

THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

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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, June 21, 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 Recording Secretary, Margaret Clifton with Aldermen Denton, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise present. Also present were Mayor Mick Porter and City Attorney Michael Parish. City Clerk Henson and Alderman Straley were absent.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Lesyna made a motion to approve the Regular and Executive Session minutes of the June 7, 2010, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

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

CITIZEN FORUM

Thomas Miller, owner of lots on Dixie Highway and the Kankakee River by the bridges complained that people are coming down river and going across his lot to their destinations, leaving fishing materials, pop and beer cans, etc. He has complained several times to the local police, City Hall, and County and nothing has been done. He has put signs up. He has called DNR, Department of Natural Resources, and no one will give him an answer of where his property ends, at the river or so deep into the river. Mayor Porter will talk to Chief Swanson.

Chris Sharkey, 309 N. Locust St., spoke on behalf of himself and some other residents who had copies of Ordinance 408, dated 1993, attached to their vehicles with Section 826 underlined. Disallowed in the ordinance is parking on 3rd St. from Pint St. east to Walnut St. Mayor Porter found out about the notices being placed on cars and looked it up. For all these years nothing was enforced. Mayor Porter remarked "That ordinance needs some adjustment" and some people need to park on the street. He also offered that Chief Swanson has let officers know that ordinances need enforcement but this is the case of an officer being over zealous. Matt Sanstrom, a Pine St. resident, complained that on the east side of Pine St. the Dollar General trucks block the entrance to his garage. If his car was parked inside and there was an emergency, they couldn't get out of the garage.

Jennifer Workman, representing the Momence Chamber of Commerce, advised of plans for a co-sponsored All City Garage Sale on July 24, which she has been working on with Alderman Straley. They would like the City to waive garage sale permit fees for that day. Momence Chamber of Commerce will also give incentives and put the Garage Sale on their website and map. They are speaking to some Momence Chamber of Commerce members to offer specials for that day. Mrs. Workman requested that the Council approve a co-sponsored Garage Sale event with

Momence Chamber of Commerce and to waive garage sale permit fees for that day. Alderman Metz made the motion for the City to waive garage sale permit fees for July 24 and co-sponsor the event. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. The time will likely be 8A.M. to 5P.M.

OLD BUSINESS - NONE

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Steele reported that the Street & Alley Committee met last week to discuss MFT, Motor Fuel Tax, funds. A lot of work needs to be done and there is just not enough money in the MFT funds. The question of bonds, using MFT money, was raised and information is needed. Mayor Porter introduced David W. Pistorius, Vice President of First Midstate Inc., Investment Bankers in Bloomington, IL. Mr. Pistorius explained how bonds work. (First Midstate is not a bank but an investment bank service that works only on municipal bond issues.) Mr. Pistorius handed packets to all Council Members and briefly went through the packet with Council. First Midstate works on a No Pass, No Pay scenario. If the process, which First Midstate will help develop, does not end up with bonds being issued, they receive no money. The Alternate Source Revenue Bonds option can be Bonds provided through MFT funds. Option 3 in the packet, where a revenue source (MFT) is pledged to pay it off and real estate tax can act as a backup.

Mr. Pistorius went through the steps needed to develop bonds which include ordinances, publishing of public hearings, Public Hearings, audits of City finances, and other services. If the interest rate gets too high, the company may not be able to sell the bonds. Illinois is in the lowest rating so the interest rate will be higher. Mr. Pistorius answered questions from Council members and attendees.

Mayor Porter feels that Council members need to think about it more and thanked Mr. Pistorius for coming to the Council Meeting with his presentation and explanations. Alderman Steele called a Street and Alley meeting for 5:30P.M. Wednesday, June 30 at the new City Hall. Alderman Steele informed Council that all arrangements have been made for the fireworks for the 4th of July and that he will arrange to thank the companies that made the fireworks possible.

Alderman Kupferer called a Police Committee Meeting for 4:30P.M. on Wednesday, June 30, at the new City Hall.

Alderman Lesyna called an Ordinance Committee Meeting before the next Council Meeting on Monday, July 5, at 7:00P.M. to discuss electronic attendance and wind energy. Alderman Lesyna announced that the vote for ordinances on fire hydrants and underage drinking were tabled until the next Council Meeting.

Alderman Lesyna introduced two new ordinances for reading and study. They are on-line and he would like to vote on them at the next Council Meeting. One ordinance is on Stop/Yield Intersections and Through Streets which changes the intersection of 6th and Walnut to a 4-way Stop and the other is Concerning All Night Parking which are the changes to be made to Ordinance 408, Sec. 8-2-6 (discussion earlier in this Council Meeting).

Alderman Lesyna thanked the Director of Public Works, Scott Behrends, for recreating an up to date map of the City streets with all signs correctly indicated.

DEPARTMENT HEAD - NONE

MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Porter read a proclamation for Independent's Week from Main St. Momence, declaring the week of July 1 to 7 as Independents Week. Mayor Porter will sign it and it will be published.

Alderman Lesyna made the motion to approve the execution of the Agreement between the property owners of Hardin Street, in which easements were granted to the City of Momence in furtherance of the south side sanitary sewer expansion project in exchange for improvements to the site. Alderman Cook seconded the motion. The easements include a temporary construction easement, a sanitary sewer easement and a water main easement all located in the approximate same area of the property. This means the City has been granted the easement from the water tower out to the building known as Precisionaire. Alderman Denton, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna, and Puglise voted yes.

Mayor Porter informed Council that Tina Demack attended a meeting on an on-line software program, called LAREDO, for county wide properties, county land records, legal description of land values, etc. The City can keep track of property ownership. It is of value for the City for placing of liens and penalties which require descriptions on paper work. The program costs \$450/annually. Mayor Porter advised Council members to stop into the City Hall office and talk to Tina about it. It also includes a program called E-Courier where the City can get an official stamp of on-line recorded documents at \$2.00 per document. No software is needed, it is a web access service.

Mayor Porter requested an Executive Session Meeting for litigation, contract and personnel.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Kupferer made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation, contract and personnel. Alderman Denton seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Entered into executive session at 8:45P.M. Returned from Executive Session at 9:35P.M.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:35P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk
Margaret Clifton, Recording Secretary