

THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

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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, April 3, 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, Cook, Lesyna and John Metz present. Also present was Mayor Mick Porter.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Denton made a motion to approve the Regular and Executive Session minutes of the March 20, 2017, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Navratil, Nova Metz, Rehmer, Cook, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes. Alderman Steele passed.

Alderman Steele did not think the meeting should be held because the agenda wasn't posted. Mayor Porter read the email from Stewart Diamond that the meeting can go forward and the Board can act upon matters shown on the agenda or raised for discussion at the meeting but not acted upon. Mr. Jay Keouac read from the municipal book. State statute states: 48 hours' notice. Mayor Porter stated rejection of the meeting not valid, according to what City Attorney Stewart Diamond stated.

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. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Navratil, Nova Metz, Steele, Rehmer, Cook, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes.

CITIZEN FORUM

Jim Vickery: County Board District #2, Economic Alliance of Kankakee County, Member of finance committee and several others. Economic Alliance generated about \$600,000 for Momence: \$400,000 for water line grant for Flanders and \$150,000 on Mechanic Street extension. Suggested newly elected officials continue relationship with Economic Alliance and hopefully will attend meeting at Olivet Weber Center, 7:30AM on 4/13/17.

Jay Kerouac: Resolution 191. Mr. Kerouac addressed Council regarding the legality of bids that were opened by Tyson Engineering regarding 7th Street extension at a meeting scheduled for March 16, 2017. Chapter 13 of City code and Chapter 13 of Illinois Municipal Handbook states that City must advertise for bids, publish for three weeks, enclose in sealed envelope, which is to be opened by City Clerk, in the presence of City Council. A FOIA form was filed requesting the minutes for the March 16 meeting and was told there was no such meeting. Mayor Porter stated that the plan was to open bids on March 16. Original notice, Tyson got notice of bid put into IDOTS publication. Didn't get in on that Friday, went into their publications the following week. Did have bid opening on March 20, events took place that were beyond Tyson's control. Engineers know what bids entail, meets specifications, not a cold opening by City Clerk. Bids were opened publicly on the March 20. Mr. Kerouac stated that it is a felony to engage with bidding process, knowingly open a sealed bid at any time or place is wrong.

Council discussed the legality of tonight's meeting (because agenda wasn't posted at City Hall 48 hours before scheduled meeting). An email from City Attorney Diamond stated that the meeting is legal. It is not a special meeting, the public is aware that Council meetings are held the first and third Monday of every month.

OLD BUSINESS

Discuss possible easement of City property with Allen Lumber Representative. Ray Simpson addressed Council. He does not work for Allen Lumber but consults for them and is capable of answering questions for them. Buildings up front need to be replaced. They purchased railroad from City several years ago. Railroad gave an easement to Com Ed where power poles are located at the edge of railroad property. City to either sell property or give easement. Spoke with Com Ed to get help with moving poles: \$40,000 per pole (paid by Allen Lumber). Alderman Nova Metz stated that with expansion, 7th Street residents have been getting flooded. Concern was with flooding, going over the berm that was built to direct water. Getting easement property to move poles or expand further east. Plan is to tear down older buildings (by highway) and rebuild. Allen Lumber is up higher than area residents. Berm from Mechanic and Locust cannot handle the water, it has nowhere to go. Local residents are being flooded out. Ditch needs to be redrugged (outlet from the retention pond), where loading and unloading is done. Berm needs to be dug deeper to handle water. Allen Lumber wants to be able to continue its expansion. Mr. Simpson stated that he and Allen Lumber will look into further, to push water where it needs to go. If the move is to an easement with property, property owners would need to be in agreement with the easement. Easement is 65 feet wide. Electric easement takes 37 feet (pole in middle). Engineers will need to get involved. There are 4 houses affected.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Denton: Called a Budget and Finance Committee meeting for 4/17 at 7:15P.M.

Alderman Lesyna: Discuss and vote on Zoning Board Appointments and term limits. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to pass and Ordinance amending the terms of the members of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Alderman Denton seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Navratil, Nova Metz, Steele, Rehmer, Cook and Lesyna voting yes. Alderman John Metz passed. Ordinance # 827.

First Reading: Amending City Code relating to contracts. Stating there were significant changes to be made to bring City up to date.

First Reading: Amending Contract for Public Works and the bidding process. Due to be updated, talks about advertising for bids, contracts and opening bids.

Discuss and vote on hiring full time police officer. Alderman Lesyana made a motion to hire part time officer Patrick Leone as full time effective April 12, 2017, salary of \$41,541.13, per current collective bargaining agreement. Alderman Cook seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Nova Metz, Rehmer, Cook and Lesyna voting yes. Aldermen Navratil, Steele and John Metz voted no.

City Clerk Henson called closed session to go over Executive Minutes after next Council meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Scott Behrends stated that they have been picking up leaves. Residents need to separate leaves from sticks. The leaf truck will be going out again soon. Maintenance regarding sewer lines: Too wet and too muddy. Alderman Rehmer asked about patching pot holes, Mr. Behrends stated that they are working on the smaller ones. Engineers will meet soon to discuss bigger street issues.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Becky Peterson –revenue and expense reports were distributed. Cash transaction report for March will be available at next meeting.

MAYORAL REPORT

Proclamation April Child Abuse Prevention Month. Handled at previous Council meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - none

Alderman Denton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Navratio seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Navratil, Nova Metz, Steele, Rehmer, Cook, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:28P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk