

# THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

MICK PORTER, Mayor  
JENENE HENSON, Clerk  
MARGARET PETERSON, Treasurer

## ALDERMEN

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

MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL  
Monday, September 20, 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 Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise present. Also present were Mayor Mick Porter and City Attorney Michael Parish. Alderman Denton was absent.

Public hearing to receive public comments on the proposal to sell not to exceed \$500,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) to pay the costs of street, parking lot, sidewalk and lighting improvements within the City, and explained that all persons desiring to be heard would have an opportunity to present written or oral testimony with respect thereto. Mayor Porter opened the Public Hearing and explained that the reasons for the proposed issuance of the Bonds is to pay the costs of street, parking lot, sidewalk and lighting improvements within the City. Whereupon the Mayor asked for additional comments from the Aldermen. Additional comments were made by the following: none.

Public comments from the audience. Ian Hellings asked a question on the logistics of this bond issue regarding whether these bonds are a coupon bond so that the person or bearer of these bonds is paid a fixed interest rate each year until the bond accrues in ten or twenty years. Mayor Porter stated that it is a fixed interest rate and the payments would be the principal and interest payments annually for twenty years. Mr. Hellings then stated that on the City's side, on payment back of these bonds to reduce the bond debt, it is amortized over 5, 10 or 20 years over what was decided, if it is amortized like that then the principal is being paid back as well by the City, who is collecting these bonds funds and paying out the interests. Mayor Porter stated that according to First Midstate, the head administrator will maintain the principal and interest payments to the holders of the bonds. Ian Hellings then stated that they will be collecting the principal which will be going into a separate account there to pay off the bonds being redeemed at this point of time. Mayor Porter stated that this issuance of the bond is based on the use of 50 percent annually, for the next 20 years of our MFT funds, which comes out to approximately \$38,000 – \$40,000 a year which would be turned over to the administrator of the bond each year. Mr. Hellings asked what type of guarantee does the administrator have that those principal payments will be put into a separate account and available at redemption; what guarantee do we have technically in the 19<sup>th</sup> year that most of that money has been paid back into some type of account what guarantee/liability would the city have if all the sudden that money is not there. Mayor Porter stated that his understanding is that the bonds as they are being paid back it pays down the principal and interest and at the end of 20 years it is paid off. Bonds are being paid back principal and interest to the holder of the bond.

The Mayor then announced that all persons desiring to be heard had been given an opportunity to present oral and written testimony with respect to the proposed issuance of the bonds.

Alderman Straley moved and Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion that the Hearing be adjourned. After a full discussion thereof, the Mayor directed that the roll be called for a vote upon the motion. Upon the roll being called the following Aldermen voted AYE: Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise. NAY: none.

Whereupon the Mayor declared the motion carried and the Hearing was adjourned.

## APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the Regular and Executive Session minutes of the September 7, 2010, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Puglise seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

## APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

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

## CITIZEN FORUM

Main Street director, Jeannine Loftus presented to Council an opportunity to join a task force consisting of Main Street Momence, City Officials, Chamber of Commerce and the Park District for a city wide economic development program. Mayor Porter and Alderman Cook volunteered with the possibility of Alderman Puglise being an alternate.

Jack Fitzgerald – Lions Club Candy Day. Mr. Fitzgerald requested permission to have the annual Lions Club Candy Day on October 9 from 7:30-11A.M. at the shell gas station (Route 1 and Gladiolus Ave.), Washington/Dixie and Second Street/Dixie corners. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve day, time and location as mentioned above for the Lions Club Candy Day. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

## OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Kupferer reported that the Census has given a plaque to the City expressing their thanks for the efforts that were made to the 2010 census.

## ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderwoman Metz – Vote on the recommendation of the Plan Zone Commission regarding a variance for placement of a fence at 702 W. Second Street. Alderman Metz stated that the Planning and Zoning met regarding a variance for a fence on the west side of a house at 702 West Second Street. Ordinances state that the fence may not go past the rear of the house. The owners came to the meeting with letters from area residents stating that they are OK with them to have the fence. It would be a 6 foot white vinyl hurricane fence. No questions were asked therefore Alderman Metz made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Plan and Zone Commission to allow the placement of a fence at 702 W. Second Street on the north west side of the house. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Alderman Kupferer stated that he attended a meeting for a county wide Brownfield Grant. The grant is to help identify brownfield areas (grounds contaminated by chemicals and gas tank leaks) that might be applicable for the grant. Funds are available, but first need to be identified.

Alderman Cook mentioned that Conrad Park is having a 10 year celebration for the friends of the park on Friday, October 1. Council members as well as the public are all invited to attend.

Alderman Lesyna - Discuss and vote on fees. City of Momence is proposing raising the liquor license fees of Class A, C and D to \$800 and Class B to \$300, he also stated that this is the first change since 1977. Peddler license fees are also being raised pursuant to this ordinance to 1 week \$5, 1 month \$10 and 1 year \$50, this was last changed in 1978. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to pass an ordinance amending an ordinance concerning fees charges by the City of Momence. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Ordinance was given #3695.

Alderman Lesyna stated that there was an Ordinance meeting held this evening discussing a potential package liquor business moving into the old Finer Foods located on the corner of Second Street and Dixie Highway; this has been put on hold. Alderman Lesyna called an Ordinance Committee Meeting for Monday, October 4 at 7PM to discuss the research and information gathered from the State Liquor license Bureau concerning granting a liquor license to that location.

The potential ordinance amending an ordinance concerning dogs and cats in the City of Momence has been put on hold until an update is received from New Beginnings Animal Clinic.

## DEPARTMENT HEAD

Jeannie Blanchette stated that there is an ordinance update available at City Hall and to bring in Ordinance books to be updated.

Scott Behrends stated that the generator on Elm Street is up and running. Leaf pickup will be posted soon.

Becky Peterson stated that the Treasurers Report is done and should be published this week.

## MAYORAL REPORT

Discuss and vote on the Allied Waste Contract. The current agreement between the City of Mokenca and Allied Waste will be amended by the following points: Allied Waste will supply each homeowner with a 96 gallon toter that the resident must place their waste in for pick up. If a single toter is not large enough for the residents, Allied Waste will supply additional toters for the residents to use. The supply, maintenance and ownership of these toters will be the responsibility of Allied Waste. The delivery of the toters will be scheduled between the Mayor's office and Allied Waste. Once the toters are delivered the residents must start placing their toters at the roadside in front of their home for collection.

Alderman Kupferer specified this is a contract for homeowners only. Commercial accounts all generally bid their own service. The reason Allied is going with toters is because it is an automated truck and is a lot cleaner. Garbage trucks will no longer go through alleys because of interference from overhead lines and branches. It was stated that this truck is safer, no elimination of jobs and will service 500 homes a day. It was stated that multi-unit buildings will be serviced. Downtown service was discussed and it was stated that Allied will have to work on a one on one basis with them. Downtown residence will have to be picked up in the back. Elderly or special needs people will possibly need the 60 gallon tote which is a smaller container. Residents are to call if a smaller toter is needed. On the few occasions where there is excess garbage, it will be mounted up around the container. Ordinance states that when you put your garbage can out, you only have 24 hours to get them out of the front of their yard. Mayor stated that the City will enforce this ordinance. Not bidding out was questioned along with the benefit to the City of extending the contract. Allied representative stated that they would probably not invest in supplying the toters (with existing contract) if the City did not extend the contract. The toters will cost \$75,000 – \$100,000 and unless abusive, Allied will replace. Looking for extension because of the investment in the community.

Rate increase based on same percentage of increase for last 4 – 5 years. Future pricing over the next 6 years will increase from the cost of \$12.38 per unit to \$15.45 per unit. Recycling and yard waste pick up on the same day along with generating a high appeal to recycle to the public was discussed with Allied and the City to put together a package to inform the public of the recycling program.

Alderman Lesyna made a motion to accept the Allied Waste Contract. Alderman Cook seconded the motion with Alderman Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Straley, Metz and Steele voted no. Motion carried 4-3.

Appointments to Plan and Zoning Committee: Mayor Porter appointed Shannon Demack to the Planning and Zoning committee replacing Mike Zickman. Alderman Metz made the motion to accept Mayor Porter's recommendation to appoint Shannon Demack to the Planning and Zoning Committee. Alderman Puglise seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Mayor Porter then appointed Steve Lund as Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee. Alderman Straley made a motion to accept Mayor Porter's recommendation to appoint Steve Lund as Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Mayor Porter then stated that after further review each member of the Planning and Zoning Committee is to be designated a length of term and the appointments will be reviewed to clarify the appointment terms.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Kupferer made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Litigation – 5 Dixie Hwy – possibly to come out and do business. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Entered into executive session at 8:32P.M. Returned from Executive Session at 9:13P.M.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk