**MINUTES**

**CITY OF MOLENA CITY COUNCIL**

**MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2025**

Time: 6:00 PM Location: Molena City Hall, 10 Spring Street, Molena, Georgia 30258

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The monthly meeting of the Molena City Council was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Joyce Corley. City Clerk Tina Lee served as secretary.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION**

* The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Corley.
* Invocation was delivered by Councilmember Willie McDowell, Post 2.

**III. SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS**

* Judge David Fowler administered the oath of office to Councilmember Christy McCrary, Post 1.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

***Motion:*** *To approve the meeting agenda and confirm the minutes from the January 13, 2025, meeting.*

***Motion By:*** *Councilmember Damon Riggins, Mayor Pro Tempore, Post 5*

***Seconded By:*** *Councilmember Ted Meeks, Post 4*

***Vote:*** *Yay [5], Nay [0]*

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND INVITED GUESTS**

* **Unscheduled Public Comments:**
  + None

**VI. CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT**

* Overview of department statistics for the previous month.
* Vehicle mileage and loan balances:
  + **Explorer:** $9,310.57 remaining balance and mileage 45,782 miles.
  + **Charger:** $22,912.89 remaining balance and mileage 27,924 miles.
* Presentation of a server quote for [details].
  + **Originally quoted at over $6,000**
  + **Ben's Hobby has what we need for $999.**
    - **2 T drive**
    - *Motion: Purchase server for PD from Ben's Hobby for up to $1,000. Anything higher will come back to Council* for approval.
    - *Motion: Councilmember Damon Riggins, Mayor Pro Tempore, Post 5*
    - *Seconded By: Councilmember Lisa Brogdon, Post 3*
    - *Vote: Yay [5], Nay [0]*

**VII. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES**

* **Building and Grounds (Ted Meeks):**
  + Discussed options for addressing the shared septic tank issue
    - Could Molena Meadows be connected to the two-story building's septic system while it is unoccupied?
    - Discussed later in the meeting but related: Mr. Mayfield has completed the proposed Assessment Ordinance. First reading this day.
* **Public Safety (Christy McCrary): Nothing to report.**
* **Ways and Means (Damon Riggins): Nothing to report**
* **Technology:** : Nothing to report
* **Water (Willie McDowell):**: Asked about proposed new water rates.
  + **Looked at rates from three of the cities in Pike.**
  + Will get updated information for next meeting.

**VIII. MAYOR’S REPORT**

Discussed option to request updated valuation for city properties.

Discussed Pavilion rules as set last year

* Discussed pavilion rates as well
* Discussed remaining needed culvert on W Jones Road.
  + - Councilmember Willie McDowell, Post 2 is working with Pike County on this.
* Need new heater for pump house.
* Uranium Filters - where are we?
* Discussed hot water heater at PD

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Sign Ordinance:**
   * Molena already has existing sign ordinance that is sufficient.
2. **Wells Inside the City Limits:**
   * Discussion of unpermitted wells and applicable ordinances.
     + Molena does not have an ordinance to back up our practice of not allowing private wells inside the city limits.
     + Discussed if such ordinance is desirable.
     + Discussed pricing converting to a hot water heater tank and electrical to convert.
     + Flock Camera Purchase Discussion

*Motion: Purchase Flock Camera*

*Motion: Councilmember Damon Riggins, Mayor Pro Tempore, Post 5*

*Seconded By: Councilmember Lisa Brogdon, Post 3*

*Vote: Yay [5], Nay [0]*

1. **First Reading of Septic Tank Assessment Ordinance:**
   * Ordinance text reviewed.

*Motion: Moved to accept the first reading of the Septic Tank assessment Ordinance*

*Motion: Councilmember Damon Riggins, Mayor Pro Tempore, Post 5*

*Seconded By: Councilmember Ted Meeks, Post 4*

*Vote: Yay [5], Nay [0]*

1. **Jail Roof Repair Contract:**
   * Awarded bid to Tim Pryor after a motion by Damon Riggins and a unanimous vote.

**. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Matters from the 2025 Goals Meeting:**
   * Reviewed list
     1. Needs to be updated with Christy McCrary's suggested goals
2. **Invoice Approval:**
   * Approved the following invoices:
     1. Crawford Grading for Tim and Michelle Guy's water tap on W Jones - still outstanding by Mr. and Mrs. Guy.
3. **Blakeney Zoning Request:**
   * Approval of Pole Barn
     1. Need Exception request form and fee but approved.

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

N/A

**XII. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

* None.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting.

**Motion By:** Councilmember Damon Riggins, Mayor Pro Tempore, Post 5

**Seconded By:**

**Vote:** Yay [5], Nay [0]

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40. The next scheduled meeting will be Monday, March 10, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

**Secretary Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Mayor Signature:** Joyce J. Corley

**Date of Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_