

# 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 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Adrian Flores, son of Jorge and Maria Flores. 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 were Mayor Mick Porter and City Attorney Michael Parish.

### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve the Regular and Executive Session minutes of the March 1, 2010, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Cook passed.

### APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Alderman Lesyna made a motion to approve the bills for payment. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

### CITIZEN FORUM

Marcos Barojos addressed the Council regarding a Bilingual Advisory Council being created to act as a communication liaison between city government, the Momence School Board, and the Spanish-speaking community. Mayor Porter to work with Marcos toward getting a designated advisory group of members.

### OLD BUSINESS

Alderwoman Straley stated that she is looking into the IMRF (Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund) issues discussed at the last council meeting and has contacted the Kankakee County Clerks office regarding the last time IMRF was levied, which was in 2004, for the 2005 tax year. There is a possibility of a referendum requirement. Contribution was stopped and should have been reinstated, but was overlooked.

Alderwoman Straley then stated that Garrett Rogers and Ashley Rich, representing Future Farmers of America (FFA) from Momence High School, were at the Local Improvement meeting tonight and presented their volunteer project of providing signs for the Momence Farmers Market that would stay up all summer long. The signs would be similar to the ones located in front of the police and fire station. There would also be the possibility of the FFA constructing and installing a bench in the Farmers market area.

## ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderwoman Straley mentioned that at the Local Improvement meeting tonight Main Street presented banner ideas, designs and prices. Lisa Wogan will investigate further and present back to the Council.

Alderman Steele stated that Scott Behrends put together a pick up schedule for trees, brush and yard waste and will possibly post it in the Momenca Progress Reporter or will mail it out with the water bills.

Alderman Lesyna presented the First reading on a Parking Ordinance (time limit parking on certain streets). This ordinance creates 15 minute parking spots in front of City Hall on Dixie Highway and on the north side of City Hall on Washington Street adjacent to the handicapped parking. It also creates the two consecutive parking hours on Washington Street between Pine and Locust Streets and the three consecutive parking hours on Locust Street between Second and River Street.

Alderman Lesyna then discussed the Adult Use Ordinance, which was passed several months ago. A couple sentences needed to be changed. Section two states that within ten working days of the effective date of this Ordinance, any existing Adult Establishment must apply for a license from the City. Failure to apply for a license is a violation of this Ordinance and is subject to penalty under Section 36 under this Act. (change from Section 45). The other change was in Section 4, the sentence didn't follow well.

The third ordinance discussed was an ordinance regulating the sale and possession of smoking materials with respect to minors. This ordinance mirrors the state statute; people under the age of 18 are prohibited from smoking. All three of these ordinance will be voted on at the next Council meeting. Mayor Porter mentioned that Police Chief will be introducing a possible ordinance to follow regarding smoking in front of establishments.

At Main Street's next meeting at the end of March they will discuss being able to contribute financially or sponsor the fireworks. Alderman Puglise asked if revenue could be generated to go with fireworks and a downtown gathering. Momenca Park District may be an option and it was stated that the Jaycees could possibly get involved.

## DEPARTMENT HEAD

Mark Nelson mentioned that on Monday, March 29, the High School Environmental Science class will tour the sewer plant. Water and Sewer Department will be working on all spring building projects the next couple of weeks.

Scott Behrends discussed an alley off Illinois Street by the community center. There are three properties that border the alley and people are driving through one of the resident's property because there is no room to turn. All three neighbors are in favor of blocking the alley off. The other half of the alley to the south is already grassed in. Mr. Behrends suggested to dirt and seed it. This will be placed on next Council agenda. It was also stated that grating of alleys has started.

Becky Peterson stated to Council to keep expenditures down. Also discussed was the State's proposed budget cuts regarding the LGDF. The proposal would include a 30% reduction on what the city would receive, from personal state income tax that is paid to the municipality. If the proposal is accepted, the City could experience a 30% reduction equaling over \$60,000 per year.

## MAYORAL REPORT

Act on the Comprehensive Land Use Resolution. On January 13, 2010, the planning commission recommended to City Council to pass a resolution to accept the comprehensive land use plan. Mayor Porter read the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Resolution dated January 15, 2010. Alderman Straley made a motion to allow Mayor Porter to sign the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Resolution. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Resolution was given #134.

Mayor Porter discussed two proposals on updated citations for the Police Department. Chief Swanson looked into purchasing citation tickets for the Police Department and was given two proposals of 1000 tickets for \$968.00 or 2500 tickets for \$782.55. Tickets are needed for enforcement along with the adjudication process. County program is waiting to receive grant for printers and then citations will be printed out, which will be in place in fall/winter 2010. Citations will be the same when the new ticket software comes out. There is a need for tickets for officers on foot and

will be needed as a back up in case automated system fails. New citations are easier to read and easier to follow. Alderman Cook made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2500 tickets for \$782.55. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Metz voted no.

Mayor Porter contacted the executive director, Thomas Henderson, of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Organization for the State and is acquiring names of companies to give the City proposals for creating a TIF district for the City of Mومence.

Mayor Porter stated that he completed the quarterly report for the DCEO Grant on the Community Center detailing the money that had been expended for the Community Center upgrades over two years ago. The paperwork is being processed and it is possible the City will receive the remainder of DCEO grant that the City was awarded. The amount to be reimbursement to the City would be \$45,000.

Main Street Mومence President, Lisa Wogan, did a quick report on statistics and volunteer hours. They are interested in establishing a task force which would include members from the City of Mومence, Mومence Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Mومence, to look into economic development for the City of Mومence.

Alderman Straley stated that there will be a clean up day at the Community Center from 9A.M.-1P.M. this Saturday.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Straley made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss/approve/release past Executive Minutes. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Entered into executive session at 8:30 P.M. Returned from Executive Session at 8:45 P.M.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:45P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk