

THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

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ALDERMEN

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| Diann Denton | Richard Kupferer |
| Bonnie Straley | David Cook |
| Nova Metz | Mark Lesyna |
| Charles Steele | Steve Puglise |

MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL Monday, April 5, 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, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise present. Also present were Mayor Mick Porter and City Attorney Michael Parish.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the Regular and Executive Session minutes of the March 15, 2010, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

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

CITIZEN FORUM

Ted Zapinski from Midwest Lighting Services presented an opportunity available for municipalities, governments and schools to update to energy efficient lighting. Commonwealth Edison, currently through the state, mandates various forms of energy efficiency and is offering incentive rebates. DCEO (Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity) is offering double incentives to encourage lighting projects. The application has to be submitted by April 22, 2010, and the work has to be completed by May 31, 2010. The only buildings affected are the ones that generate revenue. Eventually the City is going to have to update all their lighting. DCEO will give the City enough incentive to pay 75 percent of the project. In order to determine what is needed, a lighting audit is required, the charge for the Water and Sewer only would be \$560, to do all City facilities the lighting audit would be approximately \$2300. This work will be done as cost effectively as possible and includes hazardous disposal. If the City decides to do this, the audit fees are refunded back to the City. Midwest Lighting Services does the DCEO application. Labor will be subcontracted out. Total cost of project will not be known until the audit is completed.

Howard Meyerberg addressed the Council about the condition of Mill Street. He stated that cold patch has been put down and in his opinion this repair is worthless. Mr. Meyerberg presented two estimates from Gallagher Asphalt: Complete resurfacing for \$61,945 and repair and seal coat for \$29,000. He stated that this road should be at the top of the City's priority list. Mayor Porter mentioned an opportunity where the City could get municipal bonds through MFT funding and that he is looking into ways to get funding for this project. Mayor Porter has looked into possibly connecting catch basins to working drains. Alderman Straley stated that Street and Alley will have to call a committee meeting to discuss this issue further.

Momence Main Street is doing their downtown beautification cleanup day on May 22, and they would like permission to use the historic house as their base. Mayor Porter granted them permission and stated that he will inform the Historic House committee. Main Street then invited Council to their Buz B4 Biz breakfast meeting with downtown business owners on April 21, at 7:30A.M. at the Firehouse 28 Café.

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Straley mentioned that they had a successful clean up day at the Community Center.

Alderman Kupferer stated that the first part of the census went well and the second part is starting where doors get knocked upon if citizens have not returned their census. A Bilingual person will be at City Hall from Noon – 4:30P.M. weekdays, for census assistance.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Straley called a Budget and Finance meeting for 6P.M. on Monday, April 19, at the old City Hall. Department heads were asked to get their budgets prepared for the Budget and Finance meeting. Alderman Straley and Denton are working on health insurance for the City. Five bids have been received and a proposal will be brought forth at the next Council meeting.

Alderman Steele discussed closing the alley between West Indiana and West Illinois Streets on the south side of Momence. The city is not vacating the alley, it will remain as an easement. Half of the alley is already grassed in and all affected residents are aware of this idea and are receptive. Alderman Steele made a motion to close the alley by putting dirt and grass over it. It will be barricaded temporarily until grass seeds in and affected residents will take care of the alley. Alderman Cook seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Steele called a Street and Alley meeting for April 12, at the new City Hall at 6:30P.M.

Alderman Kupferer received a citizen complaint from a resident that lives by Baker and Taylor stating that garbage is blowing from their dumpster. A meeting will be arranged with appropriate personnel at Baker and Taylor to discuss this issue.

Alderman Lesyna discussed the Midwest Lighting presentation. Concerns were expressed of time frame allotted. After discussion Alderman Straley made a motion to allow Ted Zapinski to do a complete audit not to exceed \$2,500. Alderman Lesyna seconded motion with Alderman Straley, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Denton passed. Alderman Steele voted no.

Alderman Lesyna made a motion to pass an ordinance regarding Time Limit Parking on Certain Streets. Alderman Puglise seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Ordinance was given number 674.

Alderman Lesyna made a motion to pass an Ordinance Amending an Ordinance Regarding the Adult Use Ordinance. Alderman Puglise seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Ordinance was given number 675.

An Ordinance Amending an Ordinance Regarding Parental Responsibility for Acts of Minors was discussed. The only change was verbiage regarding parental responsibility for minors; the last part of the ordinance was missing the word truancy.

The Annual Prevailing Wage Ordinance was discussed.

An Ordinance Amending an Ordinance Concerning the City of Momence's General Penalty and List of Fines was discussed. The City is working with the Police Department gathering a list of fines that the City is adding to the general penalty area of the code book putting this list in that spot. The other Ordinances are amending quite a few areas in the code book where individual fines are being referred back to this list of fines. This list of fines will be easier for both the Council and Police Department to reference. If Citizens do not pay fines, the fines progressively increase and can be adjudicated to a higher amount and then sent to a collection agency.

DEPARTMENT HEAD

Scott Behrends stated that chipping will start tomorrow and leaf collection will be done as needed.

Chief Swanson mentioned that training of officers and policy development are being done along with emergency vehicle operation; policies are being put in place to use some tools in training and administer some guidance of what is expected of them. Chief Swanson also stated that there is a delay in installation of the equipment in the hybrid vehicle, a new vendor might need to be selected.

MAYORAL REPORT

No decision has been made about the 4th of July fireworks; Alderwoman Straley mentioned that she is looking into gathering funds.

Mayor Porter read the April, 2010, Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Kupferer made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation, contractual and personnel. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Entered into executive session at 8:40P.M. Returned from Executive Session at 10:20P.M.

Alderman Denton made a motion to retain the Mumcus and McClauskey law firm with a retainer in the amount of \$5,000 and an hourly rate of \$250 for Jonathan Stringer and \$275 for Senior Counsel for the purpose of assisting in the current litigation of the City of Mومence versus David Plein. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:23P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk