# Molena City Council

# PO Box 247 10 Spring Street Molena GA 30258

# Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 9, 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 Allison Turner, Post 5. Also present were Chief of Police Matt Polk and City Clerk Tina Lee.

1. Public Comments and Invited Guests
	1. None.
2. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Councilmember Damon Riggins, Post 2 moved to approve the agenda with a second by Mayor Pro Tempore Jennifer Riggins, Post 1. The motion was unanimously approved. Mayor Corley called for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Councilmember Damon Riggins, Post 2 so moved. Mayor Pro Tempore Jennifer Riggins, Post 1 seconded. All councilmembers voted to approve.

1. Chief of Police Matthew Polk
	1. Chief of Police, Matthew Polk reported on the number of calls and citations.
		1. There were 108 reported items, 38 of which were traffic stops.
	2. Mileage on vehicles
		1. Explorer 14,483
		2. Tahoe 143,865
		3. Crown Victoria unknown-due to mechanical issues.
			1. Starter was repaired and back in use.
	3. Explorer Loan Balance $39,444.97
	4. K-9 will be here Thursday.
		1. Have already been training.
	5. Councilmember Damon Riggins asked about the marking on the car.
		1. He stated he is in favor of higher visibility.
		2. Mayor Corley agreed.
		3. He also mentioned the necessity of markings on a car if it is being used for traffic stops.
		4. Chief Polk explained the markings were removed to accommodate the change in markings for the K-9 markings. The new graphics are being completed. As soon as they are completed, it will be marked.
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 – Not present
		4. Technology and Engineering – Not present
		5. Water - Jennifer Riggins – Nothing to report
		6. The Mayor's report -
			1. Showed the backhaul and stated it should finally be completed within four to six weeks.
			2. Mayor Pro Tempore Jennifer Riggins, Post 1 asked about our relationship with Woodbury Internet.
			3. Councilmember Damon Riggins, Post 2 reminded Council Woodbury had to basically start from scratch and asked for patience in dealing with them.
			4. Mayor Corley said David Stewart checked with Mayor of Woodbury who has assured us we are still solid.
			5. Discussed the need to find new solutions for the North side of Molena due to the trees since where we were providing service last year we are having some issues due to new growth.
			6. Councilmember Damon Riggins, Post 2 reminded Council Mr. Stewart had offered to buy back the backhaul when we get ready to stand alone.
			7. Mayor Corley stated the next issue of importance is to decide how to best serve our community especially those who are already paying for service and having issues.
			8. Maybe we can find someone who is willing to allow a PTMP.
		7. Flag Retirement Ceremony reminder
			1. Described events
3. Old/Unfinished Business
	1. Cottage Septic Tank
		1. Have spoken with Mr. White regarding zoning and septic tank.
			* 1. Advised he does not have to be in person, but nothing has happened.
				2. Someone is living in the cottage
			1. Councilmember Damon Riggins, Post 2 asked what the health department advises.
			2. Ben Trotter states no one can live there without a separate septic tank
			3. Scott Mayfield suggests padlocking the cottage
		2. Discussion:
			1. Councilmember Allison Turner, Post 5 : Can we fine him?
			2. Councilmember Damon Riggins, Post 2 we can send him a letter and give him, like, 60 days, 90 days due to not meeting health standards.
			3. Agreement by Mayor Pro Tempore Jennifer Riggins, Post 1.
			4. Agreement by Mayor.
			5. Would the health department impose any sanctions against us or the health department?
			6. Need to get all of the parties talking
			7. Report to code enforcement
			8. Chief Polk is code enforcement for the city
			9. Give them how many days and turn off the water.
			10. That would mean turning off the water to Ace in the two-story building.
			11. Possibly not grant the business license to Ace until problem resolved.
			12. Email to Scott Mayfield
	2. Revisit Mr. Jack Martin’s tree cutting request
		1. Trees look fine.
		2. Not sure they are City trees, but if they are, no need to cut.
4. New business
	1. American Tank quote – not a quote, just renewal
		1. Did come by a couple of months ago
		2. Did swap and do outside maintenance instead of inside at our request
		3. Did find a pressurized tank that they can use that should serve the purpose.
		4. Suez has no problem bringing in a tank and that is included in the tank.
		5. New quote on the way from Suez.
		6. Hold off and don’t pay the renewal until after we hear from the other companies and after we speak with Scott.
	2. Insurance quotes from Pine Mountain – Mary
		1. Optional Insurance even available to Council.
		2. Ask her to come back.
5. Roundtable
	1. Jennifer Riggins nothing
	2. Damon Riggins Could we get inmate labor to cut grass?
	3. Andrea Ashby nothing
	4. Luis Vazquez nothing
	5. Allison Turner nothing
	6. Mayor Joyce Corley – placed ad for public works
	7. Chief Matthew Polk nothing
	8. City Attorney Scott Mayfield nothing
6. Adjournment

Mayor Joyce Corley adjourned the meeting at 6:42 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: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_