***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

September 11, 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; Councilmember Luis Vazquez, Sr., Post 4; Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5; City Attorney Scott Mayfield; Chief of Police, Matt Polk; City Clerk, Tina Lee (via telephone) |
| Next meeting: | October 2, 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
* Jerry Valencia
	+ Did not come
* Sarah Richards
	+ Questions about water quality and complaints about service
		- Response by Mayor Joyce Corley
	+ Asked for reimbursement
		- Response by Mayor Joyce Corley
	+ Complaint re 122 E Jones Street – unkempt and overgrown
	+ Internet availability inquiry
		- Response by Mayor Joyce Corley
* Brandon Rogers / Kyle fletcher
	+ Mr. Rogers introduced new Economic Development Director Kyle Fletcher
	+ Discussed IGA for SPLOST ready to sign
1. Approval of Agenda/Approval of Minutes

**Motion: Approve previous minutes and current agenda**

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

*Second: Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5*

*Vote: Yay 5 Nay 0*

1. Chief of Police Report
* Number of Calls 129/79 Traffic Stops
	+ 3 vehicle pursuits/two motorcycles
	+ Wreck on Reidsboro Road
* Status of Vehicles & Mileage
	+ Explorer great condition mileage 38,282
	+ Tahoe 159,262
	+ Charger 3,013 – Excellent condition
* Balance Ford loan $25,744.81
* Balance Charger Loan $34,489.81
* Extinguishers have been ordered
1. **Reports from Council and Committees and New/Old Business**
* Buildings, Streets and Grounds – Allison turner
	+ New hire Public Works, Thomas Smith
* Public Safety - Jennifer Riggins
	+ Nothing to report
* Ways and Means
	+ Nothing to report
* Technology
	+ Have finally been able to extend service down Daniel and to Willis Subdivision
* Water – Willie McDowell
	+ Encouraged patience as we continue to move toward completing the current water projects.
	+ Cleanout had to be rescheduled. May mean a minor inconvenience to public and businesses. Will advise/advertise as soon as tank cleanout is scheduled. Must be completed as soon as possible.
* Mayor’s Report – Joyce Corley
	+ Discussions re water on the 22nd.
	+ Working with State toward water grant
	+ Working with Hofstadter Engineering firm
	+ Joel has been flushing hydrants
	+ Tank will be cleaned out on the 18th.
	+ GRWA will be here.
	+ GRWA will be in the city again on 9/12 to look into the air in the lines issue
	+ Tourism meeting looking at ways to drive traffic into the area and into the city. More people means more money to correct issues in the city.

**Old/Unfinished Business**

* Comp time policy tabled
	+ Must be decided by end of the year.
1. **New Business**
* No invoices to approve
* Vote on new Pavilions usage fee:
	+ Will be $200 per day with $50 refundabe if proof of good condition is provided to City via pictures emailed or sent via SMS to number/email provided on contract to be updated
		- **Motion: Approve new fee structure for pavilion and requirement for proof of condition to be provided by renter as of December 1, 2023**
		- *Motion: Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5*
		- *Second:Councilmember Luis J. Vazquez, Sr., Post 4*
		- *Vote: Yay 5 Nay 0*
* Read updated alcohol license ordinance – 1st reading
	+ Discussion: After being advised by City Attorney Scott Mayfield that City of Molena does not have a provision to issue a Retail or Package alcohol license but should continue to do so for the Molena Food Mart due to the history of already providing said license and discontinue if changes are made, Council read the ordinance for the first time publicly. The change is the license was previously $500 and will be $700 as of December 31, 2023.

**Motion: Move to approve the first reading of the updated alcohol license ordinance.**

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

*Second: Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5*

*Vote: Yay 5 Nay 0*

* Budget workshop was scheduled for Tuesday, September 25, 2023, at 6 p.m.
1. **Roundtable**
* None
1. **Council Adjourned**

**Motion: To adjourn**

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

*Second: Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5*

*Vote: Yay 5 Nay 0*

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

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

 Joyce C. Corley, Mayor