***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 Allison Turner, Post 5

L. Scott Mayfield, City Attorney Tina L. Lee, City Clerk

December 11, 2024

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| Present: | Mayor Joyce Corley; Mayor Pro Tempore Jennifer Riggins, Post 1; Councilmember Willie McDowell, Jr., Post 2; Councilmember Luis J. Vazquez, Sr., Post 4; Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5; Chief of Police, Matt Polk; City Attorney, L. Scott Mayfield; City Clerk, Tina L. Lee |
| Next meeting: | January 08, 2024, 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

* None

1. Approval of Agenda/Approval of Minutes

**Motion: To approve current agenda and previous month's minutes.**

*Motion: Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5*

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

*Vote: Yay 4 Nay 0*

Chief of Police Report

* Number of Incidents 119
* Status of Vehicles & Mileage
  + Explorer 40,376
  + Tahoe 165,660
  + Charger 69,073

1. **Reports from Council and Committees**

* Buildings, Streets, and Grounds – Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5
  + Thomas will have the park completed prior to the Saturday event.
  + Thomas is resigning.
    - His business is too time consuming to continue with Molena
    - Thomas provided a quote from his lawncare business to care for the park and cemetery.
* Public Safety – Jennifer Riggins, Mayor Pro Tempore, Post 1
* Ways & Means – Councilmember Luis j. Vazquez, Sr., Post 4
* Technology & Engineering – Councilmember Luis J. Vazquez, Sr., Post 4
* Water – Councilmember Willie McDowell, Jr., Post 2
  + - Water pressure is "off a little bit"
    - Spoke with Joel, and he says everything is okay.
    - Water is still off at the park.

1. **Mayor’s report**

* WRT came to troubleshoot on Tuesday and look at the filters
  + Jay from GRWA was here as well.
  + Need to filter Manganese from Bagwell
  + Both wells producing sand
    - Randy Chastain @ Virginia Well has a suggestion that should prevent sand and grit from reaching the sediment filters/pre filters
      * Estimated cost is roughly $3,000
  + Should be able to filter through the existing uranium filter setup once sediment is prevented.
* Brighte Godfrey has turned in her resignation
  + Can we try to keep her?

Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5 asked if we can match United Bank's offer.

Would take $15.55 per hour at 40 hours per week.

Councilmember Luis J. Vazquez, Sr., Post 4 asked if we can afford to have her full time.

Would be beneficial to keep her.

1. **Old/Unfinished business**

* Finish setting the budget - schedule new workshop
  + Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at 6 p.m.

1. **New Business**
2. Worker's Compensation invoice
   1. Pay in parts or pay in full now?
   2. Pay in four payments

**Motion: Pay Worker's Compensation premium in four payments**

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

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

*Vote: Yay 4 Nay 0*

1. Quote from Dean's Two-Way
   1. Mr. Chris Corley spoke advising Council to go with the quote
      1. Will assist in applying for the FCC License
      2. Further described the benefits to Molena including not requiring a letter from others to have radar certification.
      3. Dean has used radios if we wish to add a frequency for city use.
      4. Will need to buy a small-beam antenna
      5. Should correct all communication issues
      6. First step is to apply for the license, then we have three years to complete the process.
      7. License quote is $850

**Motion: Improve Molena's Communications**

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

*Second: Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5*

*Vote: Yay \_4\_\_\_ Nay \_0\_\_\_*

1. **Roundtable**

* Councilmember Willie McDowell, Jr., Post 2

Where are we on the cameras for the park?

Have a quote between 6 and $7,000

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

When will we remove the trees that have been identified for removal?

Need new quote.

* Councilmember Willie McDowell, Jr., Post 2

Want horses to wear butt bags if they are present at events

Blueline Horses were dropping at Railroad where people were stepping in it.

Require event coordinators to either place bags on the horses or require immediate cleanup of any droppings.

* Chris Corley

Move event to October

* Police Department

Recommend not having vendors on Springs

* Jay Garner

Letter from Molena Water System questions

1. **Council Adjourned**

**Motion: To adjourn**

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

*Second: Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5*

*Vote: Yay 4 Nay 0*

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

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

Joyce C. Corley, Mayor