

# 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, November 1, 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 Porter called the meeting to order.

### ROLL CALL

Roll was called by the Clerk with Aldermen Denton, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise present. Also present were Mayor Mick Porter and City Attorney Michael Parish. Alderman Straley was absent at this time.

### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Metz made a motion to approve the Regular and Executive Session minutes of the October 18, 2010, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Straley was absent at this time.

### APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Alderman Puglise 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. Alderman Straley was absent at this time.

### CITIZEN FORUM

Terrell Osborne – Enterprise Zone. Mr. Osborne was ill and unable to attend; will be rescheduled for next Council Meeting.

Main Street – Jane Johnson updated Council on the Paint the Town Project. Jeannine Loftus discussed an upcoming guest speaker, Bill Guertin, presenting a customer service workshop on November 18, at 6:30P.M. at the Memorial Building located at 111 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

Citizen, Jay Kerouac, spoke regarding the status of the 5 North Dixie Highway building. Mayor Porter explained that opposing Council had serious accident over the weekend and that hopefully Council will have something to be looked at in the next executive session. Mayor Porter described mediation and stated that the next status date is approximately 3 weeks from now. (This communication covers the Approval of Settlement Agreement that was on tonight's agenda.) Alderman Straley arrived at this time (7:42P.M.)

### OLD BUSINESS

Alderwoman Straley called a Budget and Finance Committee meeting for 6P.M. on November 15, to discuss the tax levy. (Time was changed to 6:30P.M.)

Alderwoman Metz asked if all Council received a DVD over the weekend regarding a situation in the Public Works Department. All Council members stated that they did receive a DVD.

### ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Lesyna was on the agenda to discuss the Enterprise Zone. Mr. Osborne, an employee of Baker and Taylor, was ill for this meeting and will hopefully be available for the next Council meeting as Council members prefer to hear from a local business regarding the advantages for the City and what an Enterprise Zone can do for job expansion.

#### DEPARTMENT HEAD

Becky Peterson mentioned that the City is expecting money for the bonds and that the accounts will be opened tomorrow at First National Bank of Grant Park.

Scott Behrends mentioned that brush pick up will be discontinued the week of November 9; leaf pick up will continue. He stated that there are accusations of a city employee, Jerry Snapp, stealing materials from the City. Mr. Behrends explained what the specifics were stating that for years the City has hauled off anything from diggings etc. to anyone who will take it to get rid of it because it is unusable. This material was taken to Jerry Snapp's property with Scott Behrends permission. The material was dug from a sewer line, it included chunks of black top and gravel. Mayor Porter clarified that removal of this material from the City is because the City has limited space and has no use for it. There is also property on Industrial Avenue that the City has given this material to because it needed to be removed. Discussion of flexibility given to City workers was discussed regarding pick up for children while on the job or needed at home.

Chief Swanson stated that the Police Department has received a grant for traffic enforcement for seat belts and drunk driving checks. Police Department has also received a grant for a Panasonic camera for use in squad cars; this grant is at no cost and the Police Department gets to keep the equipment. A used server was donated for the use of storing camera videos on.

#### MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Porter asked if Council would consider possibly adding another stop sign on 6<sup>th</sup> Street at Ash Street. It is a heavily traveled road and cars are still speeding at that location. Mayor would also like Council to consider adding a stop sign at 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Hickory Circle making this intersection a three way stop. These would both be additions to the ordinance.

Mayor Porter addressed Council regarding revising the Employee Rules and Regulations to change the Presidents Day Holiday to the day after Thanksgiving. This is policy not an ordinance. Alderman Straley made a motion to change the date off for City employees from Presidents day to the day after Thanksgiving. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion. 8 Yeas. 0 Nays. After discussion with Chief Swanson the motion was recommended to be amended as follows: Alderman Straley made a motion to amend the change of City employee holidays still removing Presidents Day and replacing it with the day after Thanksgiving, but not to include the Police Department (including all Police Department employees and all non-collective bargaining members of the Police Department as they will all follow the collective bargaining agreement for holidays). Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion. 8 Yeas. 0 Nays.

Discuss and possibly vote on wireless broad band service system contract. Futureceuticals/Van Drunen Farms would like to place an antenna for a broad band connection for network communication between two of their buildings on the water tower located by the Strongheart building. This request was forwarded to Baxter & Woodman, the City's engineers, to review. Nothing would be attached to the water tower that would affect the integrity of the tower. It was stated that voltage safety was not a concern. A permit would be needed for the box. Contract submitted was for 5 years at \$2500/year. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve giving Mayor Porter authority to proceed with contract negotiations including signing the contract regarding a broad band connection on a City water tower with Van Drunen Farms. Alderman Metz seconded the motion. 8 Yeas. 0 Nays.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION NONE

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:10P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk