

THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

MICK PORTER, Mayor
JENENE HENSON, Clerk
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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 3, 2012 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 Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise present. Also present was Mayor Mick Porter.

Special recommendation was made by Mayor Porter to appoint Diann Denton as First Ward Alderman. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve Mayor Porter's appointment of Diann Denton as Alderman, Ward 1. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Alderman Denton was then sworn in by the City Clerk, who then acknowledged roll call to Alderman Denton.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Metz made a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of the December 19, 2011, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Cook seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Denton passed.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Alderman Straley stated that at tonight's Budget and Finance meeting the committee reviewed bills for payment; Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the bills for payment. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Denton passed.

CITIZEN FORUM

Mr. Kerouac questioned Line Item #103500-November 2011, Income Statement, regarding revenues. Bond fund payment is what Mr. Kerouac stated that this was and that it shouldn't be there.

OLD BUSINESS-none

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Straley: First reading of the amended appropriation Ordinance. Corrected removing the

\$710,000 in revenue fees, did not change total amount of appropriation ordinance; will vote on at next council meeting.

Alderman Metz: Discuss and vote on additional \$1,000.00 cost for soil sampling at Community Center by Midwest Petroleum. Proposal needed to bore two more spots inside the community center at a cost of no more than \$1,000, the access hole has been drilled by the City already. Alderman Metz made a motion to approve not to exceed \$1,000 for Midwest Petroleum Services to bore two more spots at the Community Center. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Denton passed.

Alderman Kupferer commended Chief Swanson for getting a vehicle for the City from the Department of Defenses' surplus vehicles that are put out to agencies. This vehicle will be used for search and rescue and other tasks/operations. There was no cost to the City other than fuel cost to acquire.

Alderman Lesyna: Discuss and vote on an ordinance for list of fines. Updating ordinance concerning the City's list of fines and fees, updating animal violation line item and also added line item for recreational burning. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to pass an ordinance amending an ordinance concerning the City of Momence's list of fines and fees. Alderman Puglise seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Denton passed. Ordinance # 731.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Jeannie Blanchette stated that she will inform Council when CPI (Consumer Price Index) is announced for annual increase of Water/Sewer rates which will reflect February's bill, January usage.

Chief Swanson stated that Officer Navratil assisted an agency with canine search, activity resulted in recovery

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Becky Peterson-none

MAYORAL REPORT

Discuss and vote on Appeals Board's recommendation to allow fencing variance at 117 N. Maple Street. The Zoning Board of Appeals has recommended that the owner be allowed to replace fence. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve allowing variance at 117 North Maple Street. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Denton passed.

Discuss Cell site management proposal from Unison. They are interested in the ground lease the City has with US Cellular. They offer to purchase the land leases then contract other tenants for the towers. Unison offering to purchase the ground lease for \$121,000 paid to the City, the City then grants them 250 square feet surrounding tower. City receives \$1448 per month now with current contract and in this proposal city will receive this no more. Any tenants after purchase from Unison, the City and UNISON will split equally. Question of legality of bidding out contract for several years, attorney looking into. Gathering additional proposals was discussed. Council to think about and look into further. Current lease renews every 5 years; Mayor to check renewal date.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Straley made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Litigation (Patriot Construction) and well as personnel union issue – Possibly to come out and do business. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Entered into executive session at 8:00P.M. Returned from Executive Session at 8:15P.M.

Alderman Straley made a motion to pursue legal recourse against Patriot Construction using the services of Ackman, Marek, Meyer and Couglan, Ltd. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Next council meeting will be on Tuesday, January 17, in observance of all who celebrate the Martin Luther King holiday.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk