

COUNCIL MEETING CITY OF MOLENA DRAFT

SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Joyce Corley and Council members Glenn Beckham, Jennifer Riggins, Damon Riggins and Allison Turner were present as well as Chief of Police Novin Darsey, and City Clerk Tina Lee (via telephone). City Attorney Scott Mayfield was not present.

Prior to opening, an unscheduled request was heard from Mr. A.W. Britt for approval of his plat which had been previously submitted. He was advised by Mayor Joyce Corley that his plat had already been approved and submitted to Pike County for further processing.

Pledge and invocation were led by councilman Damon Riggins.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Councilman Damon Riggins made a motion to approve the agenda followed by a second from Councilwoman Allison Turner and this unanimously passed.

Councilman Damon Riggins made a motion to approve the minutes from the August Council meeting, followed by a second from Councilman Glenn Beckham, and this unanimously passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

INVITED GUEST

- Jesse from Dependable Waste Services, Inc., came to describe some changes coming up to the company. He requested the City transfer the contract from Dependable Waste Services, Inc. to Bestway Specialties, LLC.
 - Councilman Damon Riggins moved to approve the change. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Riggins. After no discussion, the motion was voted on and approved by unanimous consent.
- Skip Ferron and Paul Smith came before the council to request approval for rezoning of one acre of land on Depot Street from R-1 to C-3 for the purpose of construction a 40X80 metal building to operate a Food Pantry/Food Bank from the location.
 - The Council scheduled a Public hearing on the matter for October 6, 2020, at 5 p.m. Mr. Ferron has provided a plat, will complete an application, and the City will place a Rezoning Notice sign on the property.

- Jenny Meeks, representing Lumsden Properties appeared to request permission to construct a loft apartment in the building behind the Mustard Seed.
 - The Council scheduled a Public hearing on the matter for October 6, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. Ms. Meeks will complete an application, and the City will place a Rezoning Notice sign on the property.
- Rosemary Dunn from the J. Joel Edwards Public Library made a presentation and requested permission to use City Hall on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, to sign up students and others interested for library cards and more specifically ecards.
 - The Council approved the use of City Hall on the day requested from 3-6 p.m.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Chief Novin Darsey presented the monthly report (see attached).

Chief Novin Darsey reported complaints by citizens regarding the crepe myrtle in front of the ATT box on Main Street and requested permission to have the street department cut it down. The situation was taken under advisement by the council.

Chief Novin Darsey also discussed the condition of the city truck. He stated that it is difficult to start and keep running. He also reminded the council of the various other maintenance needs and requested the council consider replacing the truck soon.

Chief Novin Darsey reported that the mileage on the Tahoe is 428,923 and the Impala is 121,754.

BUILDINGS, STREETS AND GROUNDS

None

PUBLIC SAFETY

None

WAYS & MEANS

None

WATER

A bill from Crawford Grading and Plumbing was presented for approval. A brief discussion ensued regarding the City infrastructure. Discussion was briefly held regarding the possibility of searching out better priced contractors.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

City Clerk Tina Lee gave a brief update of the current CARES Act funding status.

Mayor Corley discussed the necessity of having City Clerk Tina Lee become USDA certified.

City Clerk Tausha Grose notified the council that she scanned all of the current zoning ordinances and sent them to Paragon so that they can quote what it will cost to redo the ordinances. City Clerk Tausha Grose is still waiting on Paragon to finish reviewing the ordinances.

City Clerk Tausha Grose presented the council with quotes for the metal building demo, the floor repairs at City Hall, replacing the windows and adding a payment window in the clerk's office, and adding a records room to the clerk's office. The council decided to table the items and add them to next month's agenda so that the council could prioritize the project list.

City Clerk Tausha Grose notified the council that she has only received one application for the part time grounds worker position and has had few individuals request applications. The council decided to wait and see if there was more interest at the next council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The council held discussion regarding the possibility of a crosswalk across Highway 18 to add parking at the pavilion. An additional option discussed was to use the location of the metal building next to the post office as parking. The council briefly discussed the size of parking spaces and the need for lighting. No decisions were made during the meeting.

Chris White from Arcadia was on hand to answer any questions, if any, regarding his submitted bids for the Old Jail renovation and relocation project. There was discussion by the council of getting a sign for the Old Jail once it is in its final location as well as the Historical Registry.

Councilman Damon Riggins moved to approve the bids for the Jail renovation. Councilman Glenn Beckham seconded. All voted to approve.

Chris White will advise when he will start.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Councilman Damon Riggins moved to approve the previously agreed upon updates to the HR Policy. Jennifer Riggins seconded. Mayor Corley called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance workshop is scheduled for September 28th, 2020, at 5 p.m.

Council meeting is scheduled for October 5th, 2020, at 6 p.m.

At 7:10 p.m. Councilman Damon Riggins made a motion to adjourn followed by a second from Councilman Glenn Beckham and this unanimously passed.

Joyce Corley, Mayor

Tina L. Lee, City Clerk