

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, November 15, 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.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Metz made a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of the November 1, 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 Cook made a motion to approve the bills for payment. Alderman Puglise seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

CITIZEN FORUM

Discussion was of garbage cans/toters: Allied was quick to make adjustments and they will pick up in both alleys and streets, instead of just streets. The City will notify citizens of this adjustment through the local newspaper and placing it on the water bills.

Terrell Osborne – Enterprise Zone. Mr. Osborne, VP and General Manager of Baker and Taylor discussed the Enterprise Zone stating that from a business standpoint he believes an enterprise zone in Momence could benefit the town.

Main Street – Requested closure of West Washington from 12-8PM on December 4, for the 10th annual Christmas Gathering. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve closing West Washington Street as requested above. Alderman Straley seconded the motion. 8 Yeas. 0 Nays.

New Trails - Requested the use of the Community Center on December 18, for an indoor skate jam. Rental fee is \$125, \$100 for non profit. Insurance coverage was confirmed. Will be placed on agenda for next Council Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of settlement agreement will be discussed in executive session possibly to come out and do business.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Straley: Discuss and vote on Amendment for the Appropriations Ordinance. The bottom line number was off because of an addition error. Council is not changing anything just making a motion to pass an amended Ordinance #687 amending the amount of \$1,934,868 amending to \$1,942,438. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to amend Ordinance #687, Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Alderman Straley then stated that the Tax levy is not completed. The City will be estimating levying taxes \$325,469. The Tax Levy will not be posted and there will be no public hearing because the taxes will not be raised above 105%.

Alderman Steele: Request from Chris Sharkey to plant 2 trees on City property on 3rd and Locust on south side of his property. Referred to talk to Scott Behrends and the Tree Board.

Alderman Steele: Request to abandon alley on Ohio Street. It was discussed to abandon the alley and list as surplus then bid on it to purchase outright. Alley will need to be appraised; a survey was requested. Legalities will be looked into.

Alderman Cook: Discuss Christmas tree lights. Scott Behrends brought in samples of lights that the City has to place on downtown Christmas tree. Clear lights were presented as the best available. Mr. Osborne from Baker and Taylor stated that they will donate any remaining need within a reasonable amount.

Alderman Lesyna: First reading of an ordinance amending an ordinance regarding stop signs at intersections. Intersections added were 6th and Ash, 4th and Hickory and Brown Drive in Doe Run.

First reading of an ordinance amending an ordinance regarding yield signs at intersections. It was stated that yield sign in town are ignored. Suggestion made was to remove all yield signs in town and make them stop signs.

DEPARTMENT HEAD

Scott Behrends: Mark Nelson got the drain put in on Ash Street.

MAYORAL REPORT

Discuss and vote on Preliminary Engineering and Construction Guidance Agreement for MFT Funds. This is the requirement following the MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) bond fund, 1st step towards use of money. Alderman Straley made a motion to accept the preliminary engineering and construction guidance agreement for MFT Funds. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion. 8 Yeas. 0 Nays.

Jason Johnson with IDOT informed Mayor Porter that they will consider the location of the maple street railroad crossing by Strongheart for the 2012 federal rail safety program. They plan on looking at past history and past accidents that would demand more signals or gates.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Straley made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Litigation – Possibly to come out and do business. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Council entered into Executive Session at 8:10PM. Council returned from Executive Session at 9:17P.M.

Budget and Finance meeting was scheduled for 6:30P.M. on December 6 to discuss tax levy.

Alderman Kupferer made a motion pursuant to the review of the confidential settlement agreement in Executive Session that the Council hereby approves in the matter of the City of Momence vs. Plein litigation the confidential settlement agreement such approval being made upon the execution and receipt by the City of such executed agreement. Alderman Cook seconded the motion with Alderman Puglise, Lesyna, Cook, Kupferer and Denton voting yes. Alderman Steele, Metz and Straley voting no. Attorney Parish to look into whether the 5-3 vote is enough to carry the motion.

At this time Momenca citizen Jay Keyrouac mentioned several issues that he believes taxpayers are not being made aware of: the confidential settlement agreement in the matter of the City of Momenca vs. Plein litigation, Police Union Contract details, MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) borrowing the 450,000 at no time was it ever mentioned what the bottom line was, along with several issues regarding the tax levy and the treasurer's report.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:25P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk