***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

May 08, 2023

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| Present: | Mayor Joyce Corley; Mayor Pro Tempore Jennifer Riggins, Post 1; Council Member Willie McDowell, Jr., Post 2; Councilmember Luis J. Vazquez, Sr., 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

Mayor Joyce Corley

1. Pledge and Invocation

Councilmember Willie McDowell, Post 2

1. Public Comments and Invited Guests
2. None\* Approval of Agenda/Approval of Minutes

**Motion: Approve agenda and previous minutes**

**Motion: Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5**

**Second: Councilmember Luis Vazquez, Post 4**

**Vote: Yay 4 Nay 0**

1. Chief of Police Report

Number of Calls – 121/77 Traffic Stops (see reports in Council folders)

* + 1. 19 Traffic Citations between April 1 and April 30
		2. Status of Vehicles & Mileage
		3. Explorer 33817
		4. Tahoe 154,636

Balance of Ford Loan $29,621.07 (see included)

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

Buildings, Streets and Grounds - Allison Turner

 Yield to Councilmember Willie McDowell, Post 2

 Stood in representing Citizen's group requesting permission to hold raffle to raise money to put in basketball court, bleachers, and related items. There will be raffle tickets available at City hall, but not sold by City Clerk.

 Tickets are $5

 Attempting to hold grand opening before August

 Drawing July 29 with other fun events at the same time.

**Motion: Motion to allow the group to hold raffle to raise money**

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

**Second: Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5**

**Vote: Yay 4 Nay 0**

 Public Safety Jennifer Riggins, Mayor Pro Tempore, Post 1 - nothing to report

 Ways & Means - Councilmember Luis Vazquez, Post 4

 Technology 7 Engineering - Councilmember Luis Vazquez, Post 5

No report

Ways & Means - Councilmember Luis Vazquez, Post 5

 No report

Technology & Engineering - Luis Vazquez

 Will discuss software later, but did like what I saw.

 Mayor briefly discussed Ampstun software

 Will improve on the current financial software

 Will allow for notices to public via email or text

 Will allow for accurate accounting

 Want to set up a demo for Mayor and Technology

 Scheduled budget workshop June 6, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor’s Report – Joyce Corley

 White Plains almost complete

 Something still to do at Beckhams

 If Sands is approved time in May and June to do it.

 Deferred to Joel Bowen

 Changed to Bagwell Well

 Air coming through the well casing

 Air did not go away in two or three days as expected

 VW made additional changes and promised the air would be gone after today

 BWA was only out of an abundance of caution, no contaminants. Good chlorine residuals.

 Pump needs to be changed and electrical work. Need new panel.

 Have it throttled back, but not enough for the uranium system.

 Better days ahead.

Water – Willie McDowell

 Changes/improvements need to be made at Bagwell Well Pumphouse.

 Dirty/unsanitary

 Roof leaks

 Needs to be painted

 Electrical panel needs to be replaced

 Floor filthy and not a sanitary place for a water system

 Fence needs to be replaced.

 Not a place we want our water superintendent to have to work.

 Past due water bills

 Did not give specific bills to Council to discuss

 Discussed account 12 - has asked to have one month's interest waived if she gets payment under $600 in order to help her make progress toward paying it current.

 $6,000+ bill on E Jones has not made any progress.

 She has been provided with the LWHAP information

 The septic tank issue has been corrected at this location.

 Per City Attorney, handling on a case-by-case basis is acceptable.

 Council agreed to waive the late fees for one month only for account 00012 if she met the discussed terms.

Renting City Hall (previously tabled)

 Do we want to rent it out

 Yes.

 Fees range from $50 per day to $2,000 per event.

 Tabled

 For profit or similar to Pavilion (previously tabled)

 City of Thomaston $50 per every two hours or $150 per day (not refundable deposit, but actual fee)

 Tabled

**Old/Unfinished Business**

Sands Road PTMP

 **Motion:** Tabled

**Motion:**

**Second:**

**Vote: Yay \_\_\_\_\_ Nay\_\_\_\_\_**

Septic System

1. **New Business**
2. **Additional Citizen Comments**

Martis Ferguson for Community Group

 See handout

 Molena Alumni Group

 Restore/Revitalize/Improve the Park

 Pavilion Slab/Tennis Court/Equipment/BBQ Pit Shelter

 Cleanup/Plantings - get the youth involved

Need to remember porta potties

1. **Adjournment**

**Motion: To adjourn**

**Motion: Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5**

**Second: Councilmember Luis Vazquez, Post 4**

**Vote:** **Yay** 4 **Nay** 0