

# THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

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

## ALDERMEN

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

## MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL Tuesday, January 17, 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 Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise present. Also present was Mayor Mick Porter.

### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Cook made a motion to approve the Regular and Executive Session minutes of the January 3, 2012, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

### APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

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

### CITIZEN FORUM-none

### OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Kupferer stated that Momence police cars are getting dated and repair bills are increasing. Chief Swanson is looking into a possible lease program and will hopefully address this issue with the new budget coming up.

### ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Straley: Discuss and vote on amending appropriation ordinance. Purpose of amending appropriation ordinance was to remove revenue section in the amount of \$710,000. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve amending the appropriation ordinance for the fiscal year 2012. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Ordinance #732. Budget and Finance committee

meeting was called for 7:15P.M., February 6, to go over bills.

Alderman Metz called a Water and Sewer committee meeting on February 6, at 6:45P.M. with Baxter Woodman regarding watermain on the southside of Momence. Soil samples came back from the Momence Community Center; the Company did find gas contamination in some of the soil inside the building. Scott Behrends stated that they were level 1 where gas tank was, very minimal and can be dug out. Allied would bring a container over. Midwest would have to come back and be there when soil is removed, more samples would need to be taken. Approximately \$600 for removal (Allied) and \$1000-\$2000 (Midwest). Samples would be pulled as dug out. Midwest has to inform EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) about this. Findings from Midwest will be accepted from EPA.

Alderman Lesyna: Discuss and vote on a resolution to clarify and reallocate fund expenses and reimburse the General fund for expenses attributable to the water and sewer funds (for Liability/Workers Compensation Insurance premium credit from water/sewer department to general fund.) Alderman Lesyna read the resolution stating it had been created by the City attorney. Total amount paid from the General Fund attributable to the water and sewer fund during the period was \$233,062.00. Resolution 141 and 150 borrowed \$170,000 from the Water and Sewer fund to pay for the agreement between the City and David Plein. \$170,000 of the \$233,062 will reimburse the loan, leaving a balance of \$63,062, which will be credited to the General fund. It was stated that \$20,000 of the \$170,000 owed, had already been paid to the Water and Sewer fund. Treasurer Becky Peterson to take care of fixing the \$20,000 difference. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to approve the resolution. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Resolution #151.

First reading on Stop sign ordinance. New intersection at extension of River Street (gravel road) and Virden Street. An accident occurred at this intersection because of no stop signs so Council will look at making this intersection a three way stop. Discuss and vote on at next meeting.

## DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief Swanson stated that an intern started helping out this week. Reimbursement from 2 grant programs: live scan and bulletproof vest program (9 new vests-good for 5 years). Money will be placed in city account approximately \$10,000 total.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Becky Peterson. nothing to report.

## MAYORAL REPORT

Appointment of Alderman Denton to Zoning Board of Appeals, Street and Alley, Water and Sewer and Police Committees. Alderman Straley made a motion to accept the appointment of Alderman Denton as mention above. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Attorney General's office visited Momence City Hall regarding handicapped access to City Hall (Dixie Highway). Four pieces of information were discussed/needed: copies of ramp plans, drop box for water bills too high, directional signage for location of wheelchair ramp and lower counter for people to make payments.

Followup regarding Cell Management Company: Mayor Porter did speak to another cell cite management company, they sent proposal. Mayor Porter spoke to attorney at Melrose Park regarding same situation, discussed pros/cons based on decision to sale these leases: where they thought technology would be in future, towers become extinct, current lease. Mayor Porter also called US Cellular who owns tower and they are interested in talking to the City. Mayor Porter to look into further.

Mr. Jay Kerouac asked if Mr. Diamond is still out city attorney and why we hired someone else for legal issues. Mayor Porter stated that the City went with local attorneys because the suit will be filed in this county, making it more cost effective for the City.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - none

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk