

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, August 16, 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 Straley made a motion to approve the Regular and Executive Session minutes of the August 2, 2010, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Steele passed.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

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

CITIZEN FORUM

Johnny Hernandez, a Board member from Newtrail Outfitters, requested a ½ block street closure on Washington from the alley located ½ block East of Route 1/Dixie Highway to Locust Street on Saturday, August 21st, from 1-3P.M. Newtrail Outfitters will be having a skateboard gathering with music, ramps and rails and younger adults will come and teach children how to skate. Mr. Hernandez stated that he has spoken to downtown businesses and they are OK with the closure, he did not talk to the smoke shop or the two churches. Mr. Hernandez also stated that their insurance covers any event they hold. The City would take care of the placement of the barricades. Mr. Hernandez, three other board members and two volunteers would supervise the event. Safety equipment for skaters was discussed and Mr. Hernandez stated that he would ask participants to wear safety equipment and to sign waivers. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve closure/usage of Washington Street from the the alley by Newtrail Outfitters to Locust Street for a skateboard gathering on August 21, from 1-3P.M. pending review of insurance coverage by Attorney Parish and properly signed waivers. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Mayor Porter to contact Mr. Hernandez once approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Kupferer questioned how much longer Gladiolus Street will be torn up. Mark Nelson stated that the work is to be done this week, depending on the spraying contractor.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderwoman Straley stated that there was a budget and finance meeting tonight to discuss balancing the City's working budget. Cuts have been made but there is still a shortfall of approximately \$223,000. Alderwoman Straley stressed that the City needs to spend off of the working budget rather than the appropriations budget.

Alderman Lesyna presented for consideration and action on an ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$500,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of street, parking lot, sidewalk and lighting improvements within the City. There were no questions therefore Alderman Lesyna made motion to pass an ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$500,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of street, parking lot, sidewalk and lighting improvements within the City. Alderman Puglise seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Ordinance was given #692.

Alderman Lesyna presented for consideration and action on an ordinance repealing the ordinances concerning all night parking on municipal parking lots. Alderman Lesyna stated the the purpose of repealing this ordinance is to allow all night parking at old City Hall and Washington and Pine Street municipal parking lots. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to pass an ordinance repealing the ordinances concerning all night parking on municipal parking lots. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Ordinance was given #693.

Alderman Lesyna presented for consideration and action on an ordinance regarding illegal use of vehicles. Alderman Lesyna stated that this ordinance replaces and updates the vehicle seizure ordinance. There were no questions therefore Alderman Lesyna made a motion to pass an ordinance amending an ordinance regarding illegal use of vehicles. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Ordinance was given #694.

DEPARTMENT HEAD - none

MAYORAL REPORT

Discuss and vote on a resolution for application for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Grant. Mayor Porter stated that he has been working with Baxter Woodman and the possibilities of work IDOT will be doing on Dixie Highway. Together, they have written a grant to submit to the state for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Grant. Alderman Straley made a motion to accept the resolution for application for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Grant. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Resolution was given #137.

Discuss and vote on placing property near Industrial Drive running through Allen Lumber up for sale. Mayor Porter stated that Allen Lumber does use a portion of the rail and that the following would need to be done to place the property for sale: declare the property surplus, get an appraisal for the property and then it can be sold after the statutory process of publishing a notice for the proposed sale, that notice would be published once a week for three consecutive weeks in a local newspaper. Mayor Porter talked to Scott Behrends and he stated that because we own the property there is a financial liability (maintenance of rails and replacement of railroad ties). Mayor Porter stated that it is probably in the City's best interest to sell the property. The purchaser would have to maintain properties directly south of it to keep floodwater off of the adjacent properties. One appraisal proposal received so far was for \$2,500.

Discuss Norfolk Southern request to close Maple and Locust Streets rail grade crossings. Mayor Porter stated that Norfolk is asking the City if they would consider releasing some railroad crossings. Norfolk is going through a consolidation process and they want to decrease the number of rail grade crossings. Norfolk suggested two possible railroad crossings: North Maple Street and Locust Street (both north of 6th Street). A new road from North Franklin to Mechanic Street was discussed in the past to alleviate truck traffic. Mayor Porter stated that the City can give up two and possibly get one back in another location (end of Franklin Street). Aldermen are to contact home owners on Maple and Locust streets to seek their input and concerns. It was stated that Locust Street would be a difficult crossing to close due to truck traffic for surrounding businesses. Alderwoman Metz and Mayor Porter to discuss with surrounding businesses to let them know how these closings are being presented to the City and report back to Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Straley made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation—possibly to come out and do business and contractual—Allied Waste contract extension, possibly to come out and do business. Alderman Denton seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Entered into Executive Session at 8:05 P.M. Returned from Executive Session at 8:50P.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 8:50P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk