

THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

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ALDERMEN

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

MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL Monday, December 21, 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. 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 was Mayor Porter. City Attorney Michael Parrish was absent.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Lesyna made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2009, Council and Executive Meetings as presented. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Mayor Porter added to the bills an invoice from Cornerstone Engineering for the remaining balance due of the CDAP application preparation for the amount of \$2,500. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to approve the bills for payment with the addition of the \$2,500 bill. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

CITIZEN FORUM

Josh England spoke to the Council stating that he lives and runs a food pantry in St. Anne. They solicit from local farmers, schools and churches. There are no bills, no overhead and the government is not involved. Mr. England would like to open a food pantry in the town of Momence and stated that economic conditions create need. The non perishable food collected in Momence would be distributed to the citizens of Momence. They will eventually need a place to hold this pantry; the cost is nothing to the City. Mr. England would like to have this set up and running by February 1, 2010, and he would store all items at his home in St. Anne. Interested citizens would need to fill out a paper (name, address, number of people in the house). This food pantry is for supplemental only, not to feed the home every day. Money that is donated will be spent at a local grocery store to supplement the pantry.

OLD BUSINESS

Alderswoman Metz discussed the placement of three signs that the Lions Club would like to place on the outskirts of Momence close to the Welcome to Momence signs. The locations would be north of town by Industrial Drive, south on Route 114 and west on route 1-17. These are 30 inch round signs with the date and times of Lions meetings placed on the bottom of the sign. Alderman Straley made a motion to allow the Lions Club to place the signs as mentioned above. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Alderman Kupferer stated that the 2010 census is approaching and approximately 500 applicants are needed. The Progress Reporter will have testing sites with dates and times required for this position. It was stated that better results are obtained when local people do the census; the pay is \$10-\$12 an hour.

Alderman Lesyna stated that missing updates for ordinance books are in paper form at City Hall and for the Aldermen to drop their books off so that they may be updated.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderswoman Straley mentioned that the 2009-2010 Tax Levy Ordinance was in the paper, published in three locations in Momence and discussed at the Budget and Finance meeting held this evening. Even though it was not required because the tax levy was under 5%, a Public Hearing was held tonight at 7:15P.M. Alderman Straley made a motion to pass the 2009-2010 Tax Levy Ordinance. Alderman Puglise seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. The Ordinance was given # 667.

The Audit has been completed by Paine Groskreutz Schmidt Abraham & Eshleman. Alderman Straley will invite them to a City Council meeting in January to go through the audit.

Alderswoman Metz called a Water and Sewer meeting for January 4, 2010, at 6:30P.M.

Alderman Kupferer reported that there is an alley on the south side of town with a pothole that is being looked into and potentially being fixed.

Alderman Lesyna then stated that an Ordinance meeting was held this evening with a discussion about the parking time limit downtown possibly being extended for an additional 2 hours, and the possibility of changing it from 2 hours to 3 hours on Locust Street from River Street to Second Street. This ordinance will be further investigated and then brought to Council.

Alderman Lesyna would like permission from Council to have the City's webmaster purchase storage for the City of Momence. The cost for 1G of storage would be \$10 for a year and would store the City's emails on line. More storage can be added during the year for \$14 per 1G of storage. All City communication needs to be copied to cityhall1@cityofmomence. This process is required to make sure that all avenues are covered to avoid fines.

Alderman Lesyna mentioned that the person or persons responsible for receiving freedom of information act requests need to get online training. There are rules that the City needs to follow. For example, if there is a request for police reports, those requests are going to need to start at City Hall rather than starting at the Police Department. The City has to keep track of these requests and could be fined for not getting the information to the requester on time. Alderman Lesyna suggested with Council approval to have Jeannine Blanchette and Tina Demack get the required training. Alderman Kupferer made a motion for Jeannine and Tina to get the above mentioned training and to

approve the \$10 fee to purchase storage for City communication through the City's website, GoDaddy.com. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Alderman Lesyna then stated that the Open Meeting Act is being updated and two volunteers are needed to take a class to make sure that the City is conducting its open meetings correctly. Mayor Porter and Alderman Straley volunteered.

MAYORAL REPORT

Authorization of subdivided lot within a mile and a half radius of the city limits. This was presented to Mayor Porter by Mr. Willard Hamann, owner of property southwest side of town approximately 25 acres, built a house years ago with a 1.33 acre lot. Mayor Porter stated that it is really a county decision and that there is no impact to the City. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to authorize approval of subdivided lot with appropriate signatures from the Mayor and City Clerk. Alderman Cook seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

First reading of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. FEMA has done an upgraded flood planing map throughout Kankakee County. The framework of the ordinance was provided by the state and the county. Mayor checked to get an understanding, we do have a flood plain ordinance, this is to update and use the regulations that FEMA wants implemented. The reason the City needs to approve this is that without it people who buy property in a flood plain would not be able to get flood insurance. To place on January 4, 2010, agenda.

Mayor Porter was asked by a local liquor establishment to look into extending hours on New Years Eve to 3A.M. Council suggested that Mayor look further into possible state law violation and handle accordingly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Kupferer made a motion to enter into Executive Session for contractual and personnel to come out and do business. Alderman Puglise seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Council entered into Executive Session at 8:13P.M. Council returned from Executive Session at 8:25P.M.

Alderman Straley made a motion to give Mayor Porter approval to accept the proposal for Cornerstone Engineering to complete the water main project not to exceed \$52,500. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

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 8:30P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk