

# THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

MICK PORTER, Mayor  
JENENE HENSON, Clerk  
MARGARET PETERSON, Treasurer

## ALDERMEN

Diann Denton	Richard Kupferer
Bonnie Straley	David Cook
Nova Metz	Mark Lesyna
Charles Steele	Steve Puglise

MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL  
Monday, October 18, 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 Cook made a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of the October 4, 2010, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

## APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Alderman Steele questioned the bill from Attorney Nick Cetwinski asking how much of his bill is directly related to the police union contract and for Chief Swanson. Attorney Cetwinski stated that he represented the City. Attorney Parish stated that he believes the intergovernmental agreement addresses this situation; representation would be as a City employee. Alderman Lesyna 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 - NONE

## OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Kupferer requested weight limit signs heading west on Indiana Avenue to 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church located off Route 1. Mark Nelson to handle.

## ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderwoman Straley mentioned that she has received complaints about the railroad crossing on North Market Street. The concern has been about the obstructed view of the tracks by Van Drunen, no lights and no gates. Alderman Straley will investigate further. The Budget and Finance Committee to start process of the tax levy. Alderman Straley stated that the Tax Levy will not be increased by more than 5% therefore will proceed and it is not required to hold a public hearing. Alderman Straley mentioned that there will be a Farmers market craft sale day at community center coinciding with Main Street Momence Christmas Gathering held in December.

Alderman Steele stated that he had one item for executive personnel, not to come out and do business.

Alderman Kupferer asked if there were questions regarding the Momence Police Union Contract. Alderman Kupferer then made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Police Committee to approve the Police Union Contract as presented. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Alderman Denton Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer,

Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Alderman Lesyna mentioned that the discussion regarding the Enterprise Zone will be tabled with Council's permission until the next City Council meeting. It was also decided that Council will have Kathy Daniels return to address the Council regarding a proposed TNR (trap, neuter and return) ordinance and possible City donation.

Consideration and action on an Ordinance authorizing and providing for the issuance of General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2010 for the City. Mr. David Pistorius with First Midstate presented to Council a summarized version of the process of the issuance of the General Obligation Bonds. Mr. Pistorius stated that the first payment will need to be made in December 2011, and that the City needs to start immediately putting 1/12<sup>th</sup> into an alternate Revenue Bond Fund (2 payments per year). The City will need to create a tax levy fund from taxes that could be levied. If revenue stream becomes insufficient, taxes would be levied to make up the difference. The City will do an annual abatement in November or December so that taxes are not levied. Separate from tax levy for this year; first levy on file will be December 2011. Mr. Pistorius stated that the bonds are callable in 10 years. Alderman Lesyna stated that there are 11 different projects these funds are taking care of.

Alderman Lesyna would like the Council to consider and take action by passing an ordinance authorizing and providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds making a motion to approve this ordinance. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Ordinance was given #696.

Alderman Lesyna stated that if there were no questions he would like to make a motion to approve an Ordinance Amending an Ordinance Regarding Speed Zones. Alderman Puglise seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Ordinance was given #697.

#### DEPARTMENT HEAD

Chief Swanson mentioned that the Police Department has received a highway safety grant and will be working with IDOT (Illinois Department of Transportation) participating during the upcoming holidays by performing seat belt and DUI checks points starting in November and will run throughout the year for different holidays.

#### MAYORAL REPORT

School Board Resolution – Dave Kibbons' Day, October 22, 2010. Mr. Kibbons will be honored at half time of the varsity football game being held at 7P.M. Friday, October 22, 2010. Mayor Porter read the resolution. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the resolution. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Kupferer made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Litigation – Possibly to come out and do business and Personnel – 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 8:04P.M. Returned from Executive Session at 9:30P.M.

Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve chief Swanson's request to hire Brian Dongarra and Timothy Williams as part time police officers and Steve Kelly as an intern part time officer until he completes his police academy training at his own cost. Alderman Denton seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Alderman Straley 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 9:31P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk