

THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

MICK PORTER, Mayor
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ALDERMEN

Diann Denton	John Rehmer
Carolyn Navratil	David Cook
Nova Metz	Mark Lesyna
Charles Steele Jr.	John Metz Sr.

MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL Monday, March 20, 2017 Council Meeting

Time: 7:30 P.M.

The City Council Meeting of the City of Momence was held in the Council Chambers at 29 N. Dixie Highway, Momence. Mayor Mick Porter called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called by the Clerk with Aldermen Denton, Navratil, Nova Metz, Steele, Rehmer, Lesyna and John Metz present. Also present was Mayor Mick Porter. Alderman Cook was absent.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Rehmer made a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of the March 3, 2017, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Aldermen Navratil, Steele, Rehmer, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes. Alderman Denton and Nova Metz passed.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

The bills were discussed at tonight's Budget and Finance Committee Meeting. Alderman Denton made a motion to approve the bills for payment with the addition of one late bill/payment to be made to Rt. 1 Chevrolet Sales Tax Rebate to be paid out of general fund (monthly \$2,754). Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Navratil, Nova Metz, Steele, Rehmer and Lesyna. Alderman John Metz passed.

CITIZEN FORUM

Kyle Cresswell and Eric Spencer addressed Council opposing the proposed truck permit ordinance. Kyle Cresswell stated there will be a bigger impact to the neighborhood if proposed ordinance passes. Wear and tear on road would be increased by three times. During harvest season, trucks from south and north would congest streets more. Eric Spencer stated new ordinance would force semis to travel three times the distance on Railroad Avenue. He also stated that this Company did try to make a deal to work with fixing this road. Idea of fixing Railroad Avenue was different between Company and City. His whole point: business cannot justify paying \$42,000 in taxes and then permit money; if it can't be put in a container, then they will need to get out of this business. Mayor Porter stated that he and Alderman Steele met with COO of Company. Mr. Porter clarified several of Mr. Spencer's statements: Engineers looked at property said if we widen the road, cost of approx. \$500,000. Resurface road, engineering company 7 – 10 years, about \$300,000-330,000 dollars. COO believed cost to be \$50,000. COO stated they will stop container business and go into hauling. Not taking responsibility for wear and tear on the road. Of the \$42,000 paid in property taxes, the City receives \$3,200. Property tax will not cover this road repair.

OLD BUSINESS - none

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Denton called a Budget and Finance Committee Meeting for 4/3 at 7:15P.M.

Alderman Nova Metz addressed Council requesting a tag day for Momence High School's softball team on Saturday, April 8, from 8:30am-12:30pm at the main intersections: Second Street/Dixie, Washington/Dixie and Shell/Dixie, players and coaches will be handling this event. Alderman Nova Metz made the motion to approve the tag day request. Alderman Navratil seconded the motion. Motion carried with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Alderman Steele: Discuss and vote on acceptance of 7th Street extension bid. Three bids were received. There was discussion regarding the legality of the bid opening. Mayor Porter and a representative from Tyson Engineering assured Council that the bid opening was legal. The three bids were from Oakwood Enterprises at \$148,312, Ruben E Smith Construction at \$211,624 and Kankakee Valley Construction at \$219,180. Tyson Engineering recommended that City Council award a contract in the amount of \$148,312 to Oakwood Enterprises, Inc. Once contracts are signed, they will need to go to IDOT for further approval. Cost will come from ICC grant. IDOT has oversight approval. Alderman Steele made a motion to approve the bid from Oakwood Enterprises, Inc., in the amount of \$148,312. Alderman Rehmer seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Navratil, Nova Metz, Steele, Rehmer, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes.

Alderman Rehmer commended Chief Cavender and the Momence Police Department with the recent "cone with a cop" event and two officers jumping in to play ball with Je-Neir students stating that it was great public relations.

Alderman Lesyna: Discuss and Vote on locker purchase for Police Department. Lockers need to be updated to assure each officer has a working and a secure place to store possessions. There are funds in the police department budget for this. Cost would be \$6,575.84 for 15 lockers. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to purchase lockers. Alderman Denton seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Navratil, Nova Metz, Steele, Rehmer and Lesyna voting yes. Alderman John Metz voted no.

Discuss and Vote on Overweight Truck Ordinance. It was clarified that this ordinance does not conflict with any other IDOT or ICC restrictions. Ordinance change is clarifying route. Local farmers have a different route. Congestion will be monitored closely. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to pass an Ordinance Amending an Ordinance Regarding Spotter Semi-Tractors. Alderman Denton seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Navratil, Steele, Rehmer, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes. Alderman Nova Metz voted no. Ordinance # 826.

Discuss and Vote on Historical House Board Ordinance. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to pass an Ordinance Amending the Cultural Center Board to the Historical House Board. Alderman Rehmer seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Navratil, Nova Metz, Steele, Rehmer, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes. Ordinance # 824.

Discuss and Vote on Mediacom Franchise Ordinance. Pass this to be in line to collect service provider fee. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to pass an Ordinance Addressing the Payment of Cable Television Franchise Fees in the City of Momence, Illinois. Alderman Nova Metz seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Navratil, Nova Metz, Steele, Rehmer, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes. Ordinance # 825.

First reading on Zoning Board appointments and term limits. It was stated that it is difficult finding citizens to serve on Zoning Board (variances and zoning issues). Recommendation was to remove term limits; not necessary to appoint annually.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Tina Demack asked permission to seek bids on new copier (purchasing and leasing). Request was for all in one copier/scanner/fax. She will also look into purchase of laptop for new City Clerk.

Chief Cavender officially made notice that he has conditionally accepted a job offer with another municipality to take effect on or about April 30. Chief was thanked by several Council members for his hard work and dedication to the Momence Police Department.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Becky Peterson (absent) – February information in envelopes by end of week.

MAYORAL REPORT

Discuss request of land sale to Rt1 Chevy for expansion on Pine Street. Purchase of property of City's right of way-east of Pine Street behind Rt1 Chevy's parking area. To expand their inside fenced in parking. City to part with 20 feet of the right of way, north to the railroad; there is a Nicor utility underground, property can be conveyed even though utility. Owner is aware that if improvement is built on easement, and work has to be done by Nicor, it is the owner's responsibility. Alderman Rehmer made a motion to allow Mayor Porter to seek with municipal appraiser for fair market value of square footage and survey (to be paid for by Rt1 Chevy) to make this transaction happen. Alderman Denton seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Navratil, Nova Metz, Steele, Rehmer, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes.

Discuss request to place a utility easement on City property south of Allen Lumber. Off of intersection at North Locust and Mechanic. Originally to be used as a road to Railroad Avenue; Industrial Drive was built and that changed. Discussion was held and it was decided to have a representative from Allen Lumber come to a meeting to discuss further with Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Steele made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the employment and compensation, of specific employees of the public body. Alderman Nova Metz seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Navratil, Nova Metz, Steele, Rehmer, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes. Entered into Executive Session at 8:35P.M.; returned from Executive Session at 8:48P.M.

Alderman Navratil made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Denton seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Navratil, Nova Metz, Steele, Rehmer, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:48P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk