

# THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

## ALDERMEN

Diann Denton  
Bonnie Straley  
Nova Metz  
Charles Steele

Richard Kupferer  
David Cook  
Mark Lesyna  
Steve Puglise

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

## MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL Tuesday, January 19, 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 Ben Haut son of Jill Lincoln and Grandson of Sue and Gene Lincoln. 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. Alderman Cook was absent.

### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Lesyna made the motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of the January 4, 2010, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz,, Kupferer, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Steele passed. The Executive Session of the January 4, 2010, Council Meeting minutes has proposed changes from the City Attorney, Michael Parish, these changes will be discussed at tonight's Executive Session meeting.

### APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Mayor Porter made one addition to the bills for repairs of a Ford Crown Victoria police car totaling \$982.37 to Steele Collision. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve the bills for payment with the above addition. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Kupferer, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Steele abstained.

### CITIZEN FORUM – none

### OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Straley stated that the City will implement new rental rates for the Momence Community Center effective February 1, 2010. The rates are to be posted in the paper.

Alderman Kupferer stated that he is in the process of getting a census testing session in town to get more participation from local people. Past applications have been advertised in the surrounding area.

### ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Straley noted that Treasurer, Becky Peterson, was given permission to set up a special non-interest bearing account for the Flanders grant money.

Alderman Straley stated that there was a Budget and Finance committee meeting held tonight to discuss tax abatement requests. Council discussed putting together a tax abatement application form for businesses. This application would need to be in place before an abatement would be considered. Silva was at the meeting and requested a five year tax abatement on their new 90,000 square foot expansion. This expansion will add 10 new employees immediately. Past expansion of 75,000 square feet on Mechanic Street included extending and widening the street and adding water and sewer lines without any assistance from the City. Alderman Lesyna questioned the amount of employees Silva has and it was stated that they have 105 employees of which 66 are local. All improvements have been done with their own money. Alderman Straley made a motion to grant Silva's request for a five year tax abatement on the new 90,000 square foot

addition. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Alderman Metz stated that she would like to discuss putting James Rich Jr. on as a full time employee for the Water and Sewer Department. After minor discussion, Alderman Metz made a motion to hire James Rich Jr. as a full time employee at the same pay rate he is making now with an effective date of February 1, 2010. Alderman Puglise seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Alderman Lesyna discussed the Building Use Permits Certificate of Compliance and Occupancy Ordinance. With no questions Alderman Lesyna made a motion to approve an Ordinance Building Use Permits Certificate of Compliance and Occupancy. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. The ordinance was given number 669.

Alderman Lesyna stated that everyone should have a copy for first reading of an ordinance amending an ordinance regarding parking on certain streets. This ordinance will change parking in front of JeNeir School on the South side of Second Street from the hours of 7:30A.M. through 4:00P.M. The Principal of JeNeir and Momence School District are in favor of this. The County has approved this.

#### DEPARTMENT HEAD

Jeannine Blanchette stated that the new water and sewer rate increases have been updated and will be on February's statement, which is January's bill. Mrs. Blanchette had a concern about the increase of the Community Center rates regarding reservations for the Community Center that were made months in advance; it was decided that the rates will be adjusted accordingly. Alderman Straley stated that the rates will benefit residents of Momence.

Scott Behrends mentioned that the street light problems have to do with faulty wiring. The situation is being looked into. It was stated that most of wiring is old and fails or shorts out. Mayor Porter suggested to look into getting a subcommittee together to get the updates needed to fix the problem.

#### MAYORAL REPORT

Discuss placing 15 minute parking limit between the hours 7:30A.M. and 4:30P.M., Monday – Friday, in front of City Hall, 29 North Dixie Highway. Tom Schafer was called and the City has the authority to place parking limitations on Dixie Highway. It was stated that the City can control the parking on Dixie highway. When an ordinance is passed a copy of the ordinance needs to be sent to the state. This request will go to the Ordinance committee to create the ordinance. It was discussed to have one parking spot on Dixie Highway in front of City Hall and one parking spot on Washington Street next to the handicapped parking space on the corner of Washington and Dixie Highway. The City has to wait thirty days before it can be enforced.

Planning Committee meeting was held last week regarding the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Committee recommends approval and a resolution has to be written for Council's approval. Regarding the annexation of the property on Hardin Street, the committee was also in agreement to recommend annexing that property; this is in the legal department right now to get documentation needed to submit to the County.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Straley made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss change in Executive meeting minutes and personnel. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Entered into Executive Session at 8:00 P.M. Returned from Executive Session at 8:13P.M. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes from the January 4, 2010, Executive Meeting. Alderman Denton seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Alderman Straley called a Budget and Finance meeting on Monday, February 1, 2010, at 6:45P.M. Alderman Kupferer called a Police Committee meeting for Monday, February 1, 2010, at 6:00P.M.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk