

Mayor: Joyce Corley
Post 1: Jennifer Riggins
Post 2: Willie McDowell
Post 3: Andrea Ashby
Post 4: Luis Vazquez
Post 5: Allison Turner

City of Molena

10 Springs Road
PO Box 247
Molena, GA 30258

Police Chief: Matt Polk
City Attorney: Scott Mayfield
Judge: David Fowler
City Clerk: Tina Lee
Asst. Clerk: Gabrielle Bulloch

Date: 3/11/2024 6:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE

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, City Attorney Scott Mayfield, Police Chief Matt Polk, City Clerk Tina L. Lee

Residents present: Damon Riggins, Heather Maddox

PLEDGE AND INVOCATION

After the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, Councilmember Willie McDowell, Jr., Post 2

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the previous meeting were provided to Council prior to the meeting.

Motion: To approve the current agenda and the March 2024 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion: Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5

Second: Jennifer Riggins, Mayor Pro Tempore, Post 1

Vote: Yay 5 Nay 0

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND INVITED GUESTS

None

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Chief Matt Polk reported on the number of calls (125) and of those calls 61 were traffic. He discussed status of vehicles and mileage as follows:

Explorer: 42,725

Loan Balance: \$19,179.42

Tahoe: 171,931 – in shop

Charger: 11,884

Loan Balance: \$29,879.15

Mayor Corley enquired as to the status of the 2018 Charger that was hit by a deer.

Chief Polk advised we are still waiting on the insurance company to approve the repair.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5 reported for Building, Streets, and Grounds

Discussed the fence quotes

Pump House Fence Quotes

Motion: Move to approve the JE Land Management quote for the fence at the Bagwell Well

Motion: Jennifer Riggins, Mayor Pro Tempore, Post 1

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Nuisance Properties list for letters –

Specifically, Wynne Property, Burned out trailer on Grubbs,

Matt Marston pressure washed the sidewalks in front of 90, 126, and 158 Springs Road

Jennifer Riggins, Mayor Pro Tempore, Post 1 reported for Public Safety

DOT finished crosswalk across Hwy 18

Councilmember Luis J. Vazquez, Sr., Post 4 reported for Ways & Means and for Technology & Engineering.

Spectrum is installed at Public Works and should soon be installed at the PD and at City Hall

Councilmember Willie McDowell, Jr., Post 2 reported on water.

Morgan Well to finish videoing Park Well soon

Tara T from GRWA to check filters this week

Discussed past dues

No longer continuing to work with past dues unless the person is willing to set up a payment plan and adhere to it.

No grace period. If past due amount exceeds deposit, immediate cut off at the beginning of the week following nonpayment.

Discussed larger chronic past dues. Council advised immediate disconnection for certain customers who have not made payments as promised. Discontinue service and require full payment plus reconnection fee to resume service.

Raise initial deposit?

Reiterated fence is a necessity

Councilmember Willie McDowell, Jr., Post 2 also reported on progress toward repairing W. Jones Street.

Mayor Corley advised Council

We have hired Shane martin for the public works position.

OLD BUSINESS

Council discussed the camera quotes that were previously tabled and re-tabled to attempt to obtain lower quotes or funding. Discussed the current quotes for electrical repairs and tabled. Discussed Broadband related items and the pros/cons of moving from Woodbury to Spectrum. Instructed Clerk and Assistant Clerk to continue searching previous minutes re: Sunday Sales by the drink and Fire Department Lease
Mayor Corley reminded Council Members their financials are due.

NEW BUSINESS

Tabled discussion and approval of New Human Resources Policy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need for executive session.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5 is moving out of the city. She will still remain in the city through the date of the next meeting and will be resigning. Council will need to call for qualification and an election for her replacement. City Clerk is to inquire regarding dates and timing of qualification and election.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn

Motion: Jennifer Riggins, Mayor Pro Tempore, Post 1

Second: Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5

Vote: Yay 5 Nay 0

Respectfully Submitted by: City Clerk Tina L. Lee

Approved: _____