

THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

MICK PORTER, Mayor
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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, March 6, 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, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise present. Also present was Mayor Mick Porter. Alderman Denton and Metz were absent.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve the Regular and Closed Session minutes of the February 21, 2012, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Alderman Straley stated that the bills were discussed during tonight's Budget and Finance Committee meeting and one bill is requested to be added because of late submission: \$1,000 to Don Kiger (City Building Inspector). Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the bills for payment with the addition of the \$1,000 payment to Don Kiger (bill submitted late). Alderman Cook seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Steele passed.

CITIZEN FORUM

Main Street – Street Closures. 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. Discussion about notification of street closures from previous meeting. Petition was given to Council stating that street closures in general have not been discussed with affected businesses. Concern was that Main Street has not gone to businesses informing the businesses of the street closures. It was discussed to possibly create form and take to businesses getting signature from businesses that they were notified. Alderman Puglise stated that his thought was that the streets belong to the City. Mayor Porter stated that Cruise Nights and Dixie Days have been around for several years. Alderman Straley stressed that the businesses support the City and it is a courtesy to be extended to them when streets are being closed, the City is approving or denying these closures, therefore notification should come from the City. It was discussed to advertise it in the paper and place in window at City Hall ahead of time so that businesses may come to the City if they have issues. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve Main Street's request for

street closures as mentioned above. Alderman Puglise seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Alderman Kupferer mentioned that the City needs to be consistent with all organizations regarding street closures when approved by Council by publishing them on the City's website and also on organization's website, in addition to printing in the local paper and posting on the City's bulletin board at City Hall.

Mike Van Mill – Resolution for Illiana Corridor Study. Mr. Van Mill was unable to attend and will reschedule.

Jay Kerouac addressed Council regarding January Income Statement, garbage fees and ordinance violations. January Income Statement: Momenca Packing bond (\$3,500); Mayor Porter stated this was an error, wrong item number. Motor Fuel Tax Fund deficit of \$435,000; this bill has been paid, confusion with accounting on where bond revenue is to be shown, Mayor Porter stated money is being handled properly. Garbage fees: Fuel Surcharge average based on May (letter written in May) was discussed, not computed correctly. Ordinance violations: The only one that got taken care of was the refrigerator; Mr. Kerouac has been harassed. Mayor Porter stated that when complaints are submitted the Police Department responds.

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Steele brought up a petition circulated for Enterprise Zone and presented copies, looking at revising it to include all commercial businesses. Puts businesses not included in the Enterprise Zone at a disadvantage. Alderman Steele stated that all taxpayers and all businesses contribute. Not being in this Enterprise Zone takes the appeal of property away from those not included. North and south side properties that have bigger room for expansion are included along with downtown (needing improvement). It was stated that every business should be entitled to these benefits. Jack Metz (audience) stated that the Enterprise Zone Administrator mentioned that any property could be added but it would take several months to add it. Mayor to discuss adding businesses with Mike Van Mill (Enterprise Zone Administrator) and will provide VanMill with the businesses wanting to be added to the Enterprise Zone.

Alderman Lesyna stated that the City is updating the general City Building Codes and will be going to the Ordinance Committee for review.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Straley called a Budget and Finance Committee Meeting for March 19 at 7:15P.M.

Reminder: Water and Sewer Meeting on March 19 at 6:45P.M.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Jeannie Blanchette stated that City Hall has 2 copies of the 2006 Property Maintenance Code Books.

Scott Behrends: Light pole arm broke in front of Fire House 28; it damaged the window of the bar door, the City repaired it.

Chief Swanson: Going through all tornado sirens making sure they are working properly.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Becky Peterson, none.

MAYORAL REPORT

Discuss and vote on Baxter and Woodman proposal for sidewalk engineering. Mayor put in a request for funding 3 years ago for a sidewalk for Mechanic Street out to Berkot's Foods; funding has come through in form of a \$1000,000 DCEO grant of which \$25,000 has been received. To get this sidewalk in, the City needs to hire services of an engineer. Proposal is for Design Engineering Services, so they can determine placement of the sidewalk. Request Council to use DECO funds for the sidewalk at a cost of \$15,000 for the scope of designing services payable to Baxter Woodman. Alderman Cook made a motion to approve the proposal for sidewalk engineering using DCEO funds at a cost of \$15,000, payable to Baxter Woodman. Alderman Puglise seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Discuss and vote on appointment for Plan and Zone Commission. Mayor Porter stated that Jim Vickery would accept an appointment to Plan and Zone Commission. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve Mayor Porter's recommendation to appoint Jim Vickery to Plan and Zone Commission. Alderman Puglise seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Steele voted no.

Mayor Porter then discussed status of vacant properties: Maple Street, management company was called as the foreclose was completed. A work order has been placed by the management company to inspect the property to make repairs or consider removal.

City attorney status on tax sale property on downtown building with high water and sewer lien: it was noted that through a tax sale all liens can be wiped out; attorney continues to attempt settlement, however, Mayor Porter has not heard directly from the attorney how that process is going.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Cook made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss pricing and possible sale of two pieces of City property specifically Community Center and vacant property south of Allen Lumber. Alderman Puglise seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Entered into Executive Session at 8:10P.M. Returned from Executive Session at 8:23P.M. because of electrical outage.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk