

# 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, February 21, 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. City Clerk Henson 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. Mayor Porter was absent. City Clerk Henson stated that a motion is needed to appoint a Mayor Pro Temp.

Alderman Kupferer made a motion to appoint Alderman Lesyna as Mayor Pro Temp. Alderman Cook seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Lesyna passed.

### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Cook made a motion to approve the Regular and Executive Session minutes of the February 6, 2012, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Denton seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

### APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Alderman Straley stated that bills were discussed at tonight's Budget and Finance Committee Meeting. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the bills for payment. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

### CITIZEN FORUM

Main Street – Request street closures. Requests were: Cruise Nights from 5P.M. To 8:30P.M.: June 12, July 10, August 14 (West Washington, Dixie to Pine) and June 26, July 24, August 28 (East Washington, Dixie to Locust). Dixie Daze: Use of gravel area east of Gilster Mary Lee on the south side of Washington Street. Border Town Hauntings from 10AM-5PM, October 27 West Washington Dixie to Pine. Christmas Gathering 12P.M.-8P.M. December 1 – West Washington, Dixie to Pine. It was decided to table this request until all businesses have been spoken to and/or given a letter regarding street closures and possibly signing off that they have received notice.

Mr. Kerouac: Defer question on lawsuits until next meeting. Questioned 2006 property maintenance code book: code violations, pictures were given, . Property Maintenance Inspector is to be appointed: City does not have one. Mr. Kerouac stated that three copies were to be on file at a certain location one needs to be a City Hall. Alderman Lesyna stated that Council is to get a copy at City Hall and Chief Swanson stated that he recently recommended to Council to update to 2011-2012 Code Book, which will be done in the near future. Alderman were then presented with a picture of a refrigerator that needs to be addressed.

## OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Steele discussed the recently voted on Enterprise Zone stating that the boundaries set do not include certain areas of businesses in Momence and therefore they are not allowed the perks and tax incentives given to other businesses in town. Alderman Lesyna stated that Mayor Porter is looking into getting it expanded. It was stated that this puts other local businesses / properties at a disadvantage and needs to be looked into further.

## ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Straley called a 7:15PM Budget and Finance Meeting for Tuesday, March 6, 2012..

Alderman Metz: Discuss and vote on south side water line plan and IEPA loan application. Baxter Woodman presentation was done at last Water and Sewer meeting; water main to south side on recommendation of Water and Sewer meeting was best to do Alternative 2, which is east side of tracks across the tip of Mill Street/Island Park going up Gregg Boulevard for the water main. Different route than in the past, \$20,000 for application fee to be started by March 31. Application fee will provide new drawings, easement and filling out the loan. It was stated that Don Reising is fine where his property is to be used. This will get the City within the deadline to apply for the loan. Easements, agreements and disturbance was discussed. The process is to provide money for engineering for new alternate route and applying for the loan. Deadline is if we don't get this engineering done then we cannot apply for the loan. Engineering fee is the \$20,000 and then they will apply for the loan application. Mr. Kerouac stated that no vote was made during the Water and Sewer Committee Meeting. Alderman Metz stated that the Water and Sewer Committee recommended this alternative. Money to possibly come from Water and Sewer depreciation fund. Alderman Cook made a motion to approve Mayor Porter entering into a contract with Baxter Woodman to proceed with the \$20,000 engineering for the new route for the south side water main project. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Steele voted no stating lack of information.

Discuss and vote on painting the water tower. Bid from AM-Coat to paint the blue tower by the High School (it has never been painted before). It was stated that AM-COAT is the only company that will paint a water tower while the water tanks are full (it would take a couple days each to drain and to fill- water tower will be out of service for about a month, if needed to be drained). \$6,500 (just to paint) plus an additional \$3,000 (painting MOMENCE on it). They all have been cleaned and needs to be painted in the spring or fall. Alderman Metz called a Water and Sewer meeting for Tuesday, March 19, at 6:45P.M. to discuss further.

Alderman Lesyna stated that a closed session to review executive minutes will follow tonight's Council meeting.

Discuss and vote the River Roundtable Resolution. Mayor Porter hit highlights at last meeting. Alderman Lesyna received phone call questioning what was their plan; an action plan was distributed. It was discussed to wait to provide support and that state and federal money would have to be involved before anything can be done. Alderman Steele mentioned that it doesn't state anywhere what kind of financial responsibility there is and that the financial obligation could possibly be to the City. The resolution was tabled.

#### DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief Swanson mentioned that they have completed an application for a grant opportunity similar to the escape truck; Chief to report back to Council if awarded.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Becky Peterson-none

#### MAYORAL REPORT

Discuss and vote on Baxter and Woodman proposal for sidewalk engineering. Tabled until next meeting.

Discuss and vote on hiring Nick Cetwinski for union negotiations. Mr. Cetwinski helped with the original contract. It was stated that it was in the City's best interest to have legal representation for the upcoming police contract. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve the City hiring Nick Cetwinski for union negotiations for \$150.00 per hour. Alderman Cook seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION – none

Alderman Straley made a motion to enter into closed session to review executive minutes. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Council entered into closed session at 8:17P.M. Council returned from closed session at 8:25P.M.

Alderman Straley 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 8:25P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk