

THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

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Diann Denton
Bonnie Straley
Nova Metz
Charles Steele

Richard Kupferer
Charles Navarro
Mark Lesyna
Steve Puglise

MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL Monday, October 19, 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 Treshon Spears, son of Quincy and Tammy Spears.

Mayor Mick Porter called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Straley made the motion to approve the Regular minutes of the October 5, 2009, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

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

OLD BUSINESS

Alderwoman Straley mentioned that there would be a craft sale and flea market on Saturday, October 24th from 10AM – 5PM at the Community Center.

Alderman Puglise: Tree Board looking to do fall plantings and they would like to increase the budget. Alderman Puglise has placed it on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Kupferer: Discuss and possibly vote on Hybrid Vehicle. This issue has been tabled to put out for sealed bids. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to put out for sealed bids for a possible purchase of a hybrid vehicle for the police department based on specifications according to Chief Swanson. Alderman Denton seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Police Meeting called for Monday, 11/2, at 6:30PM.

Alderman Lesyna: Called Ordinance Meeting for Monday, 11/2, at 6PM to discuss future ordinances.

DEPARTMENT HEAD

Scott Behrends stated that they've begun leaf pickup. He asked that leaves be placed by the curb but not in the street. A deadline on chipping will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

Becky Peterson stated that she has completed the Annual Treasurer's Report and it will be filed at the County Clerk's office and will be published in the paper.

MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Porter set Halloween hours for October 31, 2009, from 4-7PM. Alderman Straley made a motion as stated above adding that children should only trick or treat at houses with their porch lights on. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Resignation letter from Alderman Charles Navarro was read. Mayor Porter then asked if anyone living in the 3rd Ward was interested in joining the City Council to please contact City Hall.

Discuss and vote on Flanders tax abatement resolution: Mike Van Mill, President and CEO of the Economic Alliance of Kankakee County stated that they have been working with Flanders to bring additional jobs to the city of Momence and are trying to put in place tools to make Flanders invest in the city of Momence with an expansion to their plant. The city has been awarded a \$300,000 grant to help upgrade the water system in the south east portion of the City of Momence that will facilitate this expansion. The other element is for the City to consider the possibility of a property tax abatement on the addition. Mr. Van Mill took this consideration to the County board and they unanimously approved the abatement of the County's portion of property taxes. This abatement would be offered as an incentive for Flanders, their current tax bill is \$43,000. Additional 30 jobs will be created with the expansion. Mayor Porter stated that he views this as a plus in the sense that the real estate taxes currently received would not be changed. The City would be looking at incremental levels of receiving the entire real estate tax by the end of 6 years. Each taxing district is independent of the other. The school could modify the abatement as could the City. According to Mike Van Mill, this is the same incentive that the County has had in place for 25 years.

It was stated that the addition is not a certainty; according to Mayor Porter, Cornerstone Engineering feels that the Flander's addition is a certainty. Mayor Porter stated that the grant is for a 12 inch water line for the south east side of town to open opportunities for additional industry. Jim Vickery stated that they're trying to put a package together for Flanders (\$300,000 grant and tax abatement from districts involved). Because of lack of residential building any opportunity to increase commercial building is needed. Dave Pine reminded the Council that the building sat empty for

several years. Alderman Denton made a motion to table this resolution until the next Council meeting. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Lesyna and Puglise.

Discuss and vote on The Purple Ribbon Campaign Resolution: Awareness of the devastating effects of violence against women and children in the United States. The City of Momence supports the purple ribbon. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to pass the resolution as mentioned above. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. The Resolution was assigned number 127.

Discuss and possibly take action on 5 North Dixie Highway: Explained the time line before October 12, 2009, building collapse. Mayor Porter received on June 11, 2009, a letter of report from Anthony Rabanno, Illinois Historic Preservation agency from State of Illinois. Dave Plein and Momence Main Street requested him to come and take a look at the building. Letter was sent to the owner, Dave Plein, signed by build inspector, John Rue, requesting a professional inspection be ordered/completed and paid for by the owner and must be done by June 23, 2009 to void additional enforcement action by the building department. Owner responded immediately and worked diligently with the City. Structural Engineer Report submitted June 29, 2009, stating his opinion of the building. In the report it stated that the cracking of the south east corner of the south wall was a significant structural issue. Cause of cracking could not be determined. In it's current condition the wall cannot function as a barring wall as it was originally intended. The addition of said walls on the interior adjacent to this wall is hazardously carrying a significant portion of the weight barring on this wall, as a result the building is temporarily stable. August 20, 2009, the owner applied for a permit for shoring said building with plans created by an architect. Work was done on October 9 and 10, 2009, then a portion of the south wall collapsed and led to it's current condition.

The City is currently waiting to hear from the insurance company and a report will be completed by Wednesday and will be sent to the insurance company. Insurance company will then determine if the event falls under the coverage. Attorney Parish stated that he has been in contact with Mr. Plein and his attorney. There are waiting for the opinion of the insurance company but are prepared to work and move forward in the most expedient way. Communication is in place with attorney and owner and the City of Momence.

Mayor Porter then appointed Nova Metz as Chairman of Water and Sewer Department.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk