***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

August 14, 2023

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| Present: | Mayor Joyce Corley; Mayor Pro Tempore Jennifer Riggins, Post 1 Council Member Willie McDowell, Jr., Post 2; Councilmember Andrea Ashby, Post 3; (arrived late) Councilmember Luis Vazquez, Sr., Post 4; Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5; City Attorney Scott Mayfield; Chief of Police, Matt Polk; City Clerk, Tina Lee |
| Next meeting: | September 11, 2023, 6 p.m., Molena City Hall |

1. Call to Order Joyce Corley, Mayor
2. Pledge and Invocation Councilmember Willie McDowell, Jr., Post 2
3. Public Comments and Invited Guests
4. Approval of Agenda/Approval of Minutes

**Motion: Approve previous month’s minutes and current agenda**

*Motion: Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5*

*Second: Jennifer Riggins, Mayor Pro Tempore, Post 1*

*Vote: Yay 4 Nay 0*

1. Chief of Police Report

* Number of Calls 82/61 Traffic Stops
  + Nothing out of the ordinary
  + Captain Guthrie did get in a high-speed chase with a motorcycle that ended up in Zebulon - Sheriff's Office got involved
* Status of Vehicles & Mileage
  + Explorer great condition mileage 37,172
  + Tahoe 158,070
  + Dodge is at police department 14,151
* Balance Ford loan $26,610
* Balance Charger Loan $35,070 - will be marked tomorrow
* Extinguishers have been ordered

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

* Buildings, Streets and Grounds – Allison turner
  + Were they cutting trees today?
* Public Safety - Jennifer Riggins
  + Nothing to report
* Ways and Means
  + Nothing to report
* Technology
  + Nothing to report as well
* Water – Willie McDowell
  + Briefly showed the diagram provided by Crawford Grading to advise the park well should not be used and why
  + Discussed which locations are complaining of colored water, grit in the water, and "sulfer" smell in the water.
  + Scheduling the cleanout of the tank as quickly as possible.
  + Discussed the turnout at the fundraising event held by the community group to raise money to upgrade the park.
  + Brought up the need for a water fountain and restroom facilities at the park.
* Mayor’s Report – Joyce Corley
  + Ampstun software is in place.
  + Next billing will be on Ampstun
  + Changes to billing - Due 15th, lates drop 16th, new bills on the 20th.
  + Payment plans are very quick and easy to set up.
  + Will be able to issue advisories using the software as soon as Nexbillpay portion is in place.
  + Discussed mold issue at City Hall.
    - Cleaning company charged extra to clean the mold this time.
    - Discussed potentially using Damprid
    - Andrea Ashby offered to loan a dehumidifier to test the efficacy
  + Still under BWA
    - Waiting for results of test - have proof it was received timely by State Lab, but no results posted on website, and not available by telephone.
    - May need to retest.

**Old/Unfinished Business**

* Approval of quotes:
  + Discussed which trees need to be cut down
    - Two at the park, two on Grubbs, limbs pecan tree across from police station
* SandPit
  + Gave us a quote for sand
  + Is also working on possibly getting us free mulch
* How many hours (comp) will we allow an employee sell back at a time?
  + Rate is 1.5 rate of pay
  + 40 hours per quarter?
  + Need to plan for in budget.

1. **New Business**

* Schedule budget workshop
  + September 5, 2023
    - Attempting to approve budget prior to end of September due to millage rate requirements.
* Movie night November 17, 2023 before Bigfoot Fest
  + Still need permits
* Have potential new hire for Office position - Brighte Godfrey will come in at same rate of pay that Ashley left at.
* Still no Public Works employee.
  + Suggestions for filling this position?
    - Possibly pay more?
    - Contract a landscaper on a temporary basis only
    - May need to advertise in other avenues/renew the Facebook posting

1. **Roundtable**

* 97 Judy Court
  + Property flooding
    - Drain pipe that runs between that property and the Barkers is blocked
    - Runs under the Railroad property
    - Because it is private property, County will not repair it.
      * Discussed where Railroad property ends, what happens when it is abandoned - The property in question appears to still belong to the railroad.

1. **Council Adjourned**

**Motion: To adjourn**

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

*Second: Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5*

*Vote: Yay 4 Nay 0*

Respectfully submitted \_\_Tina L. Lee\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Joyce C. Corley, Mayor