**Molena City Council Meeting - Summary Minutes**

**Date:** Monday, March 10, 2025 **Time:** 6:00 PM **Location:** [Insert meeting location]

1. **Call to Order**
   * Meeting was called to order by Mayor Joyce Corley at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation**
   * The Pledge was led by Mayor Joyce Corley.
   * Invocation was provided by Councilmember Willie McDowell, Post 2
3. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes**
   * Agenda was approved without amendments.
   * Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

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

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tempore Damon Riggins, Post 5

Second by: Councilmember Lisa Brogdon, Post 3

Vote: [ 5 ] Yay [ 0 ] Nay

1. **Public Comments and Invited Guests**
   * Tim Guy asked for permission not to pay for new tap for his Jones St. Property.
     1. Feels he should not have to pay the bill for the tap.
     2. He is not being charged for the meter.
     3. Council tabled the discussion and will address the cost with Crawford.
   * David Russell asked Council to consider raising the size of the lots to at least 2 acres up to possibly 5 acres
   * Guest speaker Brad Gregg presented a variance request: Subdivide his current lot into two lots with one at ½ an acre and one closer to ¾ acre. Houses roughly 1,700 sq. ft. Council discussed the advisability of the ½ acre lot. Molena zoning requires one acre per building lot.
   * Not agreed to splitting into ½ acre.

**Motion to allow subdivision into .89 acres each**

Moved by Councilmember Ted Meeks, Post 4

Seconded by Councilmember Lisa Brogdon, Post 3

Vote : [4] Yay [0] Nay [1] Abstain – Mayor Pro Tempore Damon Riggins, Post 5

**Provided EPD approval: Allow installation of water parts only instead of new tap.**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Damon Riggins, Post 5

Second by: Councilmember Christy McCrary, Post 1

Vote [5] Yay [0] Nay

1. **Chief of Police Report**
   * 203 total incidents
     1. 94 were traffic stops
   * Vehicles
     1. Charger
        1. mileage 27,510
        2. Loan Balance $ 22,264.17
     2. Explorer
        1. Mileage 47,201
        2. Loan Balance $8,395.95

**Motion: Pay off Explorer loan and increase amount of payments on Charger by the same amount as the current Explorer loan payment.**

Motion: Mayor Pro Tempore Damon Riggins, Post 5

Second: Councilmember Teddy Meeks, Post 4

Vote: [5] Yay [0] Nay

* + 1. Floc CameraUpdate
       1. Can get two cameras for the original quote of $6,650 for one.
       2. The annual fee is $6,000 and provides for any necessary maintenance and/or upgrades

**Motion: Approve the purchase of two Floc Cameras and look for possible ways to replace the funds in the budget.**

Motion: Mayor Pro Tempore Damon Riggins, Post 5

Second:

Vote:

* + 1. Mayor Pro Temport Damon Riggins, Post 5 commended Sgt. Maddox for the outstanding job he did regarding some reported credit card fraud and for his professional, prompt, and courteous treatment of the residents when he responded.

1. **Council and Committee Reports**
   * **Building and Grounds:**
     1. Striping complete
     2. Will meet to discuss what buildings need to be added to the list or removed from the list.
   * **Public Safety:** - Nothing to report
   * **Ways and Means:** Nothing to report
   * **Technology:**
     1. Councilmember Lisa Brogdon, Post 3 Discussed searching for ways to get internet to the north side of the city.
        1. Will look into StarLink
     2. Councilmember Christie McCrary, Post 1 updated Council regarding Mr. Stewart’s latest work at her property located at the entrance to Street Lawrence Square and possible suggestions he made.
   * **Water:**
   * EPD inspection and requirements to remain in compliance.
   * Updates on Well #102, Well #103, and Green Sand and Phosphate system
   * Complaints re water pressure
2. **Mayor's Report**
   * Cemetery grave damage discussed: [Insert summary].
3. **Old Business**
   * Update on Police Department's hot water heater: [Insert key details and options discussed].
4. **New Business**
   * Nuisance properties reviewed (e.g., 122 E Jones Street, 125 E Jones Street, etc.): [Insert actions or decisions made].
5. Fluoridation information presented and discussed
   * Alternatives to having to fluoridate discussed
6. **Roundtable Discussion**

* Key points raised by Council Members:
  + Cemetery damage
  + Complaint by family of someone in cemetery about damage

1. **Adjournment**

* Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.
* Next meeting scheduled for Monday, April 14, 2025, at 6:00 PM.