***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

April 10,, 2023

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| Present: | Mayor Joyce Corley; 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: | April 10, 2023, 6 p.m., Molena City Hall |

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge and Invocation
3. Public Comments and Invited Guests

David Russell – Broken shut off on water meter

Plumber broke it and could not cut the water off.

Noted there are some meters that read incorrectly in Molena

States he has a leak on the City side

Urges City to take the water situation seriously.

Mary Milner

Asked if there are firefighters in the city of Molena

Do they respond to 911 calls

What happened July 11, 2022 when a 911 call was placed, and first responders never responded.

Wants to know what the protocol is for responding to emergency calls.

Feels like somebody did not do their job because first responders did not come when 911 was called.

Dwayne Penn commented that meters are being replaced as needed.

Installing meters across the whole city is an expensive prospect.

Lisa Brogdon

Asked about water pressure

Asked about broadband at her location and when it will be available.

She would like an update. She has been told for the past 18 months that broadband is coming.

Asked for permission to paint the eagles at Willis Subdivision

Molena Clerk will need to find out to whom the eagles belong. (Butch Willis’ Brother in Law)

1. Chief of Police Report

Number of Calls 121/98 traffic stops/31 citations (see reports in Council folders)

Intercepted a stolen vehicle out of Florida on 109 and made an arrest – recovered vehicle.

Status of Vehicles & Mileage

Explorer 32,153 – great condition

Tahoe 153,407 – not in good shape

Crown Victoria, We have four provided by the officers themselves

Balance Ford loan $30,476.13

Reserve officers now work 24 hours instead of 16 in keeping with state requirements.

Currently 15 officers

Chief Polk full-time

Two part-time officers

Did not have 24-hour coverage in 2022 and do not have 24-hour coverage at this time.

1. Approval of Agenda/Approval of Minutes

**Motion: Approve agenda with Contract with Woodbury Police Department, Approval of Crawford Grading invoice, Approval of Agenda, and approval of minutes.**

*Motion: Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5*

*Second: Councilmember Andrea Ashby, Post 3*

*Vote: Yay 4 Nay 0*

***Motion: Approve Minutes***

Motion: Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5

Second: Councilmember Luis J. Vazquez, Sr., Post 4

Vote: Yay 4 Nay 0

1. **Contract with Woodbury Police Department**
   1. Agreement for mutual aid in the event of a major incident to provide assistance between agencies.

**Motion: To approve agreement between police departments**

*Motion: Councilmember Luis J. Vazquez, Sr., Post 4*

*Second: Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5*

*Vote: Yay 4 Nay 0*

1. **Reports from Council and Committees and New/Old Business**

Buildings, Streets and Grounds - Allison Turner

Discussed the flooded roads

Asked about people being allowed to dispose of yard clippings at City dump

After discussion, Council declined

DOT filled in sinkhole with cold pack and will come back and fix it at some point

Public Safety - Jennifer Riggins

Not present

Ways & Means - Luis Vazquez

No report

Technology & Engineering - Luis Vazquez

Briefly mentioned Ampstun – can send out group messages

Want to set up a demo for Mayor and Technology

White Plains PTMP installed

The Leof Sieg Cube repossessed

Water – Willie McDowell

Discussed potential water disconnects due to nonpayment in one week

Discussed how the process works

122 E Jones is still off, and lock is in place

Virginia Well reports Bagwell Well is in good shape.

VW is trying to determine the reason why the Watts Street well is only putting out half capacity

Mayor’s Report – Joyce Corley

Renting City Hall

Do we want to rent it out

For profit or similar to Pavilion

Discussion was tabled

SLA

**Motion: Approve SLA agreement until something better**

*Motion: Councilmember Luis J. Vazquez, Sr., Post 4*

*Second: Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5*

*Vote: Yay 4 Nay 0*

**Old/Unfinished Business**

Sands Road PTMP

Tabled

Septic System

Discussed with Health Department

Daily complaints

Have requested a quote

Mr. Lumsden has asked if Molena Meadows can have the existing septic tank.

Explained why that did not work for him.

122 E Jones

1. **New Business**

Voted to pay Crawford Grading invoice

$3,273.00 – SPLOST since it was road work at 30 E Jones

**Motion: Approve Crawford Grading Invoice payment**

*Motion: Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5*

*Second: Councilmember Luis J. Vazquez, Sr., Post 4*

*Vote: Yay 4 Nay 0*

Councilmember Willie McDowell, Jr., Post 2 may invite Tim Guy to come to the next council meeting regarding the Mary Milner questions.

Chief Polk explained how the system works and Molena is not responsible in any way.

Council Adjourned

**Motion: To adjourn**

*Motion: Councilmember Luis J. Vazquez, Sr., Post 4*

*Second: Councilmember Willie McDowell, Jr., Post 2*

*Vote: Yay 4 Nay 0*