

# THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

MICK PORTER, Mayor  
JENENE HENSON, Clerk  
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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, May 3, 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, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise present and Mayor Mick Porter.

### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Lesyna made a motion to approve the Regular and Executive Session minutes of the April 19, 2010, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Straley passed.

### APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

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

### CITIZEN FORUM

Curt Ralston – Tractor from Conservancy District. Mr. Ralston's main concern was regarding an agreement that the Conservancy District has with the City of Momence regarding a tractor/grader that the Conservancy District owns. His concern regards the abuse of said equipment stating that it was not housed in the winter and not cared for as agreed upon. He also stated that in the last month the abuse has escalated. Mr. Ralston stated that he wanted to know if the City is aware of the abuse and of the contract. It was stated by Alderman Lesyna that Council is not aware of the agreement. Scott Behrends, Superintendent of Streets and Alleys, stated that the tractor has been maintained, recently putting new tires on it, and that there is nothing in the agreement about it being housed. Mr. Ralston also stated that the stone in his alley has been taken out of his alley/driveway (Locust Street), and that he has ruts in his yard where someone drove through his alley. Mayor Porter asked Scott Behrends to take a look at the alley in question.

Main Street Momence – March statistics were reported by Janine Loftus along with upcoming events and loan applications. She also mentioned that a local mason is taking instruction as to rebuilding and repairing historic brick buildings. Rock the Island Dance was announced as a fundraiser during Dixie Daze.

Ryan Natschke from Main Street Momence then did a presentation stating that Dixie Daze is scheduled for June 19 with the addition on June 18 of Rock the Island Dance consisting of local bands. Discussion then led to possible lack of communication regarding street closings between local downtown businesses and Main Street Momence. Main Street Momence stated that they will send out letters to all downtown businesses regarding East and West Washington Street closures for Cruise Nights this summer. The July 10 fundraiser was discussed with street closings to be on East and West Washington Street. Alderman Puglise made a motion to approve street closings on East and West Washington Street after 5pm unless indicated otherwise for the following dates: June 8<sup>th</sup> East Washington, June 22<sup>nd</sup> West Washington, July 10<sup>th</sup> East and West Washington from 7A.M. – 1P.M. and East Washington from 5-10P.M., July 13<sup>th</sup> East Washington, July 27<sup>th</sup> West Washington, August 24<sup>th</sup> East Washington, and September 14<sup>th</sup> West Washington. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

## OLD BUSINESS

Alderwoman Straley stated that through donations from local businesses in Momence she has secured enough money to have the fireworks this year. A Budget and Finance Committee meeting was held briefly tonight but because of lack of budget information available Alderman Straley called another Budget and Finance committee meeting for Thursday, May 6, at 6:30PM at old City Hall. Alderman Straley received a letter from Margaret Clifton regarding the Historical House's broken windows and rotted boards and has referred it to Scott Behrends to look into.

Alderman Kupferer thanked the community for participating in the 2010 census and stated that enumerators will be out to finish up the census.

## ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Steele proposed trading in two trucks for a bucket truck for the Street and Alley Department stating that the bucket truck would save the City a substantial amount of money. The cost of bucket truck with 2 trades (old chipper truck and old dump truck) would be \$6500. Mr. Behrends pointed out that the tree service hired last year cost the city \$15,000. The City would be able to trim higher and in storms would be able to use this truck to handle dropped trees instead of waiting on a tree service. Price comparisons were discussed. A concern was proper training of employees to handle operation of the truck as well as tree trimming services and it was stated that two employees are trained now and one more will be sent for training. Alderman Steele made a motion to allow Street and Alley to purchase a 2000 bucket truck with trade in of old chipper truck and old dump truck for \$6500. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Discuss and vote on Loitering Ordinance, which was recommended by the Police Department. No questions were asked, therefore, Alderman Lesyna made a motion to pass the Loitering Ordinance. Alderman Cook seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Ordinance was given #684.

Discuss and vote on Public Works Director Ordinance. No questions were asked, therefore, Alderman Lesyna made a motion to pass the Director of Public Works Ordinance. Alderman Cook seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Ordinance was given #685.

Discuss and vote on Street and Alley Maintenance Superintendent Ordinance. No questions were asked, therefore, Alderman Lesyna made a motion to pass the Department Head of Streets/Alleys and Maintenance Ordinance. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Ordinance was given #686.

## DEPARTMENT HEAD

Scott Behrends stated that he will be meeting with Baxter and Woodman on gathering a list of streets in need of repair.

Chief Swanson mentioned that a working agreement has been developed for businesses allowing the police department to enforce ordinances and sign complaints for them.

## MAYORAL REPORT

Mayoral Proclamation Honoring National Police Week May 9-15, 2010. Mayor Porter read the proclamation and Chief Swanson mentioned that May 15 is Peace Officers Memorial Day and that there will be a memorial ceremony at the Kankakee County Court House at 10am on May 15 to recognize officers.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Straley made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Contractual, Litigation and Personnel, possibly to come out and do business. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Entered into executive session at 8:15P.M. Returned from Executive Session at 9:30P.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 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk