

# THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

MICK PORTER, Mayor  
JENENE HENSON, Clerk  
MARGARET PETERSON, Treasurer

## ALDERMEN

Diann Denton	Richard Kupferer
Bonnie Straley	David Cook
Nova Metz	Mark Lesyna
Charles Steele	Steve Puglise

## MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL Monday, November 16, 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 Kody Hamilton, son of Tim Hamilton and Lisa Crews.

Mayor Mick Porter called the meeting to order.

### ROLL CALL

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

Appointment and approval of Third Ward Alderman, David Cook. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve Mayor Porter's appointment of David Cook as Alderman, Ward 3. Alderman Denton seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Alderman Cook was then sworn in by the City Clerk, who then acknowledged roll call to Alderman Cook.

### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Kupferer made the motion to approve the Regular and Executive minutes of the November 2, 2009, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

### APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve the bills for payment. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

### CITIZEN FORUM

None

## OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Straley stated that she has received several calls about water pooling up on Sycamore and 4<sup>th</sup> Street again. In the wintertime this pooling has created a hazardous area at that corner. It was questioned as to whether there is an ordinance stating anything about pumping water into the street. This will be researched. There is no storm sewer until 2<sup>nd</sup> street. Mayor Porter asked if it would be possible to go through private yards to connect to another drain. Alderman Straley and Mayor Porter will contact owner to discuss options.

## ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Straley called a Budget and Finance meeting for 6:30P.M. on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, to finalize the Tax Levy Ordinance. Christmas craft sale and flea market at the community center 9-1P.M. on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Local Improvement committee meeting was called for Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00P.M. to discuss potential James Bond 007 museum.

Alderman Metz called a Water and Sewer meeting for 6:30PM on December 21, 2009. She also thanked Officer Navratil on how good of a job he did in Manteno in helping them out.

Alderman Lesyna stated that any email that even remotely concerns city business needs to be copied to City Hall at [cityhall1@cityofmokense.com](mailto:cityhall1@cityofmokense.com). The Freedom of Information Act that goes into affect January 1<sup>st</sup> has a chapter detailing that any kind of electronic respondent needs to be saved. The Freedom of Information Act does not state how long it needs to be saved only that it has to be saved. Time limit will be looked into. Alderman Lesyna will be working with the City's webmaster to look into an external hard drive for e-mail storage.

Letter was read by Mark Lesyna regarding Officer Navratil and his dog partner, Pete. The letter was written out of gratitude for the assistance that Officer Navratil and Pete supplied in helping locate and capture a suspect.

Alderman Puglise requested street closure for the west side of Washington Street on December 5<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 - 8:00 P.M. for the Main Street Christmas Gathering. Alderman Puglise made a motion to allow Main Street to close West Washington as mentioned above. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

## DEPARTMENT HEAD

Mark Nelson: The Fire Department is done with the flow testing. It was stated that the next time this is to be done it will be announced in the local paper.

Scott Behrends stated that the salt shed is almost completed and that the door and window for the handicapped accessibility entrance at the new City Hall are in and Kankakee Glass will be installing them soon.

## MAYORAL REPORT

Act on resolution agreeing to submit application for an additional DECO grant. City Attorney

Michael Parish read the resolution. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to approve the resolution. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Cook passed. The Resolution was given number 128.

Discuss and vote to change the City's Risk Management Insurance to Illinois Counties Risk Management Fund effective January 1, 2010. Insurance has increased 26% to a minimum of \$172,000. Mayor porter received a proposal for comparable coverage and higher coverage of liability in many areas. City Treasurer met with representatives from Illinois Counties Risk Management Fund to get an understanding of what the cost and coverage would be. Comparable coverage for the 11 months would be approximately \$132,000. Budgeted amount was \$144,500. Alderman Straley made a motion to move the city insurance to Illinois Counties Risk Management Fund effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 and authorize Mayor Porter to sign this approval. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Rich Kupferer- Police personnel to come out and do business. Contractual and Personnel. Alderman Straley made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss items mentioned above. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Council went into Executive Session at 8:10P.M.

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:43P.M.

Alderman Kupferer made a motion to give Officer Navratil a pay raise retroactive to August 26, 2009. The increase would be 3.5% or 57 cents per hour. His current pay is \$16.35; his new pay would be \$16.92. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Resolution of support: DECO grant was read by Mayor Porter summarizing the resolution of support. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to authorize Mayor Porter to accept the resolution of support. Alderman Denton seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. The Resolution was given number 129.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk