

# 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 16, 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 and Lesyna present. Also present was Mayor Mick Porter. Alderman Denton and Puglise were absent.

### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve the Regular and Executive Session minutes of the April 2, 2012, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Kupferer, Cook and Lesyna voting yes. Alderman Steele passed.

### APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Alderman Straley stated that bills were reviewed at tonight's Budget and Finance Committee Meeting. Adding bills to pay (2) Conrad Park Bills: payable to Arts Landscaping: one for trees (\$539.70) and one for mulch (\$2,400.00). Line item #104342 (repair and maintenance-mulch) and line item #104341.1 (trees) under Log Cabin. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the bills for payment. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook and Lesyna voting yes.

CITIZEN FORUM - none

OLD BUSINESS - none

### ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Straley stated that all budgets need to be turned in by May 7, if not turned, the Budget and Finance Committee will be doing the budget for you. She also mentioned that it is golf cart season and reminded residents that stickers need to be purchased in January; it was then discussed to change sticker renewal to May 1<sup>st</sup>. A street legal requirement sheet is sent with sticker renewal. Alderman Straley called a Budget and Finance Committee meeting for 7:15P.M. on May 7, to go over bills.

Alderman Steele discussed the fire at Allied Waste stating that he thought the building was supposed to be emptied every night. Mayor Porter stated that there is nothing specific in the City's Ordinance about the building needing to be empty. No violation was made. In agreement it is stated that all waste shall be removed within 24 hours after received but can be stored over the weekend as long as removed on next business day. Structural steel of building was looked into and is satisfactory.

Alderman Kupferer stated that he has one item for executive session: personnel.

Alderman Cook mentioned that the Log Cabin repairs have been completed; some furnishing still has to be done. Possible future fundraisers to help furnish inside of Log Cabin.

Alderman Lesyna stated that at tonight's Ordinance Committee meeting the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code and International Building Code was reviewed. An Ordinance Committee meeting was called for May 7, at 6:45PM to discuss Residential and Fire Code.

#### DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Mark Nelson stated that Midwest Environmental has finished their dig at the Community Center located on Dixie Highway, 5 loads of soil taken out with 1 load of soil that smelled like gas. Tank did leak. Compliance paperwork should be in shortly.

Chief Swanson stated the Bryant Communication to service all tornado sirens this week. Chief Swanson requested that residents please contact the police department with citizen complaints; they will follow up on.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Becky Peterson none

#### MAYORAL REPORT

Approval of the Liquor License renewals. Applications have been submitted and background checks have been done, managers have to be residents. There are 10 establishments requesting renewals: Bordertown Pub, Johnny Angels, Richards Tap, Circle K (Shell), Red Cedar Lanes, Dixie Wine and Tobacco (currently newspaper stand), Off the Vine, The Distillery, Berkots and Sluggers. Alderman Cook made a motion to approve renewal of liquor licenses. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook and Lesyna voting yes.

Discuss and vote on video machine fees. Establishments pay an annual fee and are certified by the state, state certification expires in July. The State suggests that machines will be pulled eventually, possibly by July or August, and replaced with businesses that are approved to have the online machines. Some municipalities have opted out of online gambling. The City charges a \$400 fee for video machines. Discussion was whether the City should collect the fee for the entire year or pro rate for 4 months (May - August). If removal of the machines goes beyond 4 months, the City would go back to each establishment to get the funds. It was suggested to follow the City's ordinance and collect the entire payment and then refund if necessary.

Discuss and vote to contribute \$6,000 toward legal description and administrative costs to add business properties to the newly certified Enterprise Zone. The City received a petition with 14 signatures and addresses. County is prepared to move forward with adding businesses to the Enterprise Zone. The City's expense would be toward legal description and administrative costs. Approval is needed from Council to spend up to \$6,000. Actual cost \$5,000 for legal description \$1,000 for administrative costs. Public Hearing will have to be held, if something needs to be added, zoning will have to be looked into. State will decide whether to accept. Public Hearing would be one more opportunity for other interested parties to be included. The Mayor is to discuss holding the hearing before allocating funds with Mr. Van Mill. Alderman Straley made a motion to table this issue until Mayor Porter speaks further with Mike Van Mill from the Enterprise Zone. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook and Lesyna voting yes.

Discuss and vote on expending up to \$25,000 toward materials for renovation of new city hall or consider partial reconstruction to expedite the ADA access. Director of Public Works, Scott Behrends, informed Mayor Porter that \$25,000 is on the low end. Handicapped accessibility ramp needs to be completed, along with handicapped bathroom and possibly place video camera at entrance. The doors would be unlocked for access to the building (ramp, bathroom, cameras and CPU (video camera) at an approximate cost of \$12,000). Appropriated \$20,000 towards renovation, \$3,000 was budgeted. Discussion of moving City Hall back to Police Station (both Chief Swanson and City Collector Jeannine Blanchette stated that the Police Station was too small to handle both departments). Alderman Steele stated that he was against the acceptance of new City Hall 5 years ago. Sale of the community center was discussed. Target date: End of May for handicapped accessibility. All public accessible buildings need to have a handicapped bathroom. Alderman Lesyna stated that with the departments located where they are now that both the police department can expand in their building and city hall can expand where they are, setting the town up for the future. City Hall has a large quantity of files that need to be kept and cannot be destroyed. Alderman Straley suggested that we aggressively seek to sell community center and use funds to fix the police station and city hall. Current budget was discussed. It was decided to go forward with making the new City Hall handicap accessible with a ramp and a handicapped bathroom.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Kupferer made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel. Alderman Cook seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook and Lesyna voting yes. Entered into executive session at 8:40P.M. Returned from Executive Session at 8:55P.M.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:55P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk