

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, January 4, 2010

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 Dustin Demack, son of Paul and Tina Demack. Mayor Mick Porter called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Straley made the motion to approve the Regular and Executive session minutes of the December 21, 2009, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Mayor Porter added the City Attorney retainer fee for December, 2009, in the amount of \$1000, and \$2705.17 for October, 2009, legal work. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to approve the bills for payment with the addition of the above mentioned bills. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

CITIZEN FORUM

Josh England addressed the Council stating that he is ready to open the food pantry with the potential date of February 13, 2010, from 12:00-2:00P.M. and every other Saturday on a continual basis. He suggested to have the food pantry distribution at 123 W. River Street. He has communicated with local pastors and the Superintendent of Schools for support. He mentioned that there would be zero overhead and that he spoke with the local grocery store and they agreed to place a donation box there. Mr. England only needs volunteers and food. Security changes will need to be done by open date. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the use of said building as mentioned above. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Lesyna stated that the City is set up and everything is posted on the City's website for the Freedom of Information Act. The Webmasters have updated City Hall's account with unlimited storage. It was requested that Council send all communication to cityhall1@cityofmomence.com for storage. Alderman Lesyna mentioned that the Webmasters have paid for this upgrade and that he will investigate costs for possible reimbursement.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Straley called a Budget and Finance Committee meeting regarding tax abatements for January 19, 2010, at 6:30P.M.

Alderman Metz: According to ordinance 7-6-2-3 Section L and 7-6-2-1 Section F, regarding the increase of water rates, notwithstanding any of the above provisions regarding fixed and variable rates, the city will annually impose a cost of living increase upon the water and sewer charges in the amount or equivalent to not less than any increase in the consumer price index (CPI) established by the U.S. Department of Labor for the City of Chicago, Illinois, such costs of living increases shall be determined at the first meeting of the City Council of each year. The amount of the increase will be 1.5% effective on January's bill which comes out in February.

Alderman Kupferer commended the Police Department on solving the recent burglaries.

Alderman Lesyna: First reading of an ordinance amending an ordinance establishing the use of architectural plans in building construction. There was a error on the repealing section, Council wanted to repeal just one paragraph; five were repealed. This Ordinance will reestablish the other four paragraphs that were repealed and will be voted on at the next Council meeting.

Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. This ordinance replaces a chapter in our ordinance book and is an update to the flood damage ordinance that is in place now. Mayor Porter stated that the reason for the update is because FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) created new flood plain maps so with that comes the necessity of a new flood plain ordinance. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to adopt the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, giving it number #668. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

DEPARTMENT HEAD

Jeannie Blanchette discussed Momenca Youth Sports Association's (MYSA) request to have their base rate dropped during the winter months because the water is off at the field house until spring. There is nothing in ordinance books regarding this issue. There is a possibility of putting this into an ordinance. Mayor Porter stated that they should not be charged for their water usage when the water is shut off.

Chief Swanson stated that in the near future he would like to recognize a citizen's actions resulting in the capture of the individuals involved in the recent burglaries.

MAYORAL REPORT

Next City Council meeting will be Tuesday, January 19, 2010, at 7:30P.M., due to the Martin Luther King Holiday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Straley made a motion to enter into Executive Session for litigation not to come out and do business. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Entered in Executive Session at 7:52P.M.

Alderman Straley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:22P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk