

Mayor: Joyce Corley
Post 1: Jennifer Riggins
Post 2: Willie McDowell
Post 3: Andrea Ashby
Post 4: Luis Vazquez
Post 5: Allison Turner

City of Molena

10 Springs Road
PO Box 247
Molena, GA 30258

Police Chief: Matt Polk
City Attorney: Scott Mayfield
Judge: David Fowler
City Clerk: Tina Lee
Asst. Clerk: Gabrielle Bulloch

Date: July 8, 2024, 6:00 PM

*IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Joyce C. Corley, Mayor Pro Tempore, Jennifer Riggins, Post 1, Councilmember Willie "Billy" McDowell, Jr., Post 2, Councilmember Luis J. Vazquez, Sr., Post 4, City Clerk Tina L. Lee

Molena Residents present:

Guest(s):

*PLEDGE AND INVOCATION

- Joyce Corley, Mayor led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag
- Willie "Billy" McDowell, Jr., Post 2 offered a brief invocation.

*APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

The minutes from the previous meeting were provided to Council prior to the meeting.

Motion: To approve previous meeting minutes

Motion: Luis Vazquez, Sr., Post 4

Second: Jennifer Riggins, Mayor Pro Tempore

Vote: Yay 4 Nay 0

Motion: To approve the current agenda

Motion: Luis Vazquez, Sr., Post 4

Second: Jennifer Riggins, Mayor Pro Tempore

Vote: Yay 4 Nay 0

*PUBLIC COMMENT AND INVITED GUESTS

*CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Chief Matt Polk was on vacation. Council read stats for previous month from provided copies. No questions. No further discussion on this topic.

*REPORTS FROM COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES/MAYOR'S REPORT

- Councilmember Luis Vazquez, Post 4 reported for Building, Streets, and Grounds
 - Nothing to report.
- Jennifer Riggins, Mayor Pro Tempore, Post 1 reported for Public Safety
 - Nothing new to report.
- Councilmember Luis J. Vazquez, Sr., Post 4 reported for Ways & Means and for Technology & Engineering.
 - Nothing to report.
- Councilmember Willie McDowell, Jr., Post 2 reported on water.
 - Nothing to report.

Mayor Corley advised Council:

- Molena's Big Footstomp coming up July 13, 2024.
 - Clerk has advised of need to purchase sound equipment that was not included in the event budget when setting vendor fees.
 - Council agree as long as equipment remained below \$500 threshold, go ahead and purchase to have for future events.

*OLD BUSINESS

- Reading of ordinance updating court fees to align with State of Georgia
- Signed insurance IGA with Pike County
 - Clerk will deliver to County
- Discussed the need for a called election to fill Vacant Post 5
 - **Motion:**
 - *Motion:*
 - *Second:*
 - *Vote: Yay 4 Nay 0*
- Discussed and signed MOU with Friends of the J. Joel Edwards Public Library regarding Molena Bigfoot Fest and Elkins Creek 5K plus One Mile Fun Run/Walk
 - In favor of MOU as written.
 - FJJEPL have some concerns.
 - Clerk will bring MOU back after working with FJJEPL regarding their concerns.

NEW BUSINESS

•

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- There was no need for executive session

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

- Joyce Corley, Mayor
- Jennifer Riggins, Mayor Pro Tempore
- Willie "Billy" McDowell, Jr., Post 2
 - Provided Council with written statement from a citizen requesting an investigation into a potential incident in Woodbury.
 - Statement to be provided to Chief Polk for further investigation
 - Discussed a desire to change Molena ordinance regarding Council pay.
- Andrea Ashby, Post 3
- Luis Vazquez, Sr., Post 4

*ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn

Motion: Luis Vazquez, Sr., Post 4

Second: Jennifer Riggins, Mayor Pro Tempore

Vote: Yay 4 Nay 0

Next meeting August 12, 2024, 6:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted by: _____

Approved: _____

**Please note there is no recording due to a technical malfunction with the recorder. Minutes created solely from notes.