

THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

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Mike Hart	Mark Lesyna

MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL
Monday, June 15, 2026
Budget and Finance Committee

Time: 7:18 P.M.

ROLL CALL-

Roll was called by the Clerk with Aldermen Straley, Lesyna, Hart and Cook present.

Bills to be paid were discussed, no questions asked. Alderman Straley than addressed Superintendent Vela and Mayor Steele, when they do budget proposals, pull their individual section out. Do not write it on the budget, due to confusion. Alderman Straley discussed staying within the appropriations ordinance and maybe do a 2.5% or 3% increase per line item or total budget as a cost of living guideline. There was some discussion about the ordinance pertaining to budget and posting it, however Alderman Lesyna did not have an answer at this time. It was noted, it is an internal budget not binding. Committee believes they do not have to publicize it.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Lupe, City Clerk

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Amber Lupe', is written over the typed name of the City Clerk.

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Monday, June 15, 2026

Council Meeting

Time: 7:30 P.M.

The City Council Meeting of the City of Momence was held in the Council Chambers at 29 North Dixie Highway, Momence.

ROLL CALL-

Roll was called by the Clerk with Aldermen Doody, Straley, Hart, Cook, Temple and Lesyna present. Aldermen Anderson and Fordahl absent.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES-

Alderman Cook made motion to approve the minutes. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Aldermen Doody, Hart, Temple and Lesyna voting yes. Aldermen Anderson and Fordahl absent.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS-

Alderman Straley made motion to approve the bills for payment. Alderman Doody seconded the motion with Aldermen Hart, Cook, Temple and Lesyna voting yes. Aldermen Anderson and Fordahl absent.

CITIZENS FORUMS-

Nothing for Citizens Forums.

OLD BUSINESS-

Nothing for old business.

ALDERMANIC-

Alderman Straley- Working on budget for city now that the appropriations ordinance has been passed. She is in need of Mayors budget, City Collectors budget and Streets and Ally's budget. Alderman Straley did call a budget and finance meeting for July 6th, 2026 at 7:15pm.

DEPARTMENT HEADS-

CHIEF OF POLICE (Patrick Siemsen)-

Moving forward on union negotiations. (May involve two Aldermen or come present in front of council.) Chief Siemsen discussed his budget has been submitted, new hires are doing well and he has provided

education on Facebook in regards to e-bikes and scooters. He also discussed 2026 clean-up is 6-19-2026 through 6-21-2026 and dumpsters will be located at the Police Department. Chief Siemsen did make council aware they are planning for 4th of July as well as Glad Fest. Lastly, he discussed "Acting Out Theater Group" (Individuals doing the Annie Production) issues. Parking, signage and security are still a concern. Two people did attend this meeting to find out what is wanted from the city. Food Trucks were also touched on for this production. It was noted, Kirsten Bishir is heading this and was hoping to use brick and mortar places here in town, they typically have 3 to 4 food vendors. If they see there is a gap, they may invite vendors, one being "Sweet Darrens." Chief Siemsen asked the Mayor "the question about the food trucks, for the council, they were not aware correct?" Mayor Steele stated, "No, I don't think they were aware." Alderman Cook stated, "They talked about it at the first meeting and about limiting them less than their normal, because there are so many restaurants and places to get food." According to Alderman Cook, the ice cream was discussed because there is no ice cream in town.

Mayor Steele did discuss that he has received numerous calls over the street being blocked on Washington and Locust. The concern he has is they originally worked on the stage, but nobody has been down there for some time now. He does not understand why they needed to block the street this long. The group representatives explained, unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances it has not progressed as it should have. They did note, they will be practicing next week so the actors can start learning where to exit, ques as well as blocking.

Chief Siemsen also discussed Alderman Anderson has received complaints on signage and wanting jersey barriers. The group representatives did discuss that the town usually provides signage. Chief Siemsen did state, "What is out there is ours." Chief requested more signage. Mayor Steele did reiterate, "It's not that we don't appreciate things happening in town, it's just we have a lot of residents burning up the phone on everything." He does not believe council ironed everything out prior to. It was agreed that Locust on Washington for sure need signage. Tina Demack did discuss semi-trucks are also becoming an issue where trucks are getting stuck to an extent at Locust and Washington. Alderman Cook discussed a sign similar to what we put out for cruise nights. Chief Siemsen did discuss one or two officers are being enrolled in truck classes now. Chief Siemsen did reiterate he would like jersey barriers present. The group representatives requested clarity and will provide signage behind the stage on Locust and Washington. They also discussed they will have a railroad car container behind the stage as well. Chief Siemsen just wants whatever will stop a car and some barrels. Lastly, they also stated they will have their own security and traffic management upon exit of show.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (Eric Vela)-

Discussed they started blasting dynamite, however, with heavy rain, ground water is becoming a problem. Superintendent Vela also discussed he has a meeting tomorrow to look into bulk water filling station to see how we can incorporate it in to our system in some facet. He made council aware there are a lot of issues with people filling water, not being able to fill, using hydrants and breaking hydrants. He also talked about the water tower issue. Mayor Steele discussed what they opted to do was have a meeting with Baxter and Woodmen. They will drain the tank and give it one more repair, which will be temporary to get us to spring of next year. Baxter and Woodmen will go through and see what needs to be done and put it out for bid. The last company that repaired it will be doing the repair again and Baxter and Woodmen will be with.

Superintendent Vela also discussed they finally got back insurance quotes for roof damages. Most roofs are covered 80% financially. Previously, they were talking 20%. Discussion was had if we want to put a new roof on sewer plant since it will not be in use. Maybe take the money and fix the other roofs 100%. Eventually, buildings will also fall apart if not fixing roof. Discussion to still be had on this matter.

Sidewalk work on Second Street is progressing well. Weather has been an issue on and off. County will be

starting the week after 4th of July and projected to be done before Glad Fest.

CITY COLLECTOR (Tina Demack)-

Training is progressing. Working one on one with someone from Tyler tech. Expected to go live at the end of the month with accounts payable, payroll and general ledger. Demack did discuss a Verizon back up router was installed today. Due to new system being cloud based, when Mediacom goes down there will be no work. She also discussed the Police Department phones run off City Hall system. Advanced Computers installed the router and stated they may drop calls. Demack noted that maybe we can eventually look into fiber.

The next item Demack discussed was Insurance renewal. State off Illinois insurance has gone up. \$869 for total premium. She noted it is maybe only \$4 or \$5 increase for monthly premium. She just needs approval to sign contract and get it back to them. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the health insurance renewal. Alderman Temple seconded the motion with Doody, Hart, Cook and Lesyna voting yes. Aldermen Anderson and Fordahl absent.

Demack also discussed Lisa has been here to help balance, so we are balanced through the year. They will not be allowed to do any adjustment or work after June 24th in order for them to go live that following Monday.

Lastly discussed was the Audit. According to Mayor Steele, the audit company was late due to change of hands and family member passing. We got fined. He had several conversations about this and the Auditor agreed to pay fines. The first notice of possible fine was mailed recently. However, the Auditor believes they will waive the fine. Mayor Steele wants to give them benefit of the doubt and see if they will be true to word. Discussion was had we used this Auditor multiple years and never been late before. It was also discussed there was a lack of communication. There were remarks made that there is no other Municipal Auditor in Kankakee county.

TREASURER REPORT-

Bobbie Munyon, nothing to report.

MAYORAL REPORT –

Requested Executive session for personnel not to come out and do business, but we need to have a discussion. Mayor Steele stated “we need a motion to go into executive.” Alderman Cook made a motion to go into Executive. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Doody, Hart, Temple and Lesyna present. Aldermen Anderson and Fordahl absent.

Council went into Executive at 8:09 p.m.

Council came out of executive to open at 8:40 p.m.

Alderman Cook made motion to adjourn. Alderman Doody seconded the motion with Straley, Hart, Temple and Lesyna voting yes. Aldermen Anderson and Fordahl absent.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Lupe, City Clerk

