# Molena City Council

# PO Box 247 10 Spring Street Molena GA 30258

# Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 14, 2022

1. Call to order

Mayor Joyce Corley called to order the City Council meeting of the Molena, Georgia City Council at 6 p.m.

1. PLEDGE/INVOCATION

Councilmember Damon Riggins, Post 2 led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag followed by a brief prayer.

1. Roll call

City Clerk Tina Lee conducted a visual roll call. The following persons were present: Mayor Joyce Corley; Mayor Pro Tempore Jennifer Riggins, Post 1; Councilmember Damon Riggins, Post 2; Councilmember Andrea Ashby, Post 3; Councilmember Luis Vazquez, Post 4 appearing via Zoom; Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5; City Attorney L. Scott Mayfield; and City Clerk Tina L. Lee.

1. Invited Guests
   1. Chris Martin of 135 Grubbs Street
      1. Application for Exception to allow occupancy of RV Camper in backyard
      2. Did not appear
2. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Current agenda and minutes from the previous meeting were provided to all council members. Councilmember Damon Riggins, Post 2 moved to approve the current agenda with a second by Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5 Councilmember Damon Riggins, Post 2 moved to approve the minutes. This was seconded by Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5. Both motions were passed unanimously.

1. Chief of Police Matthew Polk
   1. Chief of Police, Matthew Polk reported on the number of calls and citations - 214 calls
      1. Council briefly discussed the report with Chief Polk
   2. Mileage on vehicles
      1. Explorer
      2. Tahoe 141,602
      3. Crown Vic 142,000 (roughly)
   3. Explorer Loan Balance $41,853.34
   4. Additional vehicle with K-9 setup has been offered to Molena at no cost. Could be used for parts for existing vehicle or could be placed in service.
      1. Councilmember Luis Vazquez, Post 4 moved to add the vehicle to the Molena Police Department fleet of vehicles with a decision how to use it to be made at a future time.
      2. Councilmember Damon Riggins, Post 2 seconded.
      3. Five votes in favor and none against.
      4. Motion passed.
   5. A company has approached Chief Polk about sponsoring a K-9 unit for Molena.
      1. The dog would be narcotic trained only.
      2. Councilmember Andrea Ashby, Post 3 asked if this is something Chief Polk is interested in. He answered affirmatively.
      3. Mayor Corley called for discussion on the subject.
      4. Chief Polk is willing to take on all costs for food and veterinary care for a police dog.
      5. Mayor Pro Tempore Jennifer Riggins, Post 1 moved to proceed with obtaining a canine unit for Molena. Chief Polk would be the officer with the K-9 unit. He is already certified.
      6. Councilmember Luis Vazquez, Post 4 seconded the motion.
      7. Five votes in favor and none against.
      8. The motion passed unanimously.
   6. Chief Polk stated as of 2/15/2022, the Molena Police Department Policy will be complete.
   7. Chief Polk reopened the body cam discussion.
      1. Councilmember Damon Riggins, Post 2 made a motion to purchase 6 body cams.
      2. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Luis Vazquez, Post 4.
      3. There were five votes in favor and none opposing.
      4. The motion carried unanimously.
   8. An update to the JusticeOne conversion was provided by Chief Polk.
      1. Molena should be fully converted to the new system by early to mid-March.
   9. Flock update - have access to 11047 cameras statewide
2. Reports from council and committees
   * 1. Buildings, Streets, and Grounds - Allison Turner
        1. Express Sanitation contract ready to be signed in the next day or so
        2. Anticipate beginning service date of March 1, 2022.
     2. Public Safety - Damon Riggins - - nothing to report
     3. Ways & Means - Luis Vazquez - - nothing to report
     4. Technology and Engineering - - nothing to report
     5. Water - Jennifer Riggins - - nothing to report
     6. The Mayor's report
        1. Were not awarded the Broadband Grant
        2. Discussed possible next steps with Broadband in Molena
3. Old/Unfinished Business
   1. Buzzard amelioration quote discussed
      1. We should find other options if possible
      2. City Clerk Tina Lee to call Suez to try to get contract in place and cleaning scheduled asap to see if that will move them on as well as to prevent further damage to tank.
      3. If not able to get Suez reasonably soon, schedule cleaning with American Tank if possible.
      4. Revisit the freeze-dried bird option
      5. Table the quote discussion until above options have been exhausted.
      6. Raise discussion:
         1. 3% raises were approved retroactively to January 1, 2022.
         2. Steven Patillo is resigning to take another job.
            1. Councilmember Damon Riggins, Post 2 moved to post job in paper with a second by Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5 and unanimous approval.
         3. City Clerk Tina Lee is now a 40-hour salaried employee.
         4. Effective immediately, City Hall's new hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
         5. City Clerk Tina Lee to post this information on the sign at the pavilion, on the city website, and on the doors of city hall.
4. New business
   1. None.
5. Executive Session
6. Roundtable
   1. Jennifer Riggins - nothing to report
   2. Damon Riggins - nothing to report
   3. Luis Vazquez - What is the status of the burned down house and trailer?
      1. City Attorney Scott Mayfield asked to have the addresses sent to him for further action.
   4. Allison Turner - nothing to report
   5. Mayor Joyce Corley
   6. Chief Matthew Polk
   7. City Attorney Scott Mayfield
7. Pending Application
   1. Council discussed the application for Special Exception Permit for a Temporary manufactured home for certified hardship.
      1. Mayor Corley read the Application Checklist Document which is based upon the City Ordinance.
      2. After going through the checklist step-by-step, Council determined that Mr. Christopher Martin of 135 Grubbs Street is not eligible for the Special Exception Permit for a Temporary manufactured home for certified hardship for which he applied. This would be the only possible option which would allow Mr. Martin to place and live in the RV he wishes to use as an abode behind the residence of his grandmother, Judy Martin at the above listed address.
      3. Mr. Martin is not 65 years of age or older.
      4. Mr. Martin is not certifiably physically disabled requiring constant care by others.
      5. No one in Mr. Martin's family who is not Mr. Martin will reside in the RV is 65 years of age or older and physically disabled requiring constant care by others.
      6. Mr. Martin will have 30 days to remove the RV from Ms. Martin's property since he does not meet these requirements and it has been established that he is living in it.
8. Adjournment

Mayor Joyce Corley adjourned the meeting at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. following a motion by Councilmember Damon Riggins and a second by Councilmember Luis Vazquez, Post 4.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: City Clerk Tina L. Lee

Minutes approved by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_