# Molena City Council

# PO Box 247 10 Spring Street Molena GA 30258

# Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 13, 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; and City Attorney L. Scott Mayfield. Also present were Chief of Police Matt Polk and City Clerk Tina Lee.

1. Public Comments and Invited Guests
   1. Invited Guests
      1. Bobby Bunn – Friends of the J. Joel Edwards Public Library
         1. Explained how the library benefits this community
            1. Raise funds and promote
            2. Library has programs going on continuously throughout the year
            3. Can partner with communities for fundraising
      2. Jason Philips – Southern Corrosion
         1. Made presentation regarding potential quote for water tank maintenance
         2. Mayor asked about backup tank due to concerns over emptying the tank
            1. Mr. Philips assured Council a backup is available if needed.
            2. Would only charge for mobilization
         3. Mr. Philips assured there is a way to test whether it is possible to pressurize the lines prior to emptying it for cleaning to determine if a backup is necessary.
      3. Lee Smallwood – Suez
         1. Made presentation regarding potential quote for water tank maintenance
         2. Schedule slightly altered from previous quote due to outside clean.
         3. No adjustment to pricing. Previous cleaning recently completed, and paint is already bubbling up.
   2. Citizen's Comments
      1. Request from Jamonca Colquitt regarding high water bill.
         1. She had a leak that she believes is under control.
         2. Council agreed to work out a payment plan to allow her to be able to make her payments without being late.
            1. Councilmember Damon Riggins asked if the leak was fixed yet. Ms. Colquitt assured Council it has been.
      2. Comments from the public via telephone, email, Facebook, in-person visit to City Hall
         1. The trees on McCrary Road are in danger of putting roots through the water line
         2. Consider moving the $6 CSF to the property tax bill
         3. Will the city step in and prevent the outreach center from being sold by the church?
2. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes from previous meetings were emailed to Council and posted on the web. Councilmember Damon Riggins, Post 2 moved to approve the current agenda and minutes with a second by Mayor Pro Tempore Jennifer Riggins, Post 1 .

1. Chief of Police Matthew Polk
   1. Chief of Police, Matthew Polk reported on the number of calls and citations.
      1. 89 Citations issued
         1. 23 were traffic stops
         2. Nothing out of the ordinary
   2. Mileage on vehicles
      1. Explorer 16,111
      2. Tahoe 144,765
      3. Crown Victoria last known mileage 142,797 – unable to read due to error
   3. Explorer Loan Balance $38,643.66
   4. Report of community service work completed at park.
      1. Brought in excavator
      2. Cleared dead trees and bushes
      3. Removed blocks under park pavilion
      4. Straightened poles at Tennis Court as well as removed damaged light fixtures and wires
   5. Completed certification with K-9
      1. Both Chief Polk and Jax (K-9) were already certified, but they needed to be certified together.
2. Kyle Pope – Exception Request
   1. Discussed actual request regarding need to annex property into city completely or deannex completely into the county.
      1. Council feels it is not necessary to deannex if the owner does not wish it to be deannexed. The homeowner would just pay to have the water connected to the meter and service line.
      2. Planning and Zoning will record the plat without the change
      3. Council does not wish to hold up the recording of the plat.
3. Reports from council and committees
   * 1. Buildings, Streets, and Grounds - Allison Turner – not present
        1. Asked to have new set of nuisance letters sent out via text message
     2. Public Safety - Damon Riggins – Nothing to report
     3. Ways & Means - Luis Vazquez – Nothing to report
     4. Technology and Engineering – Nothing to report
     5. Water - Jennifer Riggins – Nothing to report
     6. The Mayor's report –
        1. Next step in broadband project is the backhaul @ Beckham’s
        2. Update re: July 2nd below
4. Old/Unfinished Business
   1. Discussed pending renewal with American Tank or signing with new company. Already one month late with American Tank
      1. After discussion, Councilmember Damon Riggins, Post 2 recommended tabling for another month.
   2. Reschedule October meeting due to Columbus Day.
      1. After discussion, Mayor Corley called for a motion to change the date to October 3.
      2. Councilmember Damon Riggins, Post 2 moved and Mayor Pro Tempore Jennifer Riggins, Post 1 seconded. The vote was unanimous.
   3. Council discussed setting a budget workshop
      1. After discussion, Council agreed upon September 26, 2022, at 6 pm as the date and time for the budget workshop.
   4. City Clerk Tina Lee requested approval for a budget for July event since total was over Mayor’s approval limit.
      1. After discussion, Council agreed to sticking with Mayor Corley approving item by item.
   5. Approve Paul Smith for fireworks
      1. Council discussed and approved private citizen Paul Smith procuring and providing the fireworks display on behalf of the city on July 2, 2022.
   6. City bonding for fireworks
      1. Councilmember Damon Riggins, Post 2 moved to approve pending approval by City Attorney
      2. Second by Mayor Pro Tempore Jennifer Riggins, Post 1
      3. Unanimously approved
   7. Discussed potentially purchasing additional fire extinguishers
      1. Councilmember Damon Riggins moved to place extinguishers in each police car
      2. Mayor Pro Tempore Jennifer Riggins, Post 1 seconded
      3. Unanimously approved
5. Roundtable
   1. Jennifer Riggins nothing to discuss
   2. Damon Riggins nothing to discuss
   3. Andrea Ashby nothing to discuss
   4. Luis Vazquez nothing to discuss
   5. Mayor Joyce Corley nothing to discuss
   6. Chief Matthew Polk nothing to discuss
   7. City Attorney Scott Mayfield nothing to discuss
   8. City Clerk Tina Lee deferred to Bobby Bunn
      1. Ballroom dance lessons in City Hall discussed
         1. Once a week or once a month beginning August 9, 2022
         2. No fee/donations welcome
6. Adjournment

Mayor Joyce Corley adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m. following a motion by Councilmember Damon Riggins and a second by Councilmember Jennifer Riggins.

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