

# THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

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

## ALDERMEN

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

## MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL Monday, November 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 Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise present. Also present was Mayor Mick Porter.

### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

One change in regular session minutes: Alderman Kupferer not Alderman Cook called a police committee meeting (last paragraph of page 1). Alderman Cook made a motion to approve the Regular and Executive Session minutes of the November 7, 2011, Council Meeting as amended above. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Straley passed.

### 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

Jay Kerouac addressed Council on several issues: Open Meeting Act. Mr. Kerouac read from the Illinois Municipal Handbook page 214 which stated what can and cannot be talked about in closed session minutes; all final action must take place in open rather than closed or executive session. Appropriation Ordinance: passed amendment to Appropriations Ordinance for reasons of extra expenses: when it came out in paper one was not discussed in public meeting (\$700,000). Alderman Straley will look into this.. Resolution for Plein Settlement: Council passed a resolution to abate payment until end of fiscal year 2012. What was left out of resolution is how much was to be held until the end of this fiscal year. Alderman Lesyna to look into this.

### OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Steele stated that Council had approved to have Neil Trudeau remove railroad tracks north of the City. He was allowed to keep the scrap and paid the city \$10,000 for the tracks that were removed.

## ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Metz: Vote to approve the recommendation of the Plan & Zone Commission to accept two variance requests. Planning and zone meeting met Wednesday, November 16 regarding two variances, one at 311 East Indiana Street where the homeowners plan on building an oversized garage. Alderman Metz made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Plan and Zone Commission for a variance at 311 East Indiana Street. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

The second variance request was for 402 West Sixth Street to extend fencing from the side of the house (where the back door is) connecting to the fully enclosed back yard. Alderman Metz made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Plan and Zone Commission for a variance at 402 West Sixth Street to extend fencing as stated above. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Alderman Steele: Discuss and vote on agreement for Battery back-ups for all traffic lights with IDOT (Illinois Department of Transportation). The City has been awarded a grant for all traffic lights in town to be on battery backups costing approximately \$60,000; the City is to pay 5% of this. IDOT prefers that stop signs not be used in outages and is concerned about the flow of traffic. Was asked by IDOT to put on agenda. Funds would possibly come out of Street and Alleys: Contingencies. This work has to be bid out; IDOT will get back with a final price. Alderman Steele made a motion to approve Mayor Porter signing the agreement to go forward with the grant. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Alderman Kupferer: Discuss and vote on scrapping the 1997 Crown Victoria with blown head gasket. Vehicle was put out for bid with no results. Scrap price \$500. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve scrapping the Crown Victoria. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Accepting the grant for the Live Scan Machine. Police Department has been awarded a Federal grant, 25% match, \$10,000 machine hooked up to State Bureau of Identification. Data lines in place. Fee based applications could be run through this. Funds to be taken out of Police Department budget: computer IT and equipment purchases. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve accepting the grant for the Live Scan Machine with the cost to the City approximately \$2518. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

## DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Scott Behrends discussed a grant regarding stop signs and posts for the City through a Federal grant; Kankakee County is taking the lead. City needs to agree to going on board with them, Federal stated that by the year 2013, all stop signs have to be high intensity, this grant will pay for the remaining of the stop signs, posts and hardware that need to be replaced. Street signs will need to be replaced by 2018.

Mark Nelson attending water main river crossing meeting next week and will inform Council of what comes out of the meeting.

Chief Swanson stated that the old canine vehicle is in Grant Parks name and no titles could be found and no transfers were made. This vehicle will be scrapped and will be processed with junk papers.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Becky Peterson - none

Jenene Henson: City Clerk Henson reported that the Audit Report covering the receipt and disbursement of Motor Fuel Tax funds by the City of Momence for the period beginning January 1, 2008, and ending December 31, 2010, has been received from the Illinois Department of Transportation. The Auditor's Certificate reads as follows: We hereby certify that we have audited the books and records in so far as they pertain to the receipt and disbursement of the Motor Fuel Tax Fund of the City of Momence for the period beginning January 1, 2008, and ending December 31, 2010, and that entries for receipts in these books and records are true and correct and are in agreement with the records maintained by the Department of Transportation.

#### MAYORAL REPORT

Vote on workman's compensation and liability insurance renewal. Slight increase from \$154,500, which was last year's workman's compensation and liability insurance to this year's insurance amount of \$158,727, upon acceptance. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve the contract for insurance renewal. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Discuss and vote on acceptance of liquor license for TAPP Management LLC. Local establishment requesting a liquor license, the completed application has been turned in however, not yet able to submit proof of dram insurance. They are seeking a Class A and B license, location is 201 East Washington, formerly Americas Restaurant. Mayor Porter would like Council to grant this liquor license pending final papers and all insurance. Alderman Prophet made a motion to approve liquor license request to TAPP management LLC pending final papers and all insurance. Alderman Puglise seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Kupferer made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel: Police, Street and Alley and Water and Sewer - Possibly to come out and do business. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Entered into executive session at 8:05P.M. Returned from Executive Session at 8:34P.M.

Alderman Metz read a letter of resignation of Bob Nickles from the Water and Sewer department effective 12/27/2011, the letter also stated that he will work part time 11 hours per week.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:34P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk