited Guest David Stewart

- a) Invited Guest David Stewart explained how interne would work. He provided visuals to show what hardware is required to provide broadband to Molena and then to the individual homes.
- b) Mr. Stewart then advised Council that Woodbury has reconsidered the originally quoted cost to Molena if Molena chooses to utilize their offer of pulling from Woodbury's Broadband initially in order to provide service to the citizens of Molena, making it much more affordable than the initial offer.
- c) Mr. Stewart stated it would possibly only take two to four weeks to be up and running if Molena takes the Woodbury offer.
- d) He also provided some idea of the cost if Molena chooses to provide service directly and some suggestions as to when Molena would wish to no longer contract with Woodbury, but would wish to go ahead and provide that service in terms of number of subscribers.

V. Chief of Police Novin Darsey

- a) Chief of Police, Novin Darsey reported on the number of calls and citations
- b) Chief Darsey has not spoken with the Chief of Police in Zebulon yet regarding the cost of the repeater.
- c) The Impala is back in Molena and has not been repaired.
 - i) Mr. Perkins feels it would be a waste of money for Molena to spend money repairing it when there is so much wrong with it.
 - ii) If it is necessary to use the Impala, oil and water levels are checked and it is only used to go short distances.
- d) Mileage:

Tahoe 133867 Impala 132085

- e) Outcome of T-Mobile/Sprint trial
 - i) After trying at various locations around the city, it is determined this is not a viable option.

VI. Reports from council and committees

- i) Buildings, Streets, and Grounds - Allison Turner - no report
- ii) Public Safety - Damon Riggins - no report
- iii) Ways & Means - Glenn Beckham - no report
- iv) Water - Jennifer Riggins - no report
- v) The Mayor's report - no report

vii. Vacant Post #3

- a) No candidates.
- b) Will hold qualifying in August.

XII - OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Discuss purchase of Police Interceptor
 - a. Possibly purchase and pay back with grant
 - b. Loan from Bank
 - c. Discussed GMA Lease option. Felt this may be too expensive due to the minimum of \$75,000 required.
- B. Discuss purchase of City truck
 - a. Glen Beckham is looking for the best option for replacing the vehicle.
- C. Fax bridge from Nextiva
 - a. Discussed the reason for this item.
 - b. Will discuss again after the budget workshop on March 1, 2021
- D. SFY2021 Regional Water Planning Seed Grant update - status update
- E. Email from Jay Matthews - has someone who can come advise as far as size requirement for generators
- F. Email from Jessica Baker re: Small Public Water Systems Support Research
 - a. Will follow up to see what she has in mind.

XIV — NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discuss and vote on internet
 - a. Table until after budget workshop

XV — EXECUTIVE SESSION if necessary

Not required at this meeting.

XVI — ROUNDTABLE discussion

- A. LMIG projects. The list of projects must be submitted by the end of this month.
 - A. Discussed some possible items. Need specific amounts.

- i. Build up access to 109 on Grubbs Street
- ii. E Jones to McCrary Guardrail
- iii. Watson
- iv. Sands
- v. Bagwell

VIII. Adjournment

Mayor Joyce Corley adjourned the meeting following a motion by Councilmember Glenn Beckham and a second by Councilmember Damon Riggins.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: City Clerk Tina L. Lee

Minutes approved by: _____