

THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

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MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL

Monday, July 6, 2009

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. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Emily Clark, daughter of Todd and Patti Clark.

Mayor Mick Porter called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called by the Clerk with Aldermen Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro and Lesyna present. Alderman Puglise was absent. Also present were Mayor Mick Porter and City Attorney Michael Parish.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Straley made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2009, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro and Lesyna voting yes.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve the bills for payment. Alderman Navarro seconded the motion with Alderman Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro and Lesyna voting yes.

CITIZEN FORUM

None

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Thacker: Stop sign policy has been reviewed and there have been discrepancies noted. Proposed changes have been sent to the Street and Alley Department.

Alderman Straley: The Water and Sewer Department will be checking into the house located on the corner of Sycamore and Thomas for a possible leak in the water line. The house has been pumping water continually into the street.

Alderman Kupferer: Baker and Taylor has resolved the problem of garbage blowing into neighbors' yards. They have also addressed the issue of employees using the back gate as an entrance to Baker and Taylor; it is only to be used as an exit when employees leave work. City engineers have looked at the alley behind the residence at 311 Indiana Street and they are putting together a letter with their findings.

Alderman Navarro: Updates to the Elm Street lift station are being done and the electric service needs to be buried before updates can proceed. A proposal for \$17,855, from Outsen Electric with an additional \$1,200 to do trench and back-fill was presented. It was stated that Water and Sewer Department will do the trench and back-fill. Only one proposal was obtained and the work did not need to go out for bid because it was under \$20,000. Alderman Navarro made a motion to have Outsen Electric bury the electric lines for the amount of \$17,855, and the Water and Sewer Department will take care of the trenching and back-filling. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Alderman Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro and Lesyna voting yes.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Thacker: Bids have been received in regards to the Motor Fuel Tax monies. Total bid was for \$103,157. The two bids that came in were from Gallagher Asphalt and Kankakee Valley Construction Company (KVCC). The City of Momence has to wait a mandatory 8 days to start paperwork for the project. Alderman Thacker made a motion to accept the low bid from Gallagher Asphalt in the amount of \$81,493.99 to be paid from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro and Lesyna voting yes.

Alderman Straley: IMRF (Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund) Report on employers share for 2010: Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund employer contribution rate for the calendar year 2010 is increasing. Two options were available and it was recommended to go with the higher one to avoid additional charges down the line. Alderman Straley made a motion of approval to allow Jeannine Blanchette to fill out the paperwork to go with the rate of 9.97 for the IMRF Employer contribution. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro and Lesyna voting yes.

The first Farmers Market has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 15th, from 3-7PM at the East River Street parking Lot. Alderman Straley made a motion approving the use of the East River Street parking lot every Wednesday from 3-7P.M. for the Farmers Market. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro and Lesyna voting yes.

There will be a public hearing on July 20th, at 7P.M. at the old City Hall before the City Council meeting in preparation for the approval of the proposed Appropriation Ordinance. The proposed Appropriation Ordinance will be on display at the Public Library, the new City Hall and the old City Hall.

Alderman Metz: Policies and procedures for Momence Water and Sewer are in place and are being strongly enforced. All the listed policies and procedures are in ordinances.

Alderman Steele: A Local Improvement and Community Center meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, July 14th, 6:30P.M. at the old City Hall.

Alderman Lesyna: First reading to amending two building ordinances. The first ordinance is for establishing building permit fees. The second ordinance is for the use of architectural plans in building construction (except interior remodeling). Both ordinances will be voted on at the next City Council meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEAD

Mark Nelson: Thanked Street and Alley Department for helping by cutting down trees on the 5th and Franklin project.

Citizen complaint: Citizen lives at River and Market Street. When it rains the water goes up the alley into his garage and ruins his grass. Citizen also had a concern about a trucking company hauling waste on a route not designated as a truck route. Neighbor called police because the truck was dripping and according to the citizen nothing was ever done about this. Citizen was asked to fill out a citizen complaint form and get it to City Hall so that the concerns will be documented and the appropriate action can be taken.

Scott Behrends: In early 2007 the stop lights were updated to LED. The City received a grant to do a portion of the job. Illinois Clean Energy Association states that the City has not received the money and that a letter is needed to extend the grant and the City will be able to receive the grant money by the end of July.

Jenene Henson: Read a thank you note from the family of Rex Rowe, thanking City Hall and the City Council for the flowers sent for his funeral.

MAYORAL REPORT

Discuss and vote on fee for architectural drawings done by Mike Stanula for City Hall upgrades/improvements: Handicap bathroom and access is needed for the new City Hall. Alderman Metz made a motion to approve a \$600 fee for architectural drawings for handicapped access for city hall and for one unisex bathroom. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro and Lesyna voting yes.

Request from Gladiolus Festival Association to use the parking lot on East River Street for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 7, 8 & 9, 2009. Alderman Straley made a motion granting Gladiolus Festival Association complete access to the parking lot on East River Street for the dates of August 7-9th, 2009. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro and Lesyna voting yes.

Approval of Appointment for Chief of Police: moved to Executive Session to possibly come out and do business.

Mayor Porter would like City Council's approval to terminate the contract with Independent Inspections. A sixty day written notice is required for termination of Independent Inspections. Alderman Lesyna is working on satisfying ordinances. Alderman Lesyna stated that building fees will be reduced by 15 percent and the City of Momenca instead of making 15 percent will be making 60 percent. Building inspectors will be more available. Alderman Straley made a made motion to terminate the agreement with Independent Inspections. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro and Lesyna voting yes.

Effective on termination of the contract with Independent Inspections Mayor Porter would like to appoint building inspector: Don Kiger, Plumbing Inspector: Jon Cousins and Electrical Inspector: Craig Kennedy. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to accept the appointments as listed above. Alderman Navarro seconded the motion with Alderman Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro and Lesyna voting yes.

Discuss and vote on City of Mومence website domain/host agreement: Mr. and Mrs. Crooks have been working on a website for the City of Mومence. Chamber of Commerce has allowed us to use their website. Mayor Porter feels like the City of Mومence needs a website available to communicate with the city. Minutes from City Council meetings would be available, improved partnerships along with the Fire Department web page connected to the City of Mومence. The City would be getting its own domain name for the cost of \$9.99 a year plus a 3 year fee of \$213.84. Total cost would be \$243.81 per year. Alderman Navarro made a motion to enter into a 3 year contract not to exceed \$250.00 for the domain name of cityofmومence.com through the company of godaddy.com. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro and Lesyna voting yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Straley made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:13P.M. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Alderman Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro and Lesyna voting yes.

Two items for contractual possibly to come out and do business. Returned from Executive Session at 9:27P.M.

Alderman Straley made a motion to accept the host agreement from Allied Waste per suggested revisions and clarifications concerning court jurisdiction, building boundaries and pollution issues. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro and Lesyna voting yes.

Alderman Thacker made a motion for Mayor Porter to draft a letter of intent to appoint Chief Swanson as Chief of Police of the City of Mومence with the approval of the joint contract with the City of Mومence, Village of Grant Park and Kankakee County. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Alderman Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro and Lesyna voting yes.

Alderman Lesyna noted a concern brought to his attention regarding whether a contract can override an ordinance. The contract and ordinance in question was regarding garbage fees and was given to the City Attorney to look into and correction will be made if needed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:32P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk