

THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

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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, January 3, 2011
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.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of the December 20, 2010, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Kupferer passed.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Alderman Cook 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

Jeanne Simpson addressed the Council stating that in 2007 Council discussed approval of a proposed easement to Stirling Meadows, 2nd Phase. City of Momence owns property, along Industrial Drive and the easement was anticipated to be 60 feet wide and the location is for possible future growth in housing. Mrs. Simpson was looking for reaffirmation of what the 2007 Council had approved but there was no recording that it was accepted by the City granting the easement on the property. Access acquired through the Kankakee County, as they own Industrial Drive. Mayor Porter stated that in the 2007 minutes, City Council had approved the easement for a road to be constructed and paid for by Endor. The commitment was that the City will grant the access and if construction had moved on this would have been done. The lot is approximately .6 acres. Permit would come from the County. A culvert will have to be put in, according to Scott Behrends, Superintendent of Public Works at owner's expense. Council approval is for the new owner or subsequent owners to be responsible to construct a road for access to the property recently purchased that was once owned by Endor. That property has a parcel number of: 05-11-18-100-037. Alderman Straley made a motion granting easement for road to be constructed and paid for by the owner of 6th edition of Sterling Meadows, meeting all City requirements. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Vote on Settlement Agreement-to be discussed in executive session.

Alderman Kupferer stated that a letter of commendation for Lieutenant Nolte was received from Kankakee County Sheriff's Police. Chief Swanson stated that the letter commended Lieutenant Nolte for continued support of task-force efforts and for providing information and resources that has led to the arrest of several suspects.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Metz stated that at tonight's Public Works (Water and Sewer) meeting discussed the following: touch up painting of water towers, the Water Street sewer main and changes of water and sewer charges regarding industrial charges.

Alderman Lesyna called an Ordinance meeting for Tuesday, January 18, 2011, at 6:30P.M. to begin discussion of the employee handbook.

Ordinance Committee meeting was held this evening to discuss the proposed ordinance concerning smoking in public places in the City of Mokenca. The Police department cannot enforce the state statute without a municipal ordinance. The Ordinance committee will amend the front entrance no smoking area to 30 feet.

First reading of an ordinance regarding hiring standards for part time officers. This proposed ordinance amends our code book to comply with the Illinois State Statute, two sentences have been added: All police officers other than those officers who shall be employed on a full time basis shall be qualified to enter and successfully complete any training mandated by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board, the aforesaid hiring standard particularly with respect to part time police officers employed by the City of Mokenca, Illinois, shall be submitted to the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Boards as required by statutes. Labor Contract was addressed: At the time of hiring the City Council or the current labor contract shall set the wages of said officers. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to pass an ordinance amending an ordinance regarding hiring standards for part time officers. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Ordinance was given #701.

DEPARTMENT HEAD

Chief Swanson introduced part-time officer Tim Williams. During the recent roadside safety check with the IDOT (Illinois Department of Transportation) safety grant enforcement program, 45 citations were issued along with 1 warrant and 1 driving while suspended. The Police Department conducted shooters training, this activity has come about from the Columbine shooting. Mokenca police have also conducted walk around/observations at local schools.

MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Porter stated that the appraisal has been completed for property near Allen Lumber. The property has lot description but no parcel number. Mayor Porter is working with Marsha Tedford, Mokenca Township Assessor, to get all required information, before it becomes surplus property.

Resubmission of four annexation ordinances. On September 7, the Planning Committee recommended the following four properties to be annexed: 2 North of Industrial Drive, 1 on Mechanic Street and 1 on Route 1 and 17 just west of the old Ford dealership (Vandrunen's FutureCeuticals). Having gone through public hearing and prior council approval, the ordinances failed to get published and recorded, therefore, Mayor Porter stated that he is seeking a motion to again, accept the annexation of the four parcels: 06-10-24-220-004, B2 Zoning; 05-11-18-100-031 A1 Zoning; 05-11-18-100-029 A1 Zoning and 06-10-13-200-005 M2 Zoning. Alderman Kupferer made the motion to annex the four properties mentioned above. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

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 Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Entered into executive session at 7:56P.M. Returned from Executive Session at 9:20P.M.

Alderman Cook made a motion to pass the resolution authorizing execution of an agreement between the City of Mokenca and David Plein. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion. Alderman Straley, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voted yes. Alderman Steele and Metz voted no. Resolution passed and was given #141.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:23P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk