# Molena City Council

# PO Box 247 10 Spring Street Molena GA 30258

# Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 11, 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 and 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; Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5; and City Attorney L. Scott Mayfield. Also present were Chief of Police Matt Polk and City Clerk Tina Lee.

Nonresidents in attendance: Collier McKenzie, Attorney; Jessie Anthony, Amwaste employee; Wayne Harper, Amwaste employee; Dwain W. Penn, Pike County Journal-Reporter; Jack Martin, homeowner.

1. Public Comments and Invited Guests
   1. Citizen's Comments
      1. None.
   2. Invited Guests
      1. Mr. Jack Martin requested the city cut the trees in the city's right of way along his 31 E Jones Road property.
         1. Council agreed to take a look and give him a response after the May meeting when a vote would be taken.
2. Chief of Police Matthew Polk
   1. Chief of Police, Matthew Polk reported on the number of calls and citations.
      1. The newly formatted report was presented.
         1. There were a total of 100 calls broken down by officer and type.
      2. Provided update on K-9.
         1. Able to acquire a canine with high drive.
            1. Reported that another dog should be available by the time this dog is ready to retire. It is a puppy now. A company offered to pay the approximately $5,000 for this dog through fundraising.
         2. Will begin working with dog at the end of April.
         3. Should be certified by late May.
         4. Kennel was donated, as is the dog. Will move the mobile kennel to the Ford in preparation for the dog becoming a member of the police force.
      3. Community Service Workers on Mondays
         1. Currently used for cleaning grounds
   2. Mileage on vehicles
      1. Explorer 13,063
      2. Tahoe 133,134
      3. Crown Victoria unable to read mileage due to mechanical issues.
         1. Will have vehicle towed for repairs this month.
   3. Explorer Loan Balance $40,255.37
3. 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 at this time.
     4. Technology and Engineering - will have something to discuss at a later time.
     5. Water - Jennifer Riggins - nothing
     6. The Mayor's report -
        1. July 2, 2022 is the Flag Retirement ceremony
           1. Start at 4 p.m., plans include historical items on display in City Hall and at Pavilion. There will be food and ice cream. There will possibly be a scavenger hunt. There will be ponies for children. The ceremony will be more elaborate than last year. We will wind up the evening with fireworks.
4. Old/Unfinished Business
   1. Council voted to approve up to $25,000 for equipment/installation to extend Broadband south in Molena after a motion by Councilmember Damon Riggins, Post 2 and a second by Mayor Pro Tempore Jennifer Riggins, Post 1, and unanimous approval.
   2. Did not discuss FTA Ordinance. Tabled until another time.
5. New business
   1. Acknowledged and voted approving expenditure for septic tank cleanout and installation of Green Domes to enable future cleanout.
   2. Tabled discussion of "Cottage" zoning.
      1. City Clerk Tina Lee will notify the owner Chris White of the need for a dedicated septic system and the requirement to have the property rezoned appropriately before his tenant can live there.
      2. Councilmember Damon Riggins, Post 2 moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss pending legislation from Montlick and Associates re Justine Gray, as well as pending legislation by Amwaste. There was a second by Mayor Pro Tempore Jennifer Riggins, Post 1. Council unanimously approved.
6. Executive Session
   1. Council the request by Montlick and Associates re: Justine Gray.
   2. Council discussed pending legislation by Amwaste.
   3. Councilmember Damon Riggins, Post 2 moved to return to regular session.
   4. Mayor Pro Tempore Jennifer Riggins, Post 1 seconded and Council approved unanimously.
7. Return to regular session.
   1. Upon motion by Councilmember Damon Riggins, Post 2 and second by Mayor Pro Tempore Jennifer Riggins, Post 1, Council voted unanimously to deny the claim by Justine Gray.
   2. Councilmember Damon Riggins, Post 2 moved to authorize City Attorney Scott Mayfield to work with Amwaste attorneys to draft a contract continuing the commercial portion of the alleged contract between Amwaste and City of Molena. This was seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Jennifer Riggins, Post 1 and unanimously approved.
8. Adjournment

Mayor Joyce Corley adjourned the meeting at 6:44 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: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_