

# 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

Monday, April 2, 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, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise present. Also present was Mayor Mick Porter. Alderman Steele was absent.

### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Cook made a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of the March 19, 2012, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Steele was absent.

### APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Alderman Straley stated that bills were discussed at the Budget and Finance Meeting held earlier this evening. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the bills for payment. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Steele was absent.

### CITIZEN FORUM

Dennis Reaman from Main Street requested use of the Historic House grounds for downtown cleanup on May 19, 2012. Alderman Cook made a motion to approve Main Street use of the Historic House grounds on May 19, 2012 for downtown cleanup. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Walter Snell approached Council requesting permission for a motorcycle ride for cancer drive on September 23, 2012 using the East River Street parking lot from 8:00AM – 3:00PM. The Ride for the Cure for Cancer will start at 12:00PM and raffles, food and beverages, possibly band will be the events taking place. They will have everything cleaned up and done by 4:30PM. All donations will go to the Susan G Komen Foundation. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the motorcycle ride for cancer drive on September 23, from 8-3PM using the East River Street parking lot. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Janice Martin approached Council regarding the condition of the sidewalks at Momence Library stating that they are an accident waiting to happen. Mrs. Martin stated that she has approached Council and Scott Behrends in the past about the condition of the sidewalks and would like the City to look into repairing

the sidewalk. Mayor Porter discussed the possibility of the requesting from the Library Board partial payment for the sidewalk. Mayor Porter to look into further.

Mr. Kerouac questioned if the tax payers of Momence have to pay for the demolition of the hotel in addition to the \$200,000.00 settlement; Mayor Porter said no.

OLD BUSINESS - none

#### ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Straley stated that she would like budgets in by May 7, after that step is finished then the appropriations ordinance will be completed. A Budget and Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 16 at 7:00PM to go over the bills and to discuss a sales tax rebate extension and possibly look at the budgets that have been turned in.

Alderman Metz stated that she has a question regarding personnel for executive session and requested that Scott Behrends stay for executive session.

Alderman Lesyna: Discuss and vote on the resolution to support the Illiana Corridor Study Alternative B-3. At recent Mayors meeting, they gave a presentation of the B-3 alternative. Southern most within window, most east and west choice, least expensive and it is a toll. Unknown how much of the truck traffic that goes through Momence will be affected by this. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to approve the resolution supporting the Illiana Corridor Study Alternative B3. Alderman Puglise seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Called an Ordinance meeting at 6:15PM, April 16, to discuss the 2012, Illinois Property Maintenance Code.

Alderman Lesyna then stated that an ordinance was passed in November 26, 2006, concerning false alarms in the City. Ordinance was properly passed by Council, and was published in the local paper. The issue was getting it to the sterling codifiers, never put into code books and is now being taken care of.

#### DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Scott Behrends stated that the City has started brush removal. He also stated that regarding sidewalk in front of Library, money is not there to do the sidewalk; he did look in\to the matter.

Chief Swanson stated that tornado siren maintenance is being done this week. Re-banding cost is needed to be looked into, Chief to get numbers together; it is required to be updated by January 1, 2013.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Becky Peterson – nothing to report.

#### MAYORAL REPORT

Discuss and possibly vote on expenditures for City Hall renovations. Working on handicapped accessible ramp and looking into window replacement (on Washington street). Possible suggestion because of safety standpoint, was to take the area facing Washington Street where the new handicapped access is and making it the main entrance to City Hall. Doorbell was to be put there but law changed and door has to be opened at all times. Where the City Collector and Assistant Collector are currently located would be considered Council Chambers. A special deposit box that is handicapped accessible would need to be placed on Washington Street outside new main entrance to City Hall; deposit box on Dixie Highway is too high. Once ramp is finished, back space has to be opened, because back area will need to be opened, someone needs to be there. Suggestion was to get estimates on cost of materials before voting on spending. Suggested that Council go to City Hall on Dixie Highway and look at area. Old flooring was in bad shape, has been removed, possible put in and insulate a drop ceiling.

Janice Martin from earlier Citizen Forum discussion stated that the library is also having problems with ADA requests; it was requested for the Library to put in an elevator, which would be cost prohibitive. The other option was to put computers somewhere in Momence, possibly use the new City Hall to put computers in for the community to use and it would be ADA accessible.

Proclamation – April is Child Abuse Month. Mayor Porter read the proclamation declaring April, 2012, as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve April, 2012, as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Alderman Straley stated that the ice cream peddler is going around town and she is questioning whether he has a license. City Collector, Jeannine Blanchette, stated that he has not been in yet this year; Chief Swanson to look into ordinance referring to peddlers licenses.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Metz made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel – Possibly to come out and do business. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Entered into executive session at 8:00P.M. Returned from Executive Session at 8:12P.M.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk