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IN ATTENDANCE

Joyce Corley, Mayor; Jennifer Riggins, Mayor Pro Tempore; Andrea Ashby, Post 3; Luis Vazquez, Sr., Post 4; Matt Polk, Chief of Police; L. Scott Mayfield, City Attorney, Tina Lee, City Clerk

Others in attendance

Others in attendance included Skip Ferron, Erica Blakeney, Damon Riggins, MPD Major Kenneth White

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE/INVOCATION

Mayor Corley called the meeting to order. Following the pledge, Resident Mr. Damon Riggins led the gathering in prayer for guidance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PREVIOUS MINUTES

Before the minutes or agenda were approved, Mayor Corley called for a motion to add the call for a special election for post 5. Jennifer Riggins, Mayor Pro Tempore moved to amend the agenda and add the called election. Luis Vazquez, Sr. Post 4 seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Luis Vazquez, Sr. Post 4 moved to approve the minutes from the April City Council Meeting as well as the summary notice that no meeting was held in May due to the lack of a quorum. Jennifer Riggins, Mayor Pro Tempore seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Council unanimously approved the June agenda.

INVITED GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Skip Ferron of Little Manna Foods presented a proposal for Little Manna Foods to repair the wear and tear damage sustained at the pavilion during its use as a distribution center for the Food Bank. They will present further plans once they are available.

Mr. Eric Patterson was represented by Erica Blakeney to request an exception to temporarily live in a camper/trailer for two to three months while building his house. He will complete the necessary forms and file with the appropriate fees next week. Luis Vazquez, Sr., Post 4 moved to grant the exception. Both Andrea Ashby, Post 3 and Jennifer Riggins, Mayor Pro Tempore seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Matt Polk reported on the previous month's statistics, vehicle condition, mileage and loan balances, and the switch to FirstNet. He also discussed the possibility of changing RMS services from Justice-One to InterOps.

There were 126 calls including 64 traffic calls.

Vehicle Information: Explorer - 43,411, excellent condition, loan balance \$16,961.42
Charger - 15,480, excellent condition, loan balance \$ 28,322.90
Tahoe - 178,961.42, standby use only

City has changed cellular service for the First Responders (and City hall) to FirstNet by AT&T at a substantial savings after testing the service and finding it to exceed the service currently provided by Verizon Wireless.

InterOps - Discussed the ease of use and other benefits of InterOps as opposed to Justice-One including, but not limited to the safety issue while using Justice-One when an officer must sit on the side of the road and fill out six pages worth of answers to questions to generate a citation as opposed to InterOps only being one page set up the same way as a citation. He also compared and contrasted other reports such as an incident report between the two products and the exceptional support provided by InterOps which he has used at a previous agency.

InterOps is more expensive at \$750 per month. Justice-One is currently \$500 per month and includes Court software.

City Clerk will locate a copy of the contract with Justice-One and provide it to City Attorney Mayfield to review. Justice-One provided a quote of \$350 for VCMS (court) only as opposed to \$500.

REPORTS

Committee reports

- Building and Grounds

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- Reported an ordinance violation on E. Jones Street.
- Discussed the overhanging limbs which are growing into the power lines across from City Hall and behind the jail. Mr. Martin has removed the ones behind the jail, and Mr. Vazquez will reach out to Mr. Rios, who has done other similar work for Molena, for a quote.
- Mr. Shane Martin of Molena Public Works is requesting a lighter weight weed eater.
 - Council discussed and is in favor. The available quotes are both within the mayor's authority.
- Discussed the possibility of purchasing a trailer for Public Works.
 - Tabled until a future date, probably with the next budget discussions.
- Discussed painting, relining, and repairing the fence at the City tennis court.
 - Tabled until a future date, probably with the next budget discussions.
- Briefly discussed the required 6" of mulch to go along with the 6" of sand at the park. Mr. Vazquez will see if Mr. Rios is still willing to provide this for free.
- The City Dumpster that was formerly beside Public Works and is now located at the fire station has a chain and a lock. Signs will be ordered advising this is for City of Molena use only.
- Molena Sand pit is accepting tree-trimming debris.
- A destruction permit has been requested and issued for the removal of the burned out trailer at 105 Grubbs Street.
- Sherrie Duncan of Molena Sand pit is assisting with the removal of the pile at what was formerly known as the City Dump.
- Discussed additional PTMP on Daniel
- Public Safety
 - Approved quote from Mr. Jacob Snyder regarding the electrical repairs required at the Fire department.
 - Repairs to the 2018 Dodge Charger that was hit by a deer are complete.
 - GDOT replaced the bulbs in the flashing caution lights in the center of town.
- Ways and Means
 - Nothing to report
- Technology
 - Approved the quote from PrimeTime Electric, Inc. regarding the meter base at 130 Garland Street providing power to the PTMP located at the same address and supplying service to several houses on the street.
 - Approved the quotes from All & Everything for the panel behind the jail where Broadband is powered.
 - Discussed camera quotes and other options for the required security.
 - This was again tabled.
- Water
 - Approved the quote from All & Everything regarding the repairs at the Bagwell Street Pump Station.
 - Discussed and approved the quote from Leonard Perez Pumps & Softeners regarding the hydrant flush program as well as the purchase of requested items. Would like more information regarding the planned flushing schedule.
 - Pipe has been delivered to the Pike County Public works for the W. Jones Street project. Council approved the invoice. Due to the personnel changes at Public Works, Pike County has not yet scheduled the installation.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Corley discussed the possibility of utilizing Becky Watts' Facebook Queen service or one of the other options she has made available to promote Molena and Molena's events. This would be an advertising expense.
- Reviewed the recent Hazard Mitigation plan wish list.
- Discussed the two ordinance questions:
 - Rezone Grace Baptist Church's property to allow for the thrift shop to continue to operate.
 - Discussed whether or not any changes are required in existing ordinances to accommodate short-term rentals, i.e. AirBnB.
 - Discussed having Pike County collect property taxes.

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- Council agreed to use the company we used for the 2023 tax year.

OLD BUSINESS

- Sunday Sales were never voted on for by-the-drink sales. Package sales on Sunday were approved when Mayor Garner was mayor.
- Council Financials Due to State by July 1. new business

NEW BUSINESS

- Council approved the renewal of the Verizon Water Tower lease. Will sign as soon as the new lease has been provided and approved by City Attorney Mayfield.
- City Attorney Mayfield has drawn up an IGA regarding the City employees being able to utilize the County's insurance.
- City Attorney Mayfield will draw up a MOU between Molena and Friends of the J. Joel Edwards Public Library regarding the Molena Bigfoot Fest and Elkins Creek 5K plus One Mile Fun Run/Walk

EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS/ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

There was no executive session.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held on Monday, July 8, 2024, at 6 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made and passed unanimously.