

THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

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

MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL

Monday, July 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, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise present. Also present was Mayor Mick Porter.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve the Regular and Executive Session minutes of the June 18, 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

Bills were reviewed at tonight's Budget and Finance Committee meeting. Conrad Park to present budget to Budget and Finance Chairman Alderman Straley. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the bills for payment. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

CITIZEN FORUM

John Sokol – Permission to close East River Street from Locust Street to Dixie Hwy. on August 18th for a Guns & Hoses M C Motorcycle Fundraiser Bike Run. Firefighters and Police Officers on approximately 200 bikes. Mr. Sokol is asking to block off road for the couple hours they are here (11:30AM-1:30PM) and also use East River Street parking lot. How this would affect nearby businesses was discussed. It was decided to have the motorcycles line up on one side of the street. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve East river street use from Locust to Dixie Highway on August 18 (11:30AM-1:30PM) for Bike Run. Alderman Denton seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Javier Pena – Vendor requesting to sell food (tacos, burritos, pop and snacks) during Glad Fest at N. Locust & E. Washington Streets. Mr. Pena stated that he has all required licensing. Location would be South of Washington on Locust Street facing north, place on closed road when the parade ends, he would have to close up and move truck. Peddlers and Vendors Licenses were discussed. Ordinance requires background check within 90 days. No criminal history as part of the application process and has to be done through Illinois State Police site application (\$15 fee). Alderman Kupferer made a

motion to approve Javier Pena selling food during Glad Fest at proposed location waiving background check. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Andrew Weybright, also requested to sell food (popcorn and pop) by NAPA on southwest corner during Glad Fest. Alderman Metz made a motion to approve Andrew Weybright selling food during Glad Fest at proposed location waiving background check. Alderman Denton seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Jay Kerouac questioned host fees asking what is the City receiving from Allied for tipping fee. Mayor Porter stated 28 cents a ton, based on CPI (Consumer Price Index). Mr. Kerouac then asked about garbage fees, questioning why an increase when fuel went down last 6 months. Mayor Porter stated that it is based on May's average fuel costs and invited him to City Hall to discuss the calculations further. Mr. Kerouac then stated that the local paper headlines read that City Hall is in debt when the correct wording should have been City Hall has a deficit and he believes it should be rebutted. Porter disagreed with his demand for a rebuttal.

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Straley: Farmers' market will be open July 4th, from 3-6PM with approximately 12 vendors. The official opening is the 11th of July. Also on July 11, the senior citizens coupon booklets will be distributed from 9AM-12PM at new City Hall. The City is looking for someone interested in volunteering their time to run the farmers' market.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Straley: First Reading of the Appropriation Ordinance 2012-2013, if acceptable, passing at next Council meeting. On July 16, Alderman Straley will not be at the Budget and Finance and Council meetings; Alderman Lesyna will handle Budget and Finance meeting and Appropriation Ordinance.

Alderman Cook stated that a Local Improvement committee meeting was held this past week to develop a committee structure for the implementation of the Downtown Improvement Plan.

Alderman Lesyna held an Ordinance Committee meeting tonight go over Building Codes, specifically Board of Appeals. If a resident wants to appeal, it will go to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a \$100 fee, the same as a variance fee.

First reading of ordinance on Driving or Riding on sidewalks. No riding on sidewalks in business district. Adding use of east side of Dixie Highway sidewalk for golf carts (across bridge). Golf carts must yield to pedestrians.

First reading of ordinance on regulating fences within the City limits. The ordinance change will address the rear yard corner-point.

Alderman Puglise stated that a neighbor asked if a sign can be put up between Second Street onto Elm Street heading north for "Children at Play". Council discussed and decided not at this time. Alderman Puglise then stated that he cannot make Main Street Meetings because of work conflicts, therefore, another Alderman will need to take over being the Main Street liaison. Mayor asked Council to think about who would like to volunteer to be appointed. CallOne quote for land lines was discussed. Ordinance will need to be looked into. CallOne buys minutes, 3 weeks to switch over with no interruption in service. Police T1 line is contracted until 2014 and cannot be switched. Alderman Puglise

to have a CallOne employee come see Council with contract and answer questions (3 year contract might be difficult, will present 1, 2 and 3 year contracts). Changeover fee of \$127.08. Alderman Puglise to contact other municipalities to see how transition went.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Scott Behrends stated that they finished the water project on East Washington Street and will begin patching this week. They are using a company that is affiliated with a training program; City only pays for asphalt and machinery, no labor. Hardin Street is done. Brosseau Trucking will be spray patching throughout town with MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) funds. Spraying for mosquitoes tonight.

Chief Swanson: Traffic safety belt detail was done this past weekend. Fingerprint issue mentioned earlier is mainly used for door to door sales people and it was discussed when ordinance was passed to waive fingerprint issue for Glad Fest vendors. Fireworks ordinance was discussed, if residents have open and dangerous then be prepared to enforce ordinance. Citizens call dispatch if problems.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Becky Peterson none

MAYORAL REPORT

Permission for the Gladiolus Association to use River St. parking lot on August 9th through August 12th. Alderman Metz made a motion to approve use of River Street Parking lot August 9-12. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion. Motion carried with 8 Ayes 0 Nays.

Discuss and vote on peddler & transient merchants permit for July 4th and Glad Festival. Waive criminal history fingerprinting. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve July 4 and Glad fest merchants waiving criminal history fingerprinting. Alderman Denton seconded the motion. Motion carried with 8 Ayes 0 Nays.

Discussion on enrolling in State of Illinois Debt Recovery program and using MCSI. No additional costs (65/35 split). City would submit debt owed before tax time, if they paid on that debt they would enter that data showing amount reduced. Took care of contract and new percentage last council meeting. This is for enrolling in State of Illinois Debt Recovery program. Issue to be discussed and voted on at next council meeting.

Discussion regarding Utility Aggregation Referendum in which City contracts for energy costs on behalf of residents. Does the City Council want to have a referendum put on a ballot? Ordinance would have to be passed by last meeting of August, with 2-3 public hearings to be held, then get on November ballot. Better rate possibly going as a group. Council to discuss with residents in their ward to see if an interest. Media Com issue/complaints were discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION none

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:27P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk