

Molena City Council Meeting Minutes
Location: 10 Spring Road, Molena, GA 30258
Date: August 10, 2026
Time: 6:00 PM

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM.

II. Pledge

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Joyce Corley.

III. Invocation

Invocation offered by Councilmember Willie McDowell.

IV. Roll Call

A. Members Present: Mayor Joyce Corley; Councilmember Willie McDowell, Post 2; Councilmember Lisa Brogdon, Post 3; Councilmember Ted Meeks, Post 4; Mayor Pro Tempore Damon Riggins, Post 5; L. Scott Mayfield, Attorney; Chief of Police Matthew Polk; Officer Boynton; City Clerk Tina L. Lee; Assistant City Clerk Alla Drake

B. Councilmember Christy McCrary, Post 1, was not present

C. Public Present: Chad Brown; Pastor Robert V. Gabriel; Lillie Parks and Melvin Holmes (Ebay); Gwen Duke, Mrs. Peggy, and Mrs. Autumn of Pike County Christian Outreach; David Russell; Robert and Teresa Erwin; David Paulson; Randy Davis; Steven Jones, Trent Lackey, and John Niemann of Christian Plumbers; Ronnie Milner; David Fowler; Heather Maddox; Tim Stamey; Jeremiah Neal; Skip Ferron

V. Approval of Minutes and Current Agenda

Motion: to approve July 13, 2026, Meeting minutes and Current Agenda

Moved by: Damon Riggins

Seconded by: Lisa Brogdon

Vote: 4/0

VI. Invited Guests / Public Comments

1. Surveyor **Randy Davis** presented additional documents to support his application for Property Use Exception for 30 Depot Street, requesting that the two houses on the property be recognized as separate residential units. The owners Jeremiah Neal and Chad Brown underscored the uniqueness of the property's situation.

Motion: to run ads and hold zoning public hearings on a variance request at 30 Depot Street

Moved by: Ted Meeks

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Seconded by: Lisa Brogdon

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1. **Tim Stamey** discussed water issues at his recently acquired Spring Street properties and expressed interest in purchasing the current City Hall building should it become available for sale
2. **Pastor Robert V. Gabriel**, representing Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church, inquired about the possibility of renting the sanctuary at 2526 Main Street every other Sunday for approximately two years while his congregation rebuilds its church
3. **David Fowler** stated that Mount Olive Baptist Church would be interested in submitting a bid should the 2526 Main Street property be offered for sale
4. **Mrs. Gwen Duke, Mrs. Peggy, and Mrs. Autumn** of Pike County Christian Outreach discussed ongoing building-maintenance concerns in hopes of ensuring the continued smooth and uninterrupted operation of their organization and mission

V. Chief of Police Report – Chief Matthew Polk

1. **Calls & Citations:** **214** total incidents; **100** of them traffic stops
2. Vehicle Status & Mileage:
 - A. **2020 Explorer:** 60,374 (currently out of order)
 - B. **2023 Dodge Charger:** 64,057
 - C. Status of vehicles in use: 7 Chargers, 1 Explorer, 1 Durango, 1 Crown Victoria. The 2020 Explorer is currently out of service due to problems with transmission. The cost to repair the transmission is \$7200, and the Chief doesn't think it's worth investing in it. The PD uses 12 ballistic vests \$1,500 each obtained at no cost to the City (paid for by the Fraternal Order of Police)

Motion: to sell the 2020 Explorer on Gov Deals as surplus

Moved by: Damon Riggins

Seconded by: Ted Meeks

Vote: 4/0.

VI. Reports from Council and Committees

- A. Buildings, Streets, and Grounds:

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The old building formerly located next to the Post Office has been demolished, and the site has been replanted with grass. The Riggins property is in the process of being sold, with the buyers indicating that the structure will either undergo renovation or be removed upon transfer of ownership. New Public Works employee **Phillip Perry (L.P.)** is formally commended for his exemplary performance in maintaining the city's appearance.

B. Public Safety:

Councilmember not present

C. Technology:

Following a lightning strike that disabled Spectrum equipment, service on the south side has been restored. City installer **Eric Lamar** and Bandwidth representative **David Stewart** are recognized for their diligent efforts in reestablishing connectivity.

D. Ways & Means:

Nothing to report

E. Water:

Crawford Grading has been slow to schedule repairs for the expanding leak on the main line at the convenience store. The Council advised pursuing alternative contractors to ensure the leak is addressed in a timely manner

VII. Old Business

No old business

VIII. New Business

1. The council deliberated on the relocation of City Hall to the newly acquired facility located at 2526 Main Street

Motion: to begin moving City Hall operations to the downstairs level of 2526 Main Street

Moved by: Damon Riggins.

Seconded by: Ted Meeks

Vote:

- **In favor:** Damon Riggins, Ted Meeks
- **Opposed:** Lisa Brogdon, Wilie McDowell

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- **Result:** 2–2 tie

Mayor's Vote: Mayor Joyce Corley cast the tie-breaking vote in favor of the motion

Councilmember Lisa Brogdon exited the meeting

2. Quotes and Invoices:

- A. **Motion:** to approve up to \$1,000 for inspection of septic system at 2526 Main Street
Moved by: Damon Riggins
Seconded by: Ted Meeks
Vote: 2/1 (Willie McDowell opposed)
- B. **Motion:** to approve up to \$800 for the property condition assessment of the facility at 2526 Main Street
Moved by: Damon Riggins.
Seconded by: Ted Meeks
Vote: 2/1 (Willie McDowell opposed)
- C. Council advised to seek quotes for the pavilion sign

IX. Executive Session

Motion: To enter executive session for the purpose of approving the minutes of the two July 13 executive sessions, one concerning a real estate matter and the other concerning a personnel matter

Moved by: Damon Riggins

Seconded by: Ted Meeks

Vote: 3/0

The Council convened in Executive Session

Motion: To approve the minutes of the two July 13 executive sessions, one concerning a real estate matter and the other concerning a personnel matter

Moved by: Damon Riggins

Seconded by: Ted Meeks

Vote: 3/0

Return to the Regular Meeting

Motion: to return to the regular meeting

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Moved by: Damon Riggins

Seconded by: Willie McDowell

Vote: 3/0

The Council reconvened in Regular Session

X. Roundtable Discussion

General discussion followed; no action was taken

XI. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn the August 2026 Regular City Council Meeting.

Moved by: Damon Riggins.

Seconded by: Ted Meeks

Vote: 3/0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Next Regular Meeting: September 14, 2026, at 6:00 PM.