***CITY OF MOLENA***

***10 SPRINGS ROAD***

***MOLENA, GA 30258***

Joyce Corley, Mayor Jennifer Riggins, Mayor Pro Tempore, Post 1

Matthew Polk, Police Chief Willie McDowell, Jr., Post 2

Andrea Ashby, Post 3

Joel Bowen, Water Works Luis J. Vazquez, Sr. Post 4

Tina L. Lee, City Clerk Allison Turner, Post 5

L. Scott Mayfield, City Attorney

Monday, January 8, 2024

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| Present: | City Clerk Tina L. Lee conducted a visual roll call. The following persons were present: Joyce Corley, Mayor; Mayor Pro Tempore, Jennifer Riggins, post 1; Councilmember Willie McDowell, Jr., Post 2 ; Councilmember Andrea Ashby, Post 3 ; Councilmember Luis J. Vazquez, Sr., Post 4 ; Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5 ; Chief of Police Matt Polk; City Attorney L. Scott Mayfield; City Clerk Tina L. Lee |
| Next meeting: | 2/12/2024, 6 p.m., Molena City Hall |

1. Call to Order 6 p.m.

* Mayor Joyce Corley called the meeting to order.

1. Pledge and Invocation
2. Public Comments and Invited Guests

* Floor opened for public comment
  + No one appeared wishing to address Council unannounced.
    - Mayor Corley moved on to guest speaker section
* Invited Guests
  + - There being no invited guests present at this meeting, Mayor Corley moved on to Chief of Police Report by Chief Polk

1. Chief of Police Report

* Number of Calls 104 including traffic stops - (see reports in Council folders)
  + No questions or comments by Council
* Status of Vehicles & Mileage
  + Ford Explorer 41,299 miles – great condition
  + Chevrolet Tahoe 167,301 miles – fair condition
  + 2022 Dodge Charger 7,622 miles – great condition
* Balance Ford loan $22,259.71
* Balance Charger 1 loan $32,031.75

1. Approval of Agenda/Approval of Minutes

**Motion: Add line item for amending 2023 budget and Approval of Current Agenda and Minutes of previous meeting**

*Motion:* Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5

*Second:* Mayor Pro Tempore, Jennifer Riggins, post 1

*Vote: Yay 5 Nay 0*

1. **Reports from Council and Committees and New/Old Business**

* Buildings, Streets and Grounds - Allison Turner
  + We have a quote for tree removal i/a/o $7,800.00
  + *Only includes part of the trees that need to come down and none of the limbs that need to be addressed.*
  + *Need updated quote including everything that must come down.*
  + *We have a quote for tree removal i/a/o $7,800.00*
    - * *Councilmember Luis J. Vazquez, Sr., Post 4 will ask Mr. Rios to provide a new quote*
      * Table until after the budget workshop
* Public Safety - Jennifer Riggins
  + Nothing to report
* Ways & Means - Luis Vazquez
  + Nothing to report
    - 1 quote for cameras is higher than anticipated.
    - Has someone coming to provide an additional quote
    - City Clerk also has someone coming to provide a quote.
* Technology & Engineering - Luis Vazquez
  + Nothing to report
* Water – Willie McDowell
  + - 57 Grubbs Street outstanding bill has been paid in full
    - Water has been restored.
    - City Clerk instructed to bring past dues to Council Meeting next week

1. Mayor’s Report – Joyce Corley
   * Approved $850 last month for FCC License.
     + Discussed amending last year's budget for the remainder to go ahead and get radio equipment in at the same time.

**Motion: To amend the 2023 budget to pay for repeater/radios/etc.**

*Motion: Councilmember Allison Turne r, post 5*

*Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Jennifer Riggins, post 1*

*Vote: Yay \_5\_\_ Nay\_\_0\_\_*

* + Viewed video from Morgan Well's video of Bagwell well.
    - Casing has weak spots and holes,
    - Most likely source of grit in the water.
    - Could possibly allow groundwater to mix in
    - Flow test determined we are currently overpumping the well.
      * It was believed the artesian well produced 90-100gpm.
      * Test results show it pumps between 35 and 45 or 50 gpm.
    - Must get the park well back online in order to consistently provide water to the city.
    - Discussed findings by Morgan Well and proposed plan of action.
      * PVC Sleeve to be installed along casing
      * Inside will be 4" in diameter inside.
      * Install 5 hp 4" pump and new wiring around the 200' level.
      * Video the park well and determine the appropriate course of action.
    - Will provide quote for approval for the proposed work if approved by Council to go forward.

1. **Old/Unfinished Business**
   * Discussed various quotes
   * Discussed Cameras at the park See above
   * Discussed fence quote
   * Discussed updated tree quotes See above
2. **New Business**
   1. Discussed repair of PWKs equipment.
   2. Discussed Morgan Wells current invoice $3,000
   3. Motion: Approve the Morgan Well Invoice for $3,000
   4. Motion: Mayor Pro Tempore Jennifer Riggins, post 1
   5. Second: Councilmember Allison Turner, post 5
   6. Vote: Yay \_5\_\_\_ Nay\_\_0\_\_
   7. Set date for Goal Planning and Budget Workshop
   8. Need to include numbers to budget for insurance
   9. Workshop set for 1/23/2024 at 6 p.m.
   10. Approved adjusting City Holidays to match State Holidays
   11. See Personnel Policy

**Motion: Add Good Friday and Juneteenth to the approved City Holidays**

*Motion: Councilmember Luis J. Vazquez, Sr., post 4*

*Second: Councilmember Allison Turner, post 5*

*Vote: Yay \_5\_\_ Nay\_0\_\_*

* 1. Reschedule Columbus Day (October) meeting to October 7, 2024.
  2. **Reappointments**
     1. **David Fowler as Judge**
        1. Will cost extra due to no longer splitting fees with Thomaston including Training.
     2. **City Attorney L. Scott Mayfield**
        1. New rate $200 hourly
     3. **Chief of Police Matt Polk**
     4. **City Clerk Tina L. Lee**

**Motion: Reappoint existing appointed positions**

Motion: Councilmember Allison Turner, post 5

Second: Councilmember Luis J. Vazquez, Sr., post 4

Vote: Yay \_\_5\_\_ Nay\_0\_\_

1. **Roundtable**
   1. **Discussed lock replacement at park (main gate)**
2. **Adjournment**

**Mayor Corley adjourned the meeting at 7 p.m.**

Motion: **Adjourn meeting**

* + *Motion:* Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5
  + *Second:* Councilmember Luis J. Vazquez, Sr., Post 4
  + *Vote: Yay 5 Nay 0*