

# 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, May 17, 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. Also present were Mayor Mick Porter and City Attorney Michael Parish.

### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Lesyna made a motion to approve the Regular and Executive Session minutes of the May 3, 2010, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Puglise seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

### APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Alderman Straley 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.

### CITIZEN FORUM

Earnest Hart – Banners for Antique Car Show during Gladiolus Festival. Mr. Hart requested permission to put up banners for the car, truck and tractor show and flea market on June 13 at all entrances into Momence. Removal of said signs will be August 15. Alderman Straley made a motion to allow the banners to be installed and removed on above mentioned dates. Alderman Cook seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Rev. Justin Flowers from New Life Christian Fellowship, informed the Council that he is renting the island park facility for a rally from 7P.M. until approximately 9P.M. this Thursday, Friday and Saturday featuring live music. He has also made the police department and ambulance services aware of this event. Parking and security have been taken care of.

River Valley FFA – Garrett Rodgers, presented signs made and donated by Momence High School students.

Mike Caspers, owner of Johnnie Angels, 119 West Washington Street, addressed the Council regarding building permit issues. Mr. Caspers stated that in August he received a permit good for 90 days, this permit was mainly for fixing the entrances; drawings were required and submitted. A new permit was provided for \$200 in May. Don Kiger, Craig Kennedy and Jon Cousin, City inspectors, began the inspection process. Mr. Kiger and Mr. Kennedy signed off on approval for Mr. Caspers to get inspected by the health department. Mr. Cousin failed them on twelve items; ten of which were existing plumbing issues. After being asked for a referral for a plumber by Mr. Casper's son, Mr. Cousin offered his services. After a second inspection on May 7 by Jack Snapp and

Jon Cousin, they came up with twenty-one failing items. Mr. Caspers then stated that Jon Cousin returned that afternoon with a proposal to fix the work for \$4,350 - not to exceed \$5,000. Mr. Caspers contacted another plumbing company, D&A Plumbing, to supply plumbing work. Dusty Ewoldt from D&A Plumbing began work on May 11 and finished the job on May 14. After another inspection by Mr. Cousin two items failed. The two items were rectified today, May 17, and Mr. Caspers stated that Mr. Cousin was called to the property and Mr. Cousin said that it was a conflict of interest. Mr. Caspers has contacted the State Plumbing Code Department, the State's Attorney's Office and the Plumbing Licensing Authority regarding Mr. Cousin's actions.

## OLD BUSINESS

Alderwoman Straley called an appropriation ordinance public hearing for 7P.M. on June 7 at old City Hall. She stated that the appropriation ordinance is near completion and will be published as required this Friday for public viewing at the new City Hall, 29 North Dixie Highway, and Momence Public Library. TIF district was discussed possibly being placed on the appropriation ordinance budget under economic development in the amount of \$25,000. Mr. Puglise stated that he believes removal of the purchasing of trees in the appropriation ordinance should be voted on by Council not just negated. Both items were placed on the appropriation ordinance budget with the understanding that there is no money for either (TIF and tree purchases).

## ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Metz discussed purchasing a tool box for a 1999 service truck for \$2500 painted and installed by Regional Truck Supply. Alderman Metz made a motion to purchase the box as mentioned above for \$2500. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Discuss and vote on water tower cleaning. Lowest bid was from Water Tower Clean and Coat for \$6500 for all three towers. Alderman Denton made a motion to get the three water towers cleaned by Water Tower Clean and Coat for \$6500. Alderman Cook seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Alderman Lesyna called an Ordinance meeting for 6:30P.M. on June 7, to discuss potential ordinances.

## DEPARTMENT HEAD

Jeannie Blanchette stated that delinquent water bills will be in the Progress Reporter this week.

Mark Nelson mentioned that the Water and Sewer department will be starting on a sewer project on Gladiolus Street (south side of town) next month.

Scott Behrends is in communication with Baxter and Woodman regarding potential roadwork using MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) bond funds and will continue to move ahead on this.

MAYORAL REPORT-for executive to discuss personnel possibly to come out and do business.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Straley made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel possibly to come out and do business. Alderman Metz 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 8:48P.M.

Mayor Porter made an appointment of Scott Behrends as Director of Public Works Department, at a salary of \$58,000 to be equally divided between 3 funds: Water, Sewer and General Fund including all benefits. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to appoint Scott Behrends as mentioned above. Alderman Cook seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Mayor Porter made an appointment of Jerry Snapp as Department Head of Streets/Alleys and Maintenance, at a salary of \$45,000. Salary and benefits to be divided between 2 funds: Water/Sewer and

General Fund. Alderman Straley made a motion to appoint Jerry Snapp as mentioned above. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Metz voted no. Motion carried 6-1. Both appointments to be effective June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, pending pay-period clarification from City Collector, Jeannine Blanchette.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:50P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk