

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, October 4, 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.

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 September 20, 2010, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Denton passed.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Alderman Steele questioned the bill from Attorney Nick Cetwinski, who represented Chief Swanson. Alderman Steele stated that County should be paying this bill. The bill shows a breakdown of reviewing documents and telephone conversation but nothing that states exactly what it is for. Mayor Porter stated that it was representation of the City over the Police Department Union as well as Police Department employee situation. The bill was tabled until further investigation. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to approve the bills for payment minus the bill in question. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Denton passed.

CITIZEN FORUM

Johnny Hernandez approached Council regarding the closing of East Washington Street for a skate jam night for New Trail Outfitters on October 9 from 5-9P.M. Sufficient lighting was questioned, signed waivers (under certain age parent had to sign) are required. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the closing of East Washington Street from the alley to Locust using barricades provided by the City on October 9 from 5-9P.M with required signed waivers. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Main Street-Ryan Natschke approached Council reminding them that Border-town Hauntings will be held on October 30, a request was made to close the west side of Washington Street (Dixie to Pine Street) from noon until 4P.M. Mr. Natschke stated that all local residents have been contacted. Alderman Cook made a motion to approve Main Street's request to close the west side of Washington Street (Dixie to Pine Street) from noon until 4P.M. On October 30, 2010. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Jeannine Loftus reported that Deputy Secretary, Kathleen Merrigan, from the USDA will be coming to Momence on October 5, 2010 for a press conference. Mrs. Loftus requested several local officials to come to the event which is

being held at the Main Street office from 1:00–1:30P.M. on October 5, 2010.

OLD BUSINESS

Alderwoman Straley reported that Wednesday, October 6, will be the last farmers market for the year, they are partnering with the Economic Alliance of Kankakee "Made Local Sell Local" featuring Gilster Mary Lee, Van Drunen Farms and Johnsonville Sausage, along with raffles from 3-6P.M.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderwoman Straley called a Budget and Finance Meeting for 6P.M. on Monday, October 18, to begin the process of the tax levy for this fiscal year.

Alderman Kupferer called a Police Committee Meeting for 6:30P.M. on October 18, to review the Police union contract.

Alderman Lesyna reported that at tonight's Ordinance Committee meeting a request for a potential liquor store in old Finer Foods building on Dixie Highway was discussed. The request did not meet the State Statue or Momence Ordinance concerning the required distance from a church. Alderman Lesyna then reported that Mike VanMill from Economic Alliance gave an update inquiring about the City potentially joining the Enterprise Zone. Outline of the program was addressed along with previous concerns of Aldermen. Mr. VanMill would like Council to discuss and potentially consider joining the Enterprise Zone.

Alderman Lesyna presented for first reading a speed zone change in Van Drunen subdivision. The 15 mph speed limit, which is posted in Van Drunen subdivision (west side of Momence), is illegal in the State of Illinois. The minimum speed limit is 20 mph so the Ordinance will be changed to become legal.

Alderman Lesyna presented the First reading of an Ordinance authorizing and providing for the issuance of General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) for the City. Alderman Lesyna noted the need to levy an annual tax sufficient to pay bond principal and interests, page 25 section 14 stated that the City will abate the tax every year, the City has to have that tax in place. Mayor Porter stated that the tax levy happens on the acceptance of the ordinance and gets filed with the county. When the funds that come in through the MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) are enough to pay the principal and interest payments on this bond, each year the City will pass a resolution to abate the taxes that are pledged on this levy. What this bond is based on is using 50% of the MFT Bonds. The City has to show a back up in case there is a failure for those funds to ever be received. First Midstate will notify the County and the City that they need to abate that levy tax. Mayor Porter stated that this is not an increase of tax for the residents of Momence, it is a safeguard in case MFT money were to disappear. City Attorney Parish stated that in order for a levy not to go forward we need to make sure that the abatement ordinances are passed, annually. Resolution or ordinance was discussed.

Attorney Parish clarified from the last Council meeting regarding payments on the bond: the City draws off of this twice a year and requires that funds be set aside 1/12th each month. They are going to pay the bond holders twice a year in June and December. There are funds and those funds will be paid back to the bond purchaser on that basis. At the end there will be no big pile of money, debt reduction will occur and the City would not be on the hook if that did not occur.

DEPARTMENT HEAD

Jenene Henson stated that the Consolidated Election will be held April 5, 2011. Nomination papers to be filed by a candidate consist of: Statement of Candidacy, Nominating Petition Sheets and Receipt for Filing a Statement of Economic Interests. All these papers may be picked up at City Hall, which is located at 29 Dixie Highway, Monday – Friday between the hours of 7:30A.M - 4:30P.M. The filing dates for the Consolidated Election are December 13 through December 20, 2010, at Momence City Hall. The following Aldermanic Seats are up for election: Ward 1: Has a 4 Year Term (Alderwoman Straley) and a 2 Year Term (Alderwoman Denton – appointed/unexpired), Ward 2: Has a 4 Year Term (Alderman Steele), Ward 3: Has a 4 Year Term (Alderman Cook – appointed/expired), Ward 4: Has a 4 Year Term (Alderman Lesyna).

MAYORAL REPORT

Proposed Halloween hours are 4-7PM Sunday, October 31, 2010. Alderman Straley made a motion to set the Halloween hours from 4-7P.M. on Sunday, October 31, 2010. Participants are to only stop at houses that have their lights on. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk