

# 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, August 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 Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise present. Also present was Mayor Mick Porter.

### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of the July 16, 2012, Council Meeting and the July 30, 2012, Special Session Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Denton, Straley and Cook passed.

### APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

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

### CITIZEN FORUM

Jay Kerouac stated that there are probably 8-10 pools in town not in ordinance standards and he suggested City officials stand and drain pool until ordinance requirements are met.

### OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Straley: Farmers Market will be changing its location from the corner of Dixie and Second Street to the parking lot on East River Street. Farmers Market coupons will be available August 22, at new City Hall from 9A.M. - 12P.M.

### ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Straley called a Budget and Finance Committee meeting for 7:15P.M. before the August 20 council meeting.

Alderman Metz reminded everyone that the Momence Lions Club Gladiolus Run/Walk will be held this Saturday.

Alderman Lesyna called an Ordinance Committee Meeting for Monday August 20, at 7P.M. to discuss an ordinance regarding abandoned property.

Discuss and vote on an Ordinance Regulating Fences Within the City Limits. Alderman Lesyna showed the actual alignments for fences. Alderman Lesyna to discuss with city attorney possible suggestions to resolve an issue regarding properties that are for sale where realtors are held responsible with the upkeep of said property. Police Chief Swanson would like ordinance to be changed to notifying people one time and then fines will be applied. Chief Swanson stated the police department has posted information on the city website about fence overviews and getting permits. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to approve an ordinance regulating fences within the City limits. Alderman Puglise seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Ordinance #739.

Discuss and vote on Municipal Aggregation Ordinance. Only way to put this on the ballot is to pass this ordinance and then it will get placed on ballot for November 6 vote, if passes then work with NIMEC as a broker. Received an email from local person (Ambit Energy) regarding this ordinance. It was stated that NIMEC has contacted Ambit Energy to get pricing. Ordinance vote is if Council wants the city to place the referendum on the ballot. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to pass an ordinance providing for the submission to the electors of the City of Momence, Kankakee County, Illinois, the question whether the City should have the authority under public act 096-0176 to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Ordinance #740.

Alderman Puglise: Discuss and vote on CALLONE Telephone service 3 year contract. Phone equipment replacement time-line was questioned, is not to be done right now. Three year contract saves total of \$16,361.95. Price is locked in for three years. City attorney looked over contract and stated it looked appropriate. Alderman Puglise made a motion to approve entering into a 3 year agreement with CALLONE and giving Mayor Porter authorization to sign the agreement. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

## DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Jeannie Blanchette stated that the Christmas Dinner Golf Outing will be held in September, if anyone is interested in sponsoring or attending please get a form to Bob Bleyle.

Scott Behrends: IDOT (Illinois Department of Transportation) in town regarding mowing on river bank, ownership/responsibility for cleanup between IDOT or the city was still being questioned. August 14: Sterling Meadows sidewalk bids are out. Kankakee County is taking sealed bids on their surplus equipment and he would like to bid on a 2000 dump truck to replace a 1988 dump truck. It was determined that the 1988 dump truck is not in acceptable working condition. Chief Swanson stated that if bid is defaulted, it will go on to the next bidder. \$25,000 appropriated for equipment purchases. This cannot be voted on because it is not on the agenda. If committee chair states that he can put out sealed bid, then he can go ahead with sealed bid and if he wins the bid, then put on agenda and present to Council.

Chief Swanson stated that the police department is doing ordinance violations and that Council and citizens need to call or send email regarding noncompliance and he will get it looked at. Strategy is to pick out worst of the worst, mostly property maintenance ordinances, going by zones and complaints. Trying to get voluntary compliance.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Becky Peterson-none.

#### MAYORAL REPORT

Discuss and vote on “Hometown Hero” sign. Cheryl Hess brought up value of signs to put up at entrances to Momence (locations: north, west and east side of town by welcome to Momence signs). Orbit Davis (Jazz trumpeter) and Janet Hubert (Broadway and TV actress). Comparable to the Ted Peterson signs. Mayor Porter to look into whether the State would pay for the signs. Cost for all signs combined \$543.00. Six signs, stacked 2 on each pole at three locations. Alderman Straley made a motion to table until more research is done. Alderman Puglise seconded with 8 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Discuss and vote on appointment and contract of Chief Swanson. Mayor talked with Sheriff's department regarding the ability to reappoint Chief Tim Swanson as chief of police of Momence for 1 year, all contract amounts and prior arrangements/language remain the same. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve Mayor Porter's appointment and one year contract of Chief Swanson. Alderman Denton seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Metz voted no.

Discuss and vote on the Resolution to sell 125 South Gladiolus Street. Purchaser is able to obtain property. Lettuce Fish, Aquaponics business is interested in 125 South Gladiolus Street. MAI Appraisal amount is \$177,000, by resolution it can be sold for 80% of appraisal. Contamination issue has been rectified. Purchase price will be \$141,600. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to approve resolution and the sale of surplus property at 125 South Gladiolus Street. Alderman Cook seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Discuss Direct Deposit for employee's payroll. The City disburses funds in three different local banks. Centru Bank has payroll account and they asked if the City would be interested in offering direct deposit for employee payroll. Jeannine Blanchette stated that the City's employees have not been contacted about this yet. Fees for doing this were questioned; payroll checks can be deposited to any bank. Will need to be discussed with employees and presented back to Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – none.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk