

# 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, March 1, 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 Ronni Vreeman, daughter of Ron and Trisha Vreeman. 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 a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of the February 15, 2010, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Kupferer, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Steele passed.

### APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

A bill from Union Pacific to be paid from the water depreciation reserve account of a nonrefundable application fee totaling \$1,055 for the water main bill was added by Mayor Porter. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the bills for payment including the above mentioned bill. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

### CITIZEN FORUM

Nick Allen, a representative from Debbie Halvorson's Office, addressed the council stating that he helps cover Kankakee and Grundy counties and will be available next week, March 10, from 3:30-6:30P.M. at Momence Community Center to answer or assist any one who has questions or concerns.

### OLD BUSINESS

Alderwoman Straley mentioned that she has completed the open meeting and freedom of information act training.

Alderwoman Metz reminded everyone that the credit card machine is available for use at city hall to pay for water and sewer bills. Visa, MasterCard and Debit cards are accepted.

### ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderwoman Straley made a motion to approve the 2008-2009 Audit presented at the last council meeting. Alderman Puglise seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Straley then called a Local Improvement meeting for March 15 at 7P.M. to discuss FFA's (Future Farmers of America) volunteer project and banner suggestions from Main Street.

Alderman Kupferer reminded Council that the census is fast approaching and there are still many part time positions available for census takers. Citizens were reminded to send the census back in and therefore no one will knock on their doors asking for the census information. Every Sunday in March starting at 5:30P.M., there will be census testing for Census Enumerators, Crew Leaders and Assistant Crew Leaders at the Old City Hall. Anyone seeking part time employment, please attend the Census Testing.

Alderman Lesyna made a motion to approve an ordinance amending an ordinance on Time limit Parking. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. The Ordinance was given #672.

Alderman Lesyna then stated that the changes made on the Electrical, Plumbing and Building Inspector fee Ordinance were mainly done to clean up the language concerning electrical and plumbing inspectors. Alderman Lesyna then made a motion to approve an ordinance amending an ordinance on the Electrical, Plumbing and Building Inspector Fee Ordinance. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. The Ordinance was given #673.

Alderman Lesyna stated that City Collector, Jeannie Blanchette, received a note from Sterling asking if the city would like to save money and not receive as many supplements for the ordinance books. If Council members use the online version it would reduce the amount of supplements needed; \$1,055 was the charge for the latest supplements. Supplements are available at city hall and it was requested that Aldermen drop off their books to be updated. Alderman Kupferer mentioned that there is a shortcut to Sterling on the City's website. Alderman Lesyna then stated that after the March 15 Council meeting in a closed executive session Council will evaluate executive minutes.

Alderman Puglise received a concern of a semi trailer traveling on a residential street. After discussion Council decided that this issue needed to be further investigated.

#### DEPARTMENT HEAD

Scott Behrends stated that he needs the wording for the signs that are being ordered for installation on Second Street; he will work with Alderman Lesyna. Mr. Behrends then stated that the banners on Dixie Highway are deteriorating. The City has maintained these banners for several years. It was decided that as the banners deteriorate, they need to be removed.

Becky Peterson stated that Council is going to have to hold down expenses for the next several months because revenues are down.

#### MAYORAL REPORT

Program from Commonwealth Edison called: Care Helping Hand. It is a program that offers help for customers showing need. Sign up for the program is from March 1 – March 31, 2010.

Mayor Porter stated that he would like to send a letter of concern to the Joliet Diocese about the closing of St. Patrick's school. Council had no objection.

Discuss and Vote on the Interstate Illiana Expressway Resolution. This resolution evolved from a mayoral association meeting that Mayor Porter attended. There are two resolutions: One with support for Illiana Expressway and one with support for Illiana Expressway along with support for the airport. At the mayoral meeting, county discussed several proposed locations with the idea to improve flow of traffic with a connection from Interstate 55 to 65. Mayor Porter read the resolutions. Alderman Straley made a motion to allow Mayor Porter to sign the resolution supporting the construction of the Illiana Expressway. Alderman Denton seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Steele, Kupferer, and Lesyna voting yes. Alderman Puglise and Metz voted no. Resolution was given #133.

Discussion on this year's Fourth of July fireworks display. The discounted price is \$7,500 and a decision needs to be made as to whether the city will be able to absorb this expense. There is not a signed contract with this company. Alderman Puglise will speak with Main Street to see if they could help with costs and will report at next Council meeting.

Discuss and Vote on the Comprehensive Land use program. Mayor Porter stated that the resolution is not

ready yet; possibly to be voted on at the next Council meeting.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Kupferer made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation . Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Entered into executive session at 8:20P.M. Returned from Executive Session at 8:37P.M.

Alderman Straley made motion to give Mayor Porter approval to hire an engineering firm to inspect the property at 5 North Dixie Highway not to exceed \$500. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Price quotes for purchasing citations for the police department were discussed, 2500 tickets for \$782.00. This item will be placed on next Council meeting's agenda.

C&C's old building on Washington Street was discussed briefly by Mayor Porter stating that they have a bid for \$18,000 and that they have received a \$12,000 check from the insurance company; also, the facade award/grant could possibly be reinstated from Main Street. Alderman Steele suggested that the City of Momence needs to follow through with submitted fines.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:47P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk