

THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

MICK PORTER, Mayor
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ALDERMEN

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

MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL
Monday, March 21, 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. 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

City Clerk Henson stated that there were 2 changes to the minutes: Add the sentence that Alderman Cook and Steele passed on the previous minutes approval and change to Pastor Jordan instead of Pastor Powell. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of the March 7, 2011, Council Meeting as amended. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderwoman Denton passed.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Alderwoman Metz questioned a Phillips 66 bill asking if this was a running tally (several weeks/months) or was it for the last few weeks. Mrs. Blanchette was not at the meeting; Mr. Behrends stated that he thought the City was billed monthly. 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.

CITIZEN FORUM

Alderwoman Straley announced that Momence High School's FFA (Future Farmers of America) River Valley Chapter has made wooden benches to donate to the Farmer's Market. The following members were in attendance for the presentation: Ashley Rich, Amanda Graf, Kathryn Graf and Tyler Jones along with their teacher, Mr. Garrett. Ashley Rich mentioned that if there were any other ideas to contact them.

Ron Whitman was not available to make it to tonight's meeting, therefore, Mr Porter stated that he is looking for a motion to allow the use for the Mobile Food Pantry, on April 20, 2011, from 10 A.M. to 12 P.M. at 123 West River parking lot. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve the use of 123 West River Street parking lot for a Mobile Food Pantry on April 20, 2011, from 10A.M. To 12P.M. Alderman Cook seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Mr. Kerouac questioned the term of rebate regarding the sales tax rebate for Riverside Chevrolet. It was thought that the rebate was for 5 years. Mr. Kerouac stated that the original agreement was for 3 years. Mayor Porter to look into this matter.

OLD BUSINESS-none

ALDERMATIC REPORTS

Alderwoman Straley discussed budget and finance issues in regard to past practices and a new budgeting system. She stated that she has been meeting with a budget and finance expert. The budget has to be passed by the first Monday in May and in order to be able to pass our tax levy there cannot be any glitches in the budget. Because it is already late March, the City will stay with an appropriations budget for this year and will be working towards a budget system with a budget officer.

A Budget and Finance committee meeting was called for April 4, 2011, at 6:30PM. Alderwoman Straley requested all department heads to turn in a proposed budget for new fiscal year showing expenditures for last fiscal year by April 4th. Budget & Finance committee will begin meeting the first Monday of every month at 6:30PM before the City Council meeting, all Department Heads need to attend to discuss expenditures. A packet was passed out regarding municipal finance.

Alderwoman Straley read an informational flyer received from Mike VanMill, Economic Alliance-Kankakee County, regarding the U Enterprise Competition. The first reading of an ordinance repealing 1-12-1 and 1-12-2 Appropriation and borrowing of money replacing with 1-21-1 annual budget and budget officer was tabled.

Alderwoman Straley requested the opening of sealed bids for Auditing Services. City Clerk read the proposals: 1st proposal: Groskreutz, Schmidt, Abraham, Eshleman & Gerretse, Kankakee, IL: April 30, 2011: \$10,800, April 30, 2012: \$11,300 and April 30, 2013: \$11,800. 2nd proposal: WIPFLi, Dixon, IL: April 30, 2011: \$16,250, April 30, 2012: \$16,750 and April 30, 2013: \$17,250. 3rd proposal: Sikich LLP, Aurora, IL: April 30, 2011: \$10,250, April 30, 2012: \$10,575 and April 30, 2013: \$10,875. These bids are being tabled to investigate further the issue of the City paying an auditing firm in addition to an accounting firm.

Alderwoman Metz: Discuss and vote on ordinance for changing the publishing date for delinquent water takers. Alderwoman Metz made a motion to approve passing an ordinance amending an ordinance changing the publishing date for delinquent water takers from: May 15 and November 15 of each year to: end of May and the end of November each year. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Ordinance #708.

Alderman Steele: Discuss and vote on repair / replace of the City's street sweeper. Public Works-Streets and Alleys meeting last Monday members discussed several ideas regarding the street sweeper: replacement is \$160,000, trading it off and getting a used one is still money that the City doesn't have. Discussed hiring it out and financing. Mr. Behrends reevaluated the situation and the Public Works department will try, with Council's approval, to do the repairs themselves. The parts would cost approximately \$1,800 with the idea that they would possibly not be able to sweep streets as much as they have in the past and will "nurse" it until it can be replaced. Alderman Steele made a motion to allow the street sweeper to be repaired, not to exceed \$2,000, which will be taken from the General Fund: Downtown Area-Local Improvements (line item #105835). Alderman Cook seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Alderman Lesyna presented a first reading of a proposed ordinance regarding permissible burning, the police department would like the ordinance moved from the health and sanitation section to the police section along with the title being changed from permissible burning to illegal burning.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Mark Nelson stated that they will be flushing hydrants, March 31 and April 1 from 9A.M.-3:30P.M. On April 6, Momence High School will tour the Water and Sewer department (Environmental Science class).

Scott Behrends stated there is a 1997 silver squad car, stripped out, and the Police department is not using it. The City cleaned it up to possibly put out for bids, it has a blown head gasket and is not worth fixing. Discussion was to put it out for bids to see what the City can get for it or list it as surplus. It was also stated that there is a Chevy canine car at Mr. Metz's garage, which was stripped out and does not run. It was decided that Scott Behrends will get scrap value of the 1997 silver squad car.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Peterson stated that everyone should have a copy of the Interfund Payables / Receivables report; it appears high this month; no transfers have been made.

MAYORAL REPORT - none

EXECUTIVE SESSION-none

Alderman Kupferer 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