

THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

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

ALDERMEN

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| Sean Prophet | Richard Kupferer |
| Bonnie Straley | David Cook |
| Nova Metz | Mark Lesyna |
| Charles Steele | Steve Puglise |

MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL Monday, May 2, 2011 Council Meeting

Time: 7:30P.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 to organize 2011-2012 Momence City Council.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called by the Clerk with Aldermen Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise present. Also present was Mayor Mick Porter.

City Clerk recognized the county clerk's certification of the April 5, 2011 election, seated elected council members: Bonnie Straley, Sean Prophet, Charles Steele, David Cook and Mark Lesyna by administering the Oath.

Appointment of City Council committees: Budget and Finance Chairman: Bonnie Straley and committee members Nova Metz, Mark Lesyna and Rich Kupferer; Streets and Alleys Chairman: Chuck Steele and committee members Sean Prophet, David Cook and Steve Puglise; Police Committee Chairman: Rich Kupferer and committee members: Sean Prophet, Chuck Steele and Mark Lesyna; Local Improvement Chairman: David Cook and committee members: Bonnie Straley, Chuck Steele and Steve Puglise; Ordinance Committee Chairman: Mark Lesyna and committee members Bonnie Straley, Nova Metz and Rich Kupferer; and Water and Sewer Chairman: Nova Metz and committee members Sean Prophet, David Cook and Steve Puglise. Set regular council meeting dates – first and third Monday's of the month at 7:30P.M. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to adjourn the reorganization meeting, Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Aldermen Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

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APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of the April 29, 2011, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Cook seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Prophet passed.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

A question was asked on the animal control bill and it was stated that it is billed monthly. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve the bills for payment. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

CITIZEN FORUM

Mr Kerouac questioned Momenca City Treasurer regarding the Riverside Chevrolet sales tax abatement checks issued from May 2010 – February 2011. It was questioned how this information was given to City Hall and who determines the amounts. It was stated that it is a percentage of their sales. Riverside gives City Hall the information, along with the sales receipts. It was also asked if the City will be getting the money back from Riverside Chevrolet. Mr. Kerouac stated that discussion about a tax abatement does not qualify for closed session.

Mr. Kerouac then questioned the Intergovernmental Agreement between Chief Swanson, County and the City of Momenca as to why the Chief is furnished with a car and all expenses. It was questioned why the Chief cannot enforce ordinance violations and Chief Swanson answered that no members of the Sheriff's department are able to enforce ordinance violations. Chief Swanson stated that Momenca Police Officers can enforce ordinance violations.

Bruce Zimmerman approached Council asking permission to use the River Street parking lot for the Gladiolus Festival River Street Dances held during Glad Fest on August 10-14, 2011. Alderman Straley made a motion approving Gladiolus Festival Association the use of River Street parking lot on the dates mentioned above. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

OLD BUSINESS-none

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderwoman Straley stated that at the Budget and Finance meeting held tonight formulas to balance the budget were discussed. At the Public hearing for the Appropriation's Ordinance there was a concern regarding MFT expenditures, Council wanted to be transparent with the funds; Council to check with attorney to confirm whether MFT funds are to be in Appropriations Ordinance.

Alderman Kupferer discussed hiring of a part-time police officer. Chief Swanson stated that extra part-timers are needed to fill up patrol staff for vacations and shortages. There are four part-time officers right now. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve hiring Miguel Ayala as part-time officer. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Discuss and vote on purchasing a 2008 Crown Victoria with 38,000 miles from the Village of Bradley Police Department's Canine Unit for a cost of \$1,364.00 a month for eleven month's. It was stated that the equipment is only 6 months old. Bradley Police Department is allowing the City of Momenca an interest free loan for this fiscal year, the total price would be \$15,000. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to purchase the 2008 Crown Victoria from Bradley Police Department for \$15,000 payments with the final payment due buy the end of the fiscal year, Alderman Cook seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Discuss and vote on placing surplus vehicles out for bid. Alderman Kupferer stated that there are three vehicles that are getting old and need to be taken out of service. A 1997 Ford Crown Victoria with approximately 111,000 miles (already replaced), a 2000 Ford Crown Victoria with approximately 104,000

miles (reducing fleet) and a 2004 Ford Crown Victoria with approximately 103,000 miles (currently being used for the canine vehicle-equipment would be put out for bid at an auction). Chief Swanson stated that his goal was to start cutting back on vehicles, looking to rotate stock and getting more updated cars with lower mileage. It was stated that there is another Momence Police car at Metz Towing that could be added to the list of surplus cars. Bradley Police Department has a 2008 fully outfitted canine car with 38,000 miles for \$15,000. Bradley has offered a no interest loan requesting that it be paid off in this fiscal year. It was stated that by selling these vehicles will help offset this cost. Possibility of refurbishing cars was discussed. Approximate timing of receiving canine vehicle was 35-40 days. It was stated to specify that these surplus vehicle sales go into a fund for purchasing the new canine vehicle. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve to put the 1997 Crown Victoria, the 2000 Crown Victoria and the 2004 Crown Victoria out for bid, along with the one at Metz Towing (either bid or junk), with all funds going into a fund for purchasing the Police canine car from Bradley Police Department. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief Swanson stated that there have been several complaints regarding building code issues and after reviewing the ordinance that covers this, all these buildings are in violation. In 2008, Council approved the building property maintenance code book, the 2012 book will become available soon and Chief Swanson suggested Council wait until we get/approve the new code book before we update ordinances. It was stated that rusted roofs, no screens on windows, etc., are more than a police violation. Suggestion was to proceed with template letter for City and Police Department, notifying people, keeping record, if not compliant within so many days then issue citations, with the idea of voluntary compliance. A lot of complaints are cosmetic, back stairs and broken windows; safety issues were discussed. Police need direction, policy procedure to follow. It was discussed to have a Local Improvement and Ordinance Committee meeting together to investigate further. Local Improvement Meeting only was scheduled for Monday, May 9, at 6:30P.M. to discuss Main Street Momence hanging baskets and the building code issues.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Peterson stated that the water and sewer transfers were made and reduced amount owed by approximately \$92,000. It was stated that the state of Illinois is behind in paying the City by approximately 4-5 months. MFT tax fund was discussed stating that the accountant handles the fund; the report shows the money and interest deposited during that fiscal year and amounts paid out of it.

MAYORAL REPORT

Proclamation for National Police Week. Mayor Porter read the proclamation and designated May 15 -21, 2011, as Police Week and May 15, 2011 as Peace Officer's Memorial Day.

Vote on appointments/re-appointments of attorney and committees. Mayor Porter requested the following appointments/re-appointments: reappoint Jeannine Blanchette as City Collector, reappoint Mark Nelson as Superintendent of Water and Sewer, reappoint Jerry Snapp as Superintendent of Streets and Alley, appoint Lisa Wogan as the representative to the Kankakee County Convention & Visitors Bureau, reappoint Bob Bleyle as the representative to the Annual Christmas Dinner Board. For the appointment of City Attorney, Mr. Porter requested appointment at \$200 per hour, Mr. Stewart Diamond of Ancil and Glink. As special counsel for prosecution, traffic court and adjudication processes appoint Mr. Michael Parish. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve appointments/re-appointments as listed above. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Metz voted no.

Conrad Park Board appoint: David Cook, Elsie Moore, Bette Dionne, Kay Laue, Becky Peterson, Ron Hess; Historical House Board appoint: Margaret Clifton, Nancy Vickery, Lorraine McNulty, Board still needs 2 additional members; Tree Board appoint: David Cook, Linda Lund, Fran LeBeau, Janine Loftus, Rich Laue; Plan and Zone Commission appoint: Steve Lund Chairman, Marty Mattocks, Linda Krause, Clerk, Brian Schnepf, Stanley Jensen, Ann Dionne, Janice Martin, Alderwoman Nova Metz, Mayor Porter; Zoning

Board of Appeals appoint: Steve Lund, Chairman, Joanne Hermann, Clerk, Linda Krause, Shannon Demack, Brian Schnepf, Steve Loftus, Alderman Sean Prophet, Mayor Porter; Alderman Lesyna made a motion to approve appointments as listed above. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Approval of liquor license for a business where 89 feet across the street there is a church. Mayor Porter stated that the primary business would be the floral shop, wine tasting and sale of Illinois wines would be the secondary business. Mayor Porter then stated that if it ended up a search was done and floral wasn't supporting majority of the business, then it could be questioned; the City would not be blamed. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve the liquor license for Debbie Lampley (Off the Vine). Alderman Cook seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Straley, Metz and Steele voted no. Motion carried.

Approval of Bond Museum business plan demands a business plan with the cost being \$3,000 and will be paid for through donations sent to the Kankakee County Museum. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve entering into an agreement with Rick Hassett at no cost to the City to prepare a business plan for the Bond Museum paid for through donations sent to the Kankakee County Museum. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Mayor Porter stated that the Riverside Chevrolet abatement is to be discussed in open meeting. The contract in place - abatement of ½ percent of the sales tax, thought to be a 5 year abatement, however it does state that it is a 3 year contract. Dealership has requested that the City extend the abatement for 2 additional years, request is whether to pursue and was opened for discussion. Alderman Straley stated that she is against a tax abatement because of the financial situation the City is in. It was stated that the 2 years would account for the one year that is already over. Alderman Lesyna stated that it is a three year contract, both parties signed and it is over with. Mayor Porter stated that while he realizes economic times are hard, there is a need for incentive to have a business such as this to remain in Momence. Alderman Straley stated that no parameters are set up for sales tax abatements. Mayor Porter stated that a budget and finance committee meeting would be good to hold and invite the owner of Riverside Chevrolet to discuss further, the meeting was scheduled for June 6 (at the regularly scheduled Budget and Finance Committee meeting).

Alderman Kupferer made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel possibly to come out and do business. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Entered into Executive Session at 8:40P.M. Returned from Executive Session at 9:05P.M.

Alderman Straley made a motion to approve a 2% raise for Streets and Alley employees and Water and Sewer employees excluding, per their request, Jeannine Blanchette, Scott Behrends and Jerry Snapp effective May 4, 2011. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:10P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk