

THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

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Richard Kupferer
Charles Navarro
Mark Lesyna
Steve Puglise

MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL Monday, August 17, 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 Savannah Simpson, granddaughter of Bertha Fisher. Mayor Mick Porter called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Lesyna requested to remove the sentence on page 3 (The City can structure ordinances where an adult use ordinance can be located.) Alderman Lesyna then made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2009, Council Meeting as amended. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

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

CITIZEN FORUM

Kelly Cantwell, High School Volleyball Team Coach is requesting permission for the volleyball team, along with parents, to collect money at stoplights from 8AM-12PM on September 5, 2009, as part of the drive for the Susan B. Komen Foundation for breast cancer awareness. In addition, the team would like to tie pink ribbons around trees located on Dixie Highway. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the Volleyball team to collect donations on Dixie Highway for the time and date mentioned above, and to tie ribbons around trees on Dixie Highway. The team will remove the ribbons after the fundraiser is over. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

John Sokol, owner of buildings located at 28 and 22 North Dixie Highway, has had several complaints regarding the 2 garbage dumpsters behind his buildings. His dumpsters are always full and garbage is left around the garbage dumpsters. He has 2 dumpsters for 9 apartments. They've tried locking the dumpsters but people just place their garbage on top or around the dumpsters and the disposal company will not pick up garbage that is placed around the dumpster. Mr. Sokol wants the Council to be aware of the situation and he would like assistance from the City of Momence. Mayor Porter stated that he will call the other owners of the rental properties and the other businesses about the situation.

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Lesyna: First Reading of Golf Cart Ordinance: If the Council has questions please contact Mark, especially with the paragraph on page 2 regarding underage golf cart drivers.

Discuss Adult Use Ordinance: The Adult Use Ordinance needs more work and will hopefully be ready to discuss and vote on at the next council meeting.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Straley: Farmers market is doing very well. Alderman Straley has been successful in getting senior citizens coupons. Any senior 60 and older will qualify to get fresh fruit and vegetables. The show bus is being made available to escort senior citizens. Johnsonville has donated money to offset expenses of the market. One Farmers Market sign previously approved by the Council has been be donated so the only cost to the City was \$150.00.

Alderman Metz: Citizens have complained that at 112 East 4th Street laundry suds are coming out the North side of their house. This will be investigated.

Alderman Steele: Called a Local Improvement meeting for Wednesday, September 2, at 6:30PM to discuss Mainstreet and Momence Youth Sports Association.

Alderman Kupferer: Called a Police Committee meeting on Wednesday, August 19, at 6:30PM.

Alderman Navarro: A resident thanked the City for added police presence on the south side of town. He has one item for Executive Session for personnel not to come out and do business

DEPARTMENT HEAD

Jeannie Blanchette: The issue mentioned above regarding John Sokol: Code Enforcement Officer Johnny Short has the addresses and phone numbers of tenants living in the apartments located in and around 22 and 28 North Dixie Highway and he will be sending letters out to them.

MAYORAL REPORT

The Council meeting for Monday, September 7th, has been rescheduled for Tuesday, September 8th, due to the Labor Day Holiday.

Mayor Porter read a letter of resignation from Bill Thacker, Alderman of Ward 1 of the City of Momence, stating that because of lack of time and effort required to do this important job he will have to resign. An appointment will hopefully be made at the next City Council meeting, Tuesday, September 8th.

Mayor Porter met with Allied Waste and has signed the tipping agreement.

Plans for the new City Hall are in; discussions of time frame, etc. will be forthcoming.

Mayor Porter then congratulated Momence Mainstreet for being the recipient of a \$99,000 grant for building owners for repairs and upgrades in downtown Momence.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Two Personnel items not to come out and do business.

Alderman Straley made motion to enter into Executive Session. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. The Council went to into Executive Session at 8:00P.M.

The Council returned from Executive Session at 8:50P.M.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:50P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk