

THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

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Richard Kupferer
Charles Navarro
Mark Lesyna
Steve Puglise

MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL Monday, July 20, 2009 Council Meeting

Time: 7:30 P.M.

The City Council Meeting of the City of Momence was held in the Council Chambers at 123 W. River Street, Momence. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steven Henson, son of Michael and Jenene Henson.

Mayor Mick Porter called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called by the Clerk with Aldermen Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro, Lesyna and Puglise present. Also present were Mayor Mick Porter and City Attorney Michael Parish.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Lesyna made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2009, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro and Lesyna voting yes. Alderman Puglise passed. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the bills for payment. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro and Lesyna voting yes. Alderman Puglise passed. Motion carried.

CITIZEN FORUM

Pam Hart: Requested permission to use the Pine Street parking lot for a hot dog concession stand during the Gladiolus Festival on Friday, August 7th, and Saturday, August 8th, 2009. Ms. Hart is licensed and insured for festival events. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve Pam Hart to use Pine Street parking lot for a concession stand on the above-mentioned dates. Alderman Puglise seconded the motion with Alderman Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Ryan Gust, a Scouting Executive serving Kankakee County, approached the City Council

looking for a charter partner. A charter partner promotes the scouting program. Mr. Gust is looking for help in finding 5 leaders to start a boy scout troop (Institutional Head, Charter Organization Representative, Scout Master (day to day operation), Committee Member and Committee Chair). Trainers will come to this area to train the leaders. Mr. Gust left his business card and a brochure explaining the program.

Request to use the City Property along East Railroad for Flea Market vendors on Saturday, August 8th, and Sunday, August 9th, 2009, during the Gladiolus Festival. Alderman Straley made a motion to allow flea market vendors to use the City property along East Railroad on the above-mentioned dates. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Shannon Demack asked for permission to close Market Street from 2nd Street to 4th Street on Sunday, August 30th during the hours of 10A.M.-5P.M. in order to operate the kiddy tractor pull being held at St. Pats Cookout. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to allow the Market Street closing at the above-mentioned date, location and time. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Agnes Carlin has requested to sell poppys for the VFW on the west side of the walk bridge during Gladiolus Festival. Alderman Kupferer made a motion for the VFW to sell poppys at the walk bridge during the Gladiolus Festival. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Alderman Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Straley: Farmers Market Update. The Farmer's Market went very well, 7 vendors were there and the turnout was positive. Two 3 ft. x 10 ft. banners are needed to help advertise for the Farmer's Market. Alderman Navarro made a motion to purchase 2 banners not to exceed \$350 for the Farmer's Market. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. The time of the Farmer's Market was changed to 3-6pm; the Market will continue through October.

Alderman Lesyna: Discuss and vote on Building Permit Fee Ordinance. The fees will be based on the dollar value of project, presently the fees are based on square footage of project. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to pass an ordinance amending an ordinance establishing building permit fees. Alderman Puglise seconded the motion with Alderman Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Ordinance was given number 659.

Discuss and vote on Architectural Plans in Building Construction Ordinance. This ordinance repeals a sentence stating that all new construction and all remodeling whether commercial or residential requires architectural plans. The new Ordinance states that all new commercial and residential construction requires architectural plans. Residential remodeling will not require architectural plans. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to pass an ordinance amending an ordinance establishing the use of architectural plans in building construction. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Ordinance was given number 660.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Straley: Discuss and vote on Appropriation Ordinance. Appropriation Ordinance Committee Meeting was held at Council Chambers before the City Council Meeting tonight for citizens to express concerns, questions and comments. There were no issues. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve an ordinance making appropriations for corporate purposes for the fiscal year beginning on the 1st day of May, 2009, and ending on the 30th day of April, 2010, for the City of Momence, Illinois. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Alderman Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Ordinance was given number 661

Presentation of Museum concept for Momence by Doug Redenius. Discussion of converting Momence Community Center into a 007 Museum. Mr. Redenius has 32 James Bond vehicles. Possibility of holding functions with the vehicles in the building. Possibly hire a management company to staff and operate the museum. According to Mr. Redenius, there are no other Hollywood type museums that offer an exclusive 007 Museum. Mr. Redenius would have to prove to the Ian Fleming Foundation that Momence would be a viable place for the museum.

Alderman Metz: Discuss and vote on request for special use permit for the use of commercial zone for church use. Alderman Metz read the minutes from the June 10, 2009, Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting. Attorney for the New Life Christian Church, Dana Mayer, then addressed the Council. Attorney Meyer looked through the City's ordinances. Parcels in question are zoned B 1-not for a church. She then discussed that the location where this request is being made is located next to several churches. The minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission were discussed: consideration of tax dollars, ordinances for proper classifications issues for special use permit-this classification fits. She then recommended that the denial be reconsidered. Mayor Porter stated that the Council needs to discuss this issue in Executive Session and the City would place it on the agenda for the next Council meeting. Mr. Bennett from Bennett Commercial stated that he felt that there would be no detriment to surrounding real estate values in Momence.

Alderman Steele: Discuss and vote on roof repairs for the Historical House. A tree fell on back portion of the building damaging shingles, roof vents and the soffit. One estimate is available. Margaret Peterson, City Treasurer, will contact other companies to get additional estimates. Tabled until next meeting. It was suggested that each Alderman should shop around and get at least 2 bids. Tabled until next meeting.

Alderman Navarro: Discuss and vote on bidding on Elm Street generator. Alderman Navarro made a motion to approve going out for bid on a 250 kilowatt generator and a 400 amp transfer switch. Ads will be put out as well as bidders can pick up specifications at Momence City Hall. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Alderman Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Alderman Lesyna: Research to begin on adult uses ordinance, a rough draft should be available at the next City Council meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEAD

Mark Nelson: Water and Sewer Department put the manhole for drainage at Market and River Street. This was done because rain water was flowing into a resident's garage. Alderman Straley thanked Mark for solving the standing water issue at the house on the corner of Sycamore

and Thomas Street.

MAYORAL REPORT

Special thanks to the Main Street program for having a team of kids scrape the curbs preparing them for painting. The team consisted of : Cameron Heimberger, Jordan Hanson, Austin Henson, Jacob Natschke and Dillon Gall; Ryan Natschke supervised the team.

Mayor Porter suggested limited parking on Dixie Highway directly in front of City Hall. Alderman Lesyna will check into a 15 minute parking space on State Route 1.

There was an accident that occurred on Mill Street and Dixie Highway. A car struck a child, no serious injury to the child. Possible suggestion would be for the City to place stripping on Mill Street, along with signs stating pedestrian crossing on both sides of Mill Street. Mayor Porter will talk to Scott Behrends, Supervisor, Street and Alley Department, about this issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Straley made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:25P.M. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Two items for contractual possibly to come out and do business.

Council returned from Executive Session at 9:02P.M.

Allied Waste Contract: Alderman Straley made a motion to allow Mayor Porter to sign the Allied Waste Host Fee Agreement as proposed. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Chief of Police Contract: Mayor Porter made an appointment of Chief of Police, Tim Swanson, per the intergovernmental agreement for police services with the Kankakee County Sheriffs Department. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to accept the appointment as proposed above. Alderman Puglise seconded the motion with Alderman Thacker, Straley, Kupferer, Navarro, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Steele voted no (because of the lack of litigation between the communities (Momence and Grant Park) and Alderman Metz voted no. Motion carried.

Alderman Straley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk