# Molena City Council

# PO Box 247 10 Spring Street Molena GA 30258

# Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 10, 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.Pledge and Invocation

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 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. Guest Bryan Richardson, American Legion
      1. 5K run in conjunction with Bicentennial Celebration and one upcoming Molena celebration this year, potentially Turkey Fest in November
         1. Discussed having the run in the morning the day of the event and selling space on the T-Shirt for the event as well as including a Molena symbol in the T-Shirt design.
      2. Discussed the potential date for the Flag Retirement Ceremony / Ice Cream Social
         1. Date potentially set at 1 July 2022 6:30 p.m.
         2. Flag folding
         3. History of the Purple Heart
         4. Flag burning/retirement with Honor Guard
   2. Brandon Rogers, Pike County, Georgia, County Manager
      1. Spoke regarding the Bicentennial
      2. Also spoke regarding the disagreement between City of Molena and County Public Works regarding recent work and invoice differences of opinion to try to reestablish a good working relationship.
      3. Mayor Corley reiterated that Molena simply followed normal protocol as far as presenting Public Works the invoice from Crawford Grading and Pipeline for the broken water line, however, City of Molena is happy with the work done.
      4. Mr. Rogers stated that it is Molena's responsibility to pay for this work because Public Works was working as if part of Molena at the time.
      5. There was also discussion regarding additional expenses incurred and how they should be handled.
      6. A request for a copy of the agreement between Pike County and Molena was made. It was stated that it is not online with DCA.
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 Mayor Pro Tempore Jennifer Riggins, Post 1 Councilmember Damon Riggins, Post 2 moved to approve the minutes. This was seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Jennifer Riggins, Post 1. 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 - 36 calls
   2. Mileage on vehicles
      1. Explorer 9,761
      2. Tahoe 140,422
         1. Needs tires
         2. Gear shifter is stuck
   3. Explorer Loan Balance $42,661.14
   4. Completely outfitted Crown Victoria is being donated to City of Molena
   5. Requested swap from Cloudcop to JusticeOne for additional expense of $6,000 annually. Cloudcop support is going away and eventually the change will be necessary. Annualized, the cost for City Clerk to continue to hand input citations is roughly $6,000 annually, so the cost is roughly the same as what is being spent now.
   6. Compared to InterOp $750 per month plus $8,000 server purchase requirement.
   7. Introduced Angel P. who will do all state certified training, is writing required police policy, will look into grant resources, and works for State Probation.
   8. Mentioned the additional instructor Sam H.
   9. All but four of the Molena officers have already received the required annual training for 2022 in January.
   10. Community service is working in the cemetery. Will be able to have other community service workers doing work around the city.
   11. Approved Part-Time position candidate looks promising.
   12. Goal is to keep from playing catch-up as a city.
   13. Will soon be working alternative schedules, not to be announced what those scheduled times are to the general public.
   14. Mayor asked for a motion.
   15. Councilmember Damon Riggins, Post 2 moved that we move forward with JusticeOne.
       1. Mayor Pro Tempore Jennifer Riggins, Post 1 seconded the motion.
       2. Motion carried unanimously.
   16. Mayor Corley asked how soon the conversion would begin.
       1. Chief Polk pointed out that although the contract would be immediate, the new cost structure would not begin until the conversion is complete which may be March or later.
2. Reports from council and committees
   * 1. Buildings, Streets, and Grounds - Allison Turner - - nothing to report
     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 -
3. Old/Unfinished Business
   1. Quote from Express-Sanitation $18.00 per month per can
      1. Cannot provide front-load services
      2. Mayor asked for a motion to end contract with Dependable Waste/Amwaste and change to Express-Sanitation
         1. Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5 moved as requested by Mayor Corley.
         2. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Damon Riggins, Post 2 as well as Councilmember Luis Vazquez, Post 4.
         3. Council voted by a show of hands and all voted in the affirmative including Councilmember Luis Vazquez, Post 4 via Zoom. Councilmember Andrea Ashby, Post 3 was absent and did not vote.
   2. Buzzard situation revisited
      1. Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5 advised according to the expert she consulted, there really is nothing to be done.
      2. A fake dead bird is not a good option.
      3. It is illegal to kill the birds
      4. Once they reproduce, it is not legal to move or annoy the birds.
      5. They are showing signs of reproductive attitudes
      6. Council tasked City Clerk Tina Lee with consulting DNR to determine a solution.
4. New business
   1. Reappointed Judge, Police Chief, City Attorney, and City Clerk.
      1. Councilmember Damon Riggins, Post 2 moved to appoint all current appointments to their same posts.
   2. Tabled discussion of raises until future meetings.
      1. Raises are included in the budget, but were never specifically stated. Will need to have a called meeting due to the lateness of the hour.
   3. Municode Quote
      1. Have already voted to move forward so nothing further discussed.
5. Executive Session
6. Roundtable
   1. Jennifer Riggins
   2. Damon Riggins
   3. Luis Vazquez
   4. Allison Turner
   5. Mayor Joyce Corley
      1. Do we wish to continue to use American Tank or go ahead and go with Suez Tank who spoke to Council late last year?
      2. City Clerk Tina Lee to send Scott Mayfield a copy of the contract via email
   6. Chief Matthew Polk
   7. City Attorney Scott Mayfield
7. Adjournment

Mayor Joyce Corley adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m. following a motion by Councilmember Damon Riggins and a second by Councilmember Jennifer Riggins.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: City Clerk Tina L. Lee

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