

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, September 4, 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 Lesyna made a motion to approve the Regular and Executive Session minutes of the August 20, 2012, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

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

CITIZEN FORUM

Mayor Porter explained that the High School Volleyball team is wanting to sponsor a Volley For The Cure event with all proceeds collected going to breast cancer research. They are looking at two dates (September 8, 10AM-2PM for varsity and September 15, 10-2PM for junior varsity on the corners of Dixie Highway and Route 17 and Dixie Highway and Second Street. It was discussed that because of conflict with the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive, the City would allow one date, September 15, from 10-2PM for the team as a whole. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to allow the High School volleyball team to collect funds at the intersections mentioned above on September 15 from 10AM – 2PM. Alderman Metz seconded the motion. Motion carried with 8 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Presentation regarding current City Website. Bruce Crooks presented Council with an analytic overview of the City of Momence's website. They suggested a picture gallery., and recommended hosting the Main Street Momence website through the city's GoDaddy account.

GoDaddy allows unlimited websites. It was then discussed that the city's unlimited access might open opportunities for other local businesses that do not change their site often (like Momence Lions Club) as well.

Fran LeBeau stated that they would like to begin fall decorating and conduct a scarecrow contest on October 5 & 6, 2012. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve Main Street Momence starting fall decorations and the scarecrow contest. Alderman Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried with 8 Ayes and 0 Nays.

OLD BUSINESS

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Straley stated that the farmers market is tomorrow from 3-6PM at East River Street parking lot and Mayor Porter will provide music from 4:30-6PM. Budget and Finance committee meeting scheduled for September 17, at 7:15PM.

Alderman Metz thanked the City of Momence for flowers received.

Alderman Kupferer recognized Officer Navratil and Pete for recent work with the Major Crimes Unit. Chief Swanson stated that Officer Navratil assisted major crimes task force, involving a semi truck and the city received a \$5,000 check for his efforts. A police committee meeting was scheduled for 6:30PM on September 17.

Alderman Cook: Discuss and vote on approval of expenditures for landscape projects in the downtown area. Working with the master plan the Lakota Group put together, Main Street Momence applied for and received a grant. As a result, the committee has plans for improvements for two downtown parking lots (Washington Street & East River Street- North). Both parking lots will be bordered with hard scape landscape blocks with trees and grasses and low maintenance plants. Entire project done by volunteer labor. Hard-scape price quote includes professional labor to install block curbing. Plant material and soil to be partially donated. Total projects without labor \$9,705. Less Foundation Grant of \$4,000. Alderman Cook is anticipating the City's portion to be between \$3,000 and \$4,000. Grant requirement: this has to be done by November and if it isn't used the grant is lost. Local Improvement Committee did meet and came back with a recommendation to go forward with the projects, using funds from the Public Property Department (Repairs and Maintenance), line item #104342. Alderman Cook made a motion to authorize the expenditure of \$5,705.75 for landscape projects in the downtown area. Alderman Denton seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Steele passed.

Alderman Lesyna stated that at tonight's Ordinance Committee meeting the committee discussed updating the golf cart ordinance, gaming video fees, and redefining the definition of a fence. Discussion was also on creating a draft changing parking on Dixie Highway and East River Street parking lot to a 3 hour maximum from 6AM-6PM and discussed electronic attendance. An Ordinance Committee meeting was scheduled for September 17 at 7PM to discuss a draft of the 2012 building codes.

First reading on List of Fines and Fees Ordinance. First reading on Payment of Cost of Overgrown Weeds, Garbage, Debris Ordinance.

Discuss and Vote on Unclaimed or Abandoned Property Ordinance. To ensure orderly and legal procedures on unclaimed or abandoned property (bikes, cell phones etc.) this updated ordinance gives the police more options to take care of abandoned property. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to approve an ordinance addressing unclaimed or abandoned property. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Ordinance #741.

First reading on the Expansion and Participation of the Enterprise Zone. Kankakee County, Manteno and Momence will have to pass an agreement. Once this ordinance/agreement is taken care of, the State is to consider final approval of the Enterprise Zone Expansion.

Alderman Lesyna stated that Aldermanic terms are ending and those interested can pick up petition papers at Momence City Hall within the next week. September 25 is the first day petitions may be circulated.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief Swanson stated that if Council or residents have property maintenance issues or complaints please call the Police Department. Property use ordinance will need to be addressed with Alderman Lesyna. Complete list of all swimming pools in area has been put together.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Becky Peterson -none

MAYORAL REPORT

Discuss and vote on reduction of City water/sewer lien on property located at 115 East Washington Street. City attorney approves this. Property has been vacant for more than a decade. There was an uncertainty of who owned the property (Joseph and Val Legacy are the owners of the property). The building has a \$22,000 lien for water and sewer. When the water was turned off, the amount of usage was only a couple thousand of dollars. The Mayor spoke to Val Legacy, she is very interested in selling the property. Police department has found numerous code violations and concerns. A prospective buyer has offered to purchase the property for the amount of \$14,000. Attorney states there are approximately \$2,000 back taxes and penalties to be paid. County assessor stated the tax owed would be \$1138. Mayor Porter asked whether the City would consider a willingness to allow, from the proceeds of the sale of the property, to pay for all closing costs, back taxes and the net would go toward payment of the lien. It is estimated that \$9,000 to \$11,000 would be the approximate amount the City would receive. Alderman Metz made a motion to reduce the City's liens on the 115 West Washington property to the net amount available after all property taxes and closing costs have been paid based on a purchase price of \$14,000. Alderman Denton seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Mayor Porter read the proclamation for Constitution Week for Monday, September 17-23.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Kupferer made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel – Possibly to come out and do business. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Entered into Executive Session at 8:17P.M. Returned from Executive Session at 8:40P.M.

Alderman Kupferer made motion to enter into closed session to review executive session minutes from the last six months. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Entered into Closed Session at 8:40PM. Returned from Closed Session at 8:45P.M.

Alderman Straley 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 8:45P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk