

THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

MICK PORTER, Mayor
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ALDERMEN

Diann Denton	Richard Kupferer
Bonnie Straley	David Cook
Nova Metz	Mark Lesyna
Charles Steele	Steve Puglise

MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL Monday, June 7, 2010 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. Mayor Mick Porter called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called by the Clerk with Aldermen Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise present. Also present were Mayor Mick Porter and City Attorney Michael Parish. Margaret Clifton was appointed as Recording Secretary in the event of City Clerk's absence; Jenene Henson swore her in.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Cook made a motion to approve the Regular and Executive Session minutes of the May 17, 2010, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, 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, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

CITIZEN FORUM

Momence Gladiolus Association requested use of the East River Street City parking lot during the Gladiolus Festival, August 13, 14 and 15, for entertainment purposes from 5:00P.M. - 12:00P.M. Security has been hired by the Gladiolus Festival. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve use of the City parking for the dates and times listed above. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Resident, Theresa Reato, requested a residential parking only sign at 28 Pine Street because she is unable to park in the alley by her house and she stated that she is disabled and local business customers and Gladiolus Festival attendees are parking on this street, therefore she is unable to park in front of her house. She also mentioned that restaurant garbage from Johnny Angels restaurant has been piling up. Mayor Porter will look into both situations.

Bob and Dawn Sharkey addressed the Council regarding flooding on West Second Street. Mr. Sharkey stated that he is a 13 year resident on the north side of Second Street and that since 2008, when the High School parking lot was installed, he has had water in his house three times. He would like the City to look into the storm sewer system. Alderman Straley stated that she has spoke to Scott Behrends is he is investigating the storm sewer system in that area.

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Kupferer discussed the issue of Animal Control's trapping of stray animals. The cost to remove these animals is \$85 each and the City spent \$850 this past month. The Ordinance that the City presently has only addresses

dogs. Momence Police department does not own traps at this time. Alderman Metz will contact New Beginnings Animal Shelter to see if they can help or know of any business that can assist the City. Animal Control is the only known place that will take a wild cat.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderwoman Straley noted that the Appropriation Ordinance was posted as required; there were no questions, therefore, she made a motion to approve the 2010 -2011 Appropriation Ordinance as presented. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.. The Appropriation Ordinance was given #687.

Alderman Straley stated that she is looking into the possibility of a city wide garage sale managed by the City and the Chamber of Commerce to be held the end of July. The possibility of waiving permit fees for participants and contacting local businesses to see if they will partner up with this event by supplying free items (coke, ice cream etc.) to customers were discussed.

An update on the Farmer's Market was given with the start date of July 14, 4-6:30P.M. with a seasonal fee of \$50 per spot or a single market day fee of \$10 per spot. The Market will run through October and application forms will be available at City Hall and at the Farmer's Market. Senior Citizen coupons will be distributed again.

Alderwoman Metz stated that the Momence Packing DAF unit building has rust and corrosion and no ventilation. Mayor Porter and Scott Behrends spoke to Momence Packing, rust is caused by humidity in the building. Scott Behrends met with the engineers; corrosion was discussed and will be looked into further.

The DAF unit has overflowed again and proper procedures (washing the dumpsters down) are not being followed. The sludge is getting deep on the bottom of the dumpsters. This issue will be looked into further by Mark Nelson.

Alderman Steele called a Street and Alley meeting for Tuesday, June 15, 7P.M. at old City Hall. Alderman Steele then questioned that recently passed ordinances have no enforcement on them and that the officers are not aware of the price of fines. Chief Swanson stated that several issues have been addressed and citations have been written. Chief Swanson also requested that when infractions happen, residents need to call the police.

Alderman Lesyna distributed the first reading of potential ordinances. Tampering with water control shut off valve; in the past there has been no consequence, this ordinance will levy a \$100 fine for each occurrence.

Gary Taylor has been going through the Code book and found some items in multiple locations. These items need to be moved around, they are not new things and the plan is to move them to the correct place in the code book. The littering ordinance is in two different places and one of them will be repealed. Underage drinking is now under business regulations and will be moved to police regulations.

At the Ordinance meeting held tonight committee members discussed the first readings and the potential of having electronic attendance at council meetings and the possibility of a wind energy ordinance. The electronic attendance and wind energy ordinance will be researched by the Committee to see if the City will allow these and what kind of regulations will be required.

DEPARTMENT HEAD

Mark Nelson stated that the flushing of hydrants will be done on Thursday, June 17th and 24th from 9am-3pm and that there may be some rust in their water.

Chief Swanson readdressed Alderman Steele regarding New Ordinances; he stated that the new have not been codified yet. Officers are using the Ordinance number until it is codified. Chief then discussed the need for emergency shelters during severe weather. The Police Station was opened Saturday night because of severe weather. He would like the City to look into some sort of emergency shelters and he suggested residents sign up with the Sheriff's alert system. The Police department has implemented a new phone system, calls will go to an answering center that will allow the option for callers to go directly to the dispatch center, or a message may be left for the Police Chief or others at the station. Golf carts were discussed if owners are complying with the ordinance. Mayor Porter received complaints

that traffic travels fast on 6th Street from Dixie Highway to Railroad and it may be necessary to add a stop sign near Sixth and Walnut. Mayor Porter asked for attention to this street.

MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Porter requested a motion to vote on the Resolution for street closures for the Gladiolus Festival Parades in August. Alderman Straley made a motion requesting permission from the state for temporary street closures of Route 1 and 17 on August 12, 13 and 14. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Resolution was given #135.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Straley made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss one Personnel item and three Contractual items – possibly to come out and do business. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Entered into executive session at 8:10P.M. Returned from Executive Session at 9:10P.M.

Alderman Straley made a motion to allow Mayor Porter to hire Dennis Marek for additional council for the City of Momence versus Plein litigation at the hourly fee of \$250.00. Alderman Denton seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:10P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk