

THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

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

MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, September 6, 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 Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise present. Also present was Mayor Mick Porter.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Metz made a motion to approve the Regular, Executive and Closed Session minutes of the August 15, 2011, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the bills for payment. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

CITIZEN FORUM

Dan Gero – Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive. Mr. Gero requested permission for Knights of Columbus to stand on the intersection of Dixie Highway and Shell Gas Station, Washington Street and Second Street on September 23 and 24, 2011, from 7AM–12PM. Alderman Kupferer made motion to approve the Knights of Columbus requested as stated above. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Ron Gall was to approach Council regarding questions on re-zoning Community Center. He was not in attendance.

Becky Collins raised \$150.00 to help with the cost of the insurance deductible for the Log Cabin that recently caught on fire.

Jay Kerouac approached the Mayor regarding the refund from 007 project. Mayor Porter stated that money donated was used to pay for a reception for prospective donors. He also stated that the donated funds paid for the start of the business plan paying off the work that had been completed. Mr. Kerouac then requested an update of the Cromwell court litigation, Mayor Porter stated that it was still in court awaiting response for a motion to dismiss. Mr. Kerouac then discussed the “zoning mess”, stating that there was a Public Hearing notice in the Progress Reporter requesting to change the status of the property that the community center sits on for special use. He stated that in order to change property from business for special use there had to be an ordinance. He then stated that changing the community center property to M1, with the possibly of different businesses / manufacturing in a residential area was not a good idea. Mayor Porter stated that if the meeting notice was in the paper that a cancellation notice would be needed. Mr. Kerouac stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals has no jurisdiction when it comes to rezoning. Mr. Kerouac also asked who was on the Budget and Finance Committee.

OLD BUSINESS-none

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Straley made a motion to table the two items that were on tonight's agenda until the next Council meeting: Discuss and possibly vote on amending the Appropriation Ordinance for 2011-2012 and discuss and possibly vote to approve the budget for 2011-2012. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Straley called a Budget and Finance Committee meeting for 6:45P.M. On Monday, September 19. She also mentioned that Andy Rivard will be donating a Christmas tree for the Christmas gathering.

Alderman Metz stated that the Lions Club Candy Day will be Saturday, October 8, from 7-11AM and requested Dixie Highway at Second Street, Washington and Shell intersections to do candy day. Alderman Straley made a motion, to approve Lions Club Candy Day on date/location and time mentioned above. Alderman Prophet seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Alderman Lesyna presented: First reading on the Dog and Cat Ordinance; adding police department items that were recommended. First reading for List of Fines and Fees Ordinance; fines have been added for recently updated ordinances and also added fines for dog and cat ordinance. First reading of the general penalty in the City of Momence with minor changes.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief Swanson stated that traffic grants have been awarded concentrating on DUI enforcement and seat belts.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Becky Peterson stated that 2009 – current statistics regarding property, sales and income tax data are in Council's folders to review.

MAYORAL REPORT

Discuss and vote on putting bids out for Log Cabin construction. Mayor Porter met with Friends of the Park members to discuss whether the cabin is capable of being repaired. It was suggested that corn cob blasting be done to it and they also looked at taking down everything except the chimney and slab. An architect, Leonard Wisniewski, offered help creating the plans that could be used to rebuild the Log Cabin. Mayor Porter suggested that the City put out for bids for the demolition and rebuilding of the Log Cabin using materials that the City would supply, he stated that there were log companies that could get us the timbers; the goal is to recreate the cabin. Insurance coverage is \$23,500, with a \$1,000 deductible. Bid would be to look for company to remove remains of cabin and/or rebuild. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve putting this out for bid removal of remains of the log cabin and to rebuild. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Mayor Porter then stated that Main Street needed to reschedule Cruise Night to September 27th, from 6:00P.M to 8:00 P.M. and requested permission to close West Washington Street. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve Main Street rescheduling of cruise night to September 27, 6-8pm and for the closure of West Washington Street. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk