

THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

MICK PORTER, Mayor
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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, February 15, 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. 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. Also present were Mayor Mick Porter and City Attorney Michael Parish. Alderman Steele was absent.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the Regular and Executive Session minutes of the February 1, 2010, 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 a bill for the amount of \$7,500 from Cornerstone Engineering for engineering work on the south side 12" waterline project and to transfer funds from the Water Depreciation Fund for payment. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to approve the bills for payment with the addition mentioned above. Alderman Puglise seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

CITIZEN FORUM - none

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Kupferer mentioned that Hardin Street is now in the city limits and that he would like the street and alley department to look into the condition of this road.

Alderman Lesyna stated that the FOIA (Freedom of Information) list of available documents have been posted in city hall and will also be placed on the City's website.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderwoman Straley stated that Mr. Abraham from Schmidt, Abraham, Eshlemann and Gerretse, is here to explain the 2009 Audit. Mr. Abraham addressed the council stating that the books are in good order. Observation from the accountants were as follows: GENERAL FUND: Sales tax: Revenue decreased around \$17,800 this year. They noted the sales tax receipts decreasing starting in October, 2007. Possible causes could be general economic decline, eroding tax base, auto dealership leaving. Interest Income: Decreased \$21,000. CD's were cashed in for operations this year. Lower interest rate. Licenses, Permits: Decreased. Economic decline. Miscellaneous Income: Decreased \$103,000. Sales of property and insurance refunds last year accounts for most of the difference. Property Tax and Income Tax: Both increased. EXPENSES: Public Property Expense: Expenses decreased approximately \$66,000. Last year there were more upgrades to traffic signals, HVAC unit, and tree and concrete removal on Rae Graves property. Street and Alley: Last year's railroad avenue project (rail derailed). Community Center: In 2008, remodeling was done. WATER AND SEWER FUND: Fees for services: received 13 payments in 2008 from Momence Packing where 11 were received in 2009. Also, the overall usage has decreased. Alderman Lesyna asked for clarification of modified cash basis (only reported when paid) vs. the generally accepted basis (for approval-liability not paid is reported as expense) of accounting. Mayor Porter discussed the IMRF (Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund). Money now to pay for pension is coming out of the City's general fund and it was discussed how to get this placed back on the real estate tax bill, it was stated that it needs to be levied. Alderman Straley and Mayor Porter to look into this issue.

Alderwoman Straley stated that Garrett Rogers, adviser for FFA (Future Farmers of America), from Momence High School would like to provide community service for the farmer's market, possibly by patching and painting the parking lot, building benches or

providing and painting permanent wooden signs. Mr. Rogers will attend a Council meeting to discuss this project.

Alderwoman Straley called a Budget and Finance meeting for March 1, at 6P.M. to view a presentation of TIF District and County Wide Enterprise Zone.

Alderwoman Metz stated that the credit card machine at City Hall is up and running for use to pay water, sewer and garbage bills. Visa, MasterCard and debit cards are accepted. A Water and Sewer meeting was called for March 1 at 7P.M.

Alderman Lesyna discussed the first reading of Time Limit Parking Ordinance; the main change would be parking hours on East Washington regarding the time limit; they would be changed from 8A.M.-6P.M. to 8:A.M. to 8P.M. Including holidays. The other ordinance discussed was Electrical, Plumbing and Building Permit and Inspector Fees. Both ordinances will be voted on at the next Council meeting.

A review of executive minutes for the last 6 months is needed; all City Council members were asked to attend so the closed meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2010, immediately following the City Council meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEAD

Chief Swanson discussed a list of fines for council review to be voted on annually or as needed. Warning Citation Complaint form was discussed and will be tracked in the New World system, adjudicatory hearing system hopefully to be further reviewed in March.

Registration form and stickers for golf carts were explained. The information for what is required for golf carts will be available to residents soon. There will be a \$25 required registration fee. State requirements are listed but will not be inspected by officers unless stopped on the roadside by an officer. It was discussed that the Golf Cart Ordinance might need to be amended.

MAYORAL REPORT

Request from John Sokol, Red Knights International Firefighter's Motorcycle Club, Ride for the Rescuers Poker Run and Car/Motorcycle show on River St. from 8 A.M to 1 P.M. on July 10, 2010. Block east section of East River Street from Dixie to Locust during hours mentioned above. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to allow closing of streets as mentioned above. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Council then discussed the Kankakee County Museum Board and City of Mومence Letter of Intent. James Bond museum would receive assistance from the Kankakee County Museum. Mayor Porter read the letter of intent. With their (Kankakee County Museum Board) participation the City can proceed to look for funding for the museum. Estimate for total renovation was \$1,068,000. Ownership of the community center building will stay with the City of Mومence. Alderman Straley made a motion to allow Mayor Porter to sign the Letter of Intent. Alderman Denton seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Mayor Porter met with Larry Williams from the Kankakee County Convention and Visitor Bureau, regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement of Promotion of Tourism and Resolution approving agreement. The 5 year Intergovernmental Agreement is ending regarding the hotel lodging tax; Kankakee County passed a 4% lodging tax in which the customer pays and the money flows to the county and the 4% tax goes to the visitors bureau. The proposed Resolution is to approve agreement and extend it for the next 2 years. Alderman Straley made a motion to accept the intergovernmental agreement for the promotion of tourism and to accept the resolution approving the agreement. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Resolution was given number 131.

Council discussed Tina Demack attending Grant Administrator Training March 23-25, 2010, in Springfield. Costs would be for hotel and travel. Alderman Straley made a motion approving Tina Demack to attend the Grant Administrator Training in March. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - There was no Executive Session

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk