

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, February 7, 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 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 January 18, 2011, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Alderman Straley 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

Main Street: Lisa Wogan handed out a flyer regarding an Economic Development Conference and discussed the Community Auction.

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Lesyna stated that the employee handbook was discussed at tonight's Ordinance meeting, he then called another Ordinance meeting for Wednesday, February 16 at 6P.M. to discuss the employee handbook.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderwoman Straley called a Local Improvement meeting regarding a presentation from Baxter Woodman for 6:30P.M. on Tuesday, February 22, 2011. A Budget and Finance committee hearing for the public hearing was rescheduled for Tuesday, February 15, at 6P.M. in regard to an application for a Grant Application of CDAP Funds Public Hearing.

The City's auditors will be at the next council meeting, Tuesday, February 22, to discuss the audit.

Alderman Straley stated that a motion was needed to put out sealed bids for an auditing company. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to request bid proposals for auditing services for fiscal years 2010-2011 through 2012-2013. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Alderwoman Metz called a Public Works/Water and Sewer Committee meeting for 6P.M. on Tuesday, February 22.

Discuss and vote on the purchase of a truck for the Public Works Department. Scott Behrends stated that there is a 3 ton 1996 dump truck available for purchase, it is being sold for \$13,500. The funds to purchase this truck with can be split between water and sewer funds (equipment purchases). This truck will be replacing an 1985 truck; it was suggested to keep the 1985 truck for parts and then scrap it. Alderman Metz made a motion to purchase the 1996 equipment truck for the public works department for \$13,500 to be equally split between water and sewer department funds. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Kupferer and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Straley voted no.

Alderman Cook presented a follow up report regarding the downtown strategic task meeting. He stated that he is looking at ways to support economic growth and he mentioned several issues that need to be prioritized: Continue focusing on the TIF District. Better code enforcement and looking at developing a license and inspection process for rental units. Suggested to discuss with local communities; would have to be an ordinance. This can get expensive for the property owner if they do not work with the inspector, confrontation issues were discussed. Chief Swanson suggested putting together a City adjudication program. Building Code issues and Business Licensing were discussed.

Alderman Lesyna stated that discussion of an ordinance to change commercial sewer rates will be tabled until next meeting.

The date was set for February 22, after the regular City Council meeting to review executive minutes for public disclosure.

DEPARTMENT HEAD

Chief Swanson stated that they have finalized another grant application for overtime for traffic enforcement. Discussion was of the Sheriff alert system and other similar options, Chief to investigate.

TREASURER - Becky Peterson gave Council a spreadsheet of sales tax collected.

MAYORAL REPORT

Discuss and vote on a resolution to sell surplus property. The property is located near Allen Lumber at the railroad. An appraisal has been approved and received on the land. Resolution is required. This authorizes the sale of the surplus real estate. Fair market value is \$26,000 which represents full fair market value of real estate. Alderman Straley made a motion to pass a resolution to sell surplus property. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Resolution was given #143.

Mayor Porter then stated that in observance of President's Day, the next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2011.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - none

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 8:09P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk