

THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

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

MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL Monday, December 7, 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 Ariel Perkins, daughter of Keri Perkins.

Mayor Mick Porter called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Straley made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2009, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Metz 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 Puglise seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderwoman Straley: Discuss Tax Levy Ordinance. Budget and Finance Committee meeting was held tonight. Tax Levy was discussed at 104.95%, which is under 105%, therefore, no public hearing is necessary but will still be held on Monday, December 21, 2009, at 7:15P.M. at the old City Hall.

Scott Hearst and Joe Lambert along with speaker Brian Vitale, from Gensler, gave a presentation concerning the community center potentially becoming a James Bond/007 Museum. The mission statement is focused on how the movies relate to the culture and how the culture

relates back to the movies. He discussed expanding the museum into much more of an educational museum about the cold war era and the estimated amount of visitors and the time frame of the opening of the museum and how it relates to the opening of the next James Bond movie. Proposal was a limited budget, limited windows and the use of 007 or James Bond and the potential legal issues. Brian Vitale then discussed the map of the existing building and the new addition. Adding display cases would encompass the cold war exhibits. Doug Redenius stated that the Ian Fleming Foundation's goal is to create a museum and take the income to create scholarships. If this museum doesn't work, the city will end up with a beautiful building. Norman Stephens, Executive Director of Kankakee County Museum, would be assisting the City in applying for grants to renovate the Community Center. The question arose that if the City doesn't get a enough grant monies then how does the City come up with the money. It was stated that the City will know what it has before the construction will start, and if the City doesn't get enough grant monies then fund raising will be needed. It was stated that it will cost approximately 2 Million dollars to build this museum.

The fee is \$7500 to acquire to use this type of rendering to be able to pursue contributions, grants, and architectural fees. The \$7500 could be viewed as a loan and could be paid back by the museum. Alderman Straley made a motion to give the mayor approval to sign the memorandum of understanding with Gensler Architecture concerning the Ian Fleming Foundation museum. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Kupferer, Denton Metz, Steele, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Alderman Straley stated that she had one item for discussion for executive session regarding personnel, possibly to come out and do business.

Alderwoman Metz called a Water and Sewer Meeting for 6:30PM on Monday, December 21, 2009. Alderman Metz then mentioned that the Lions Club would like to display three signs in town. This will be put on the agenda for the next City Council meeting.

Alderman Steele: Discuss and vote on purchase of a one ton dump truck for the Street and Alley Department. Scott Behrends stated that the truck in question is a 2001 HD 3500 dump truck, it has a snow blade, salt spreader and has 41,000 miles. The price is \$13,000; the truck is located in Joliet, is company owned and is currently being used to haul dirt. Scott Behrends stated that the old truck has holes in the floor and the bed is about to fall off. Discussion led to the use of the truck between water/sewer and street/alley departments. It was questioned where the money for the new water main would come out of and was stated that it would come out of the water depreciation reserve fund (approximate balance of \$500,000), not the main water and sewer account (approximate balance of \$876,000). It was suggested that the money to pay for the truck be split between the water and sewer and the street and alley funds. Alderman Steele made a motion to purchase the one ton dump truck for \$13,000. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Straley then made a motion to split the price between the water and sewer department and the street and alley department (\$6,500 each). Alderman Puglise seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Alderman Kupferer: Requested that the City Clerk open the bids for a 4x4 hybrid police vehicle. The bids were opened as follows: Terry's Ford @ \$29,347.00, The Landmark @ \$29,294.00, Don McClain Ford @ \$29,504.00, Court Street Ford @ \$29,896.57 and Westfield @ \$29,017.65. There was one bid that did not meet specifications: Bill Jacobs. Mayor Porter stated that two of the bids were out of county and asked whether local businesses should be given

preference; City Attorney, Michael Parish, stated that it was a fully advertised bid and they responded. Scott Behrends mentioned that the bid is stated as that the City has the right to review any and all bids. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to go with the lowest bid from Westfield in LaGrange for \$29,017.65. Alderman Puglise seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

An open letter of gratitude was read from Judy Pappas, Principal, Momence High School, to the City Council expressing gratitude in the continued support and the partnership in the fight to keep the schools drug free and a safe learning environment for our students due to monthly random school drug searches at Momence High School by Officer Navratil and Pete his partner.

Alderman Lesyna: First reading of revised two hour downtown parking ordinance. Present ordinance for downtown parking is in effect from 8A.M.-6P.M. excluding Sundays and holidays. Proposed change would be 8A.M.-8P.M. seven days a week. Alderman Lesyna stated that this ordinance needs to be further investigated because some of the downtown businesses have stated that if the 2 hour limit is enforced it will cause a problem for their business. Alderman Lesyna called an ordinance meeting for 6P.M. on Monday, December 21, 2009, for further discussion of this ordinance; downtown businesses with concerns should attend meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEAD

Chief Swanson distributed reports to Council members. He also stated that the Police Department conducted an alcohol compliance check and had one violation. Chief Swanson made recommendations to the owner and the owner was offered training.

MAYORAL REPORT

Discuss and vote on the Flanders Tax Abatement. Mayor Porter shared some things involving the abatement. The City have been awarded a \$300,000 grant to install a 12 inch water line, with an approximate cost to the City of \$50,000-\$100,000. The installation does not cause hardship on City finances as the water and sewer fund will pay for this expense. The abatement consists of a 5 year tax abatement with a total of approximately \$7,000 as an incentive for Flanders to build their addition.

Alderman Lesyna asked that should the Council pass the abatement what would stop other businesses from asking for tax abatements. He also stated that the city has shown Flanders Corporation that the City is pro business; for the City to give away revenue is not a good thing right now. Alderman Denton stated that she looks at this as an investment in Momence; this is an abatement on new construction. Alderman Lesyna stated that Flanders is an established multinational corporation, if it were important to that corporation, they would have authorized someone to come address Council to explain why they need this abatement. Mayor disagreed that a representative from Flanders spoke to the Council. Alderman Lesyna stated that at no time did he approach the Council requesting an abatement. Mayor Porter answered that it came from the Economic Alliance as part of their job. Alderman Steele stated that what message are we sending; we are sending a good strong message with what we have assisted Flanders Corporation with already. Alderman Steele mentioned that we, as Council, are charged with the financial status of our community. Mayor Porter stated that the 12 inch line sets the City up for an industrial park in that area; Flanders just happens to be the first recipient. The goal is to keep the opportunity open for businesses to stay in Momence.

Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve the 5 year tax abatement for the Flander's addition and authorize the signing of the resolution. Alderman Denton seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Kupferer, Cook and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Metz, Steele and Lesyna voted no. Passed by 5 to 3. Alderman Straley stated that a protocol needed to be set up for tax abatement requests. Alderman Kupferer mentioned that we could possibly use the same criteria to approve tax abatements that Kankakee County uses. The Ordinance committee and Mayor Porter will investigate further.

Vote on appointment of council member to committee's. Mayor Porter made an appointment of David Cook to Street and Alley, Water and Sewer and Local Improvement Committees. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the appointments as mentioned above. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Cook passed.

Discuss annexation of two parcels on Hardin Street. Mayor Porter stated that there are two parcels of land on Hardin Street that need to be annexed. He called a meeting with the Plan and Zone Commission for Wednesday January 13th at 7P.M. to discuss the annexation of these two parcels on Hardin Street and the comprehensive land use plan. Public hearing will have to be held regarding the annexation of the two parcels on Hardin Street and then it will come to City Council for a vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Straley made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel possible to come out and do business. Council went into Executive Session at 9:13P.M. Council returned from Executive Session at 9:20P.M.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:20P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk