

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 Tuesday, January 18, 2011 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 Kupferer made changes to the minutes removing his name from a vote that he had passed on and changing the word accommodation to commendation. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the Regular and Executive Session minutes of the January 3, 2010, Council Meeting as amended. 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 Kupferer 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

Jay Kerouac addressed Council wanting to know if the City of Momence was getting a new police chief, stating that the rumor came from Kankakee County. Mayor Porter stated that he had not heard of this. Mr. Kerouac asked for the status on the City's attempt to dismiss the law suit filed by Lieutenant Cromwell. City attorney Michael Parish stated that the attorneys for the City have filed a motion to dismiss; it is now pending a ruling from the court. The last discussion was of the blue garbage barrels. Mr. Kerouac stated that he drove around the 2nd ward today and there were several garbage barrels still sitting out where they are not supposed to be; garbage pickup is on Friday for this ward. The main concern is that the Ordinance states that these barrels are put out and need to be put away. It was stated that Officer Short, as the City's code enforcer, needs to be sent out to look into this matter. Mr. Kerouac stated that it needs to be more strongly enforced.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderwoman Straley stated that Jim Spice, who does budget and appropriations for Kankakee, will do a walk through of a working budget and explain appropriations and the tax levy at a future Budget and Finance Committee Meeting.

Alderman Lesyna: First Reading of an Ordinance Concerning Smoking in Public Places. This ordinance will allow police to enforce state statutes. Alderman Lesyna stated that a local citizen was concerned about the 30 feet smoking area from front entrances. Citizen requested that Council speak to downtown businesses to get their thought. This Ordinance will be tabled with further review.

First Reading of an Ordinance Concerning Changes to Commercial Sewer Rates. Changes rate surcharge on

suspended solids from 18 cents to 24 cents per one thousand gallons of flow and rate surcharge based upon BOD from 20 cents to 24 cents per one thousand gallons of flow. Also add an annual cost review that reads: The Superintendent, not less than annually, shall prepare an estimate of Mومence Sewer Utility cost components for operation, maintenance and replacement. These estimated costs components shall be reviewed not less than annually and approved by City Council.

First reading on proposed ordinance amending an ordinance regarding garbage collection fees. Moved the garbage collection fees subsection from the chapter dealing with water and sewer to garbage section in the code book, no language was changed.

Resolution for Personal Property Surplus. Authorization of the sale of surplus personal property (two generators). Units are noted as not being worth a lot of money, but advertising might bring something. Put out for bid including private sale after advertising said items. Alderman Lesyna made motion to pass resolution authorizing the sale of surplus personal property, specifically two generators. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Resolution #142.

Alderman Lesyna then reported on tonight's Ordinance meeting stating that the Committee is reviewing the potential employee handbook and called another Ordinance meeting for 6:30P.M. before the next Council meeting on February 7.

DEPARTMENT HEAD

Jeannie Blanchette stated that it is time for the annual increase in the water and sewer rates. Rate increase of the Consumer Price Index is 1.4%. Old water base rate was \$10.53, the new rate is \$10.68. Old per thousand rate was \$1.17, the new rate is \$1.19. Old sewer base rate was \$9.68, the new rate is \$9.82. Old per thousand rate was \$1.92, the new rate is \$1.95. The February bill will reflect January usage.

Scott Behrends stated that banners from the last banner program may be picked up at City Hall. Mr. Behrends is looking into insurance to be collected on water and sewer bills for a maintenance fee of \$5. This maintenance fee/insurance policy will take care of situations where a citizen gets a water leak on their property; insurance fee would cover your water line from the buffalo box to the individual's property. Citizens would be buying insurance from the City of Mومence. The City's Insurance stated that the City could do this. Scott Behrends to gather more information.

TREASURER REPORT

Becky Peterson reported first Alternate Revenue Bond fund payout to Baxter and Woodman, in the amount of \$15,000. She noted that the last payment that City received of local income tax was from last July. There is one more item involving a letter of litigation status to be filed with the Auditor before the Audit could be completed. The receivable payment was put in Council folders; she was thanked by Council for supplying.

MAYORAL REPORT

Discuss and Vote on Fund Transfer From Reserve Accounts. The settlement involving 5 Dixie Highway has been agreed and therefore the request is for a transfer of funds from the Water and Sewer to the General Fund for completion of the settlement. Motion is needed in order to transfer from the Water Depreciation Fund the amount of \$85,000 and the Sewer Depreciation Fund \$85,000. It will be paid back by pursuit of the flex grant from DCEO, the City will need to hold public hearing for this grant; the expectation is more than half to be paid back from the grant. Hope of funding through sale of surplus real estate North of town (railroad), and possibly a tax on citizens to pay off at the fiscal year. Citizen Kerouac stated that the state statute requires it to be paid back in the same year borrowed. It was stated that intentions are of course to follow the law and pay it back. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to transfer from the Water Depreciation Fund the amount of \$85,000 and the Sewer Depreciation Fund \$85,000 to the General Fund. Alderman Cook seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voted yes. Alderman Metz voted no.

No Executive session. Alderman Lesyna 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