

# 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, February 22, 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, Kupferer, Lesyna and Puglise present. Also present were Mayor Mick Porter and City Attorney Michael Parish. Alderman Steele and Cook were absent.

### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of the February 7, 2011, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Kupferer, 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 Denton, Straley, Metz, Kupferer, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

### CITIZEN FORUM

Lisa Nutting /Relay for Life – stated that the Relay for Life team would like to collect money for Relay for Life on May 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> in jars at the intersections of Shell (Rt. 1/17 and Dixie Highway) and Dollar General (Dixie Highway and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street). They stated that May 21<sup>st</sup> from 8A.M. – 12P.M. would be the best date for them with approximately 9 individuals participating in this event. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve the Relay for Life team to collect money at the above mentioned intersections on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 8am - 12pm. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Kupferer, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Citizen Jay Kerouac questioned why the City was paying \$39.38 in real estate taxes on the Community Center. Mayor Porter stated that he will have to investigate further. Mr. Kerouac then questioned why the \$450,000 from the bond revenue sales was being shown in the general fund according to the financial statements. Mr. Kerouac then stated that the bond money was to be held in a separate account from the general fund. Mayor Porter stated that the money is specific only for road work and that it is not intermingled with the general fund balances. Jay Kerouac asked for a separate piece of paper stating that this is where that money is.

OLD BUSINESS-none

## ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderswoman Straley: Introduction of Auditors for report on audit year ending April 30, 2010. Mr. Abraham discussed the finance statements of the City of Momence. Fund balances have decreased. Total revenues have stayed the same. State taxes are behind. Sales tax decrease from prior year since October 2007. Property taxes have stayed or been a little better. Grant money was received (Community Center). Not a lot of changes in the Water and Sewer fund. Page 42 shows a fund in progress for the IMRF (Illinois Mutual Retirement Fund).

Jay Kerouac addressed the Council and the City's Auditor, Mr. Abraham, suggesting/questioning the idea that the City move from the cash basis to an accrual basis. Mr. Abraham stated that it is always better to go with an accrual basis instead of the cash basis and that there are a numerous amount of city's that stay on a cash basis. Benefit is that this is an industry acceptable practice. Mr. Kerouac asked if Mr. Abraham would have an opinion on getting away from the appropriation system and go to a budget system stating that using a budget basis you are working with real working numbers. Mr. Abraham had no opinion one way or the other.

Discuss and vote on council resolution of support and commitment of funds to submit application for a Community Development Assistance Program grant. Vote to give the Mayor and City Clerk approval to apply for this grant. Public Hearing was held Tuesday, February 15, regarding this grant application. Alderman Straley read the resolution to the Council. Alderman Straley made a motion to give the Mayor and the City Clerk approval to apply for this grant. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Kupferer, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Resolution was given #144.

Alderman Straley then stated that the Community Center refrigerator has broken down and if anyone has one to donate that would be appreciated.

Discuss per Scott Behrends recommendation of rail removal on surplus property and possibly vote on contractor. This will be put on hold until estimates from other interested parties are obtained.

Alderswoman Metz stated that there was a public works, water and sewer committee meeting regarding a voluntary service maintenance fee that can be added to the City's water bill just to cover lines from the buffalo box to the meter; informational only, will revisit at a later date.

Alderman Lesyna: Proposed Ordinance regarding smoking in public places. Changed and at this point the ordinance will mirror the state statute and will contain language prohibiting smoking a minimum of 15 feet from any entrance. To be discussed and voted on at next Council meeting.

Discuss and vote on a proposed ordinance to change commercial sewer rates: Changes rates surcharge on suspended solids from 18 cents to 24 cents per thousand gallons of flow and the rate surcharge would change upon BOD's from 20 cents to 24 cents per thousand gallons of flow. This ordinance will also add an annual cost review under subsection which garbage was in; also adding that the superintendent, not less than annually, shall prepare an estimate of Momence sewer utility cost components per operation, maintenance and replacement. These estimated costs components shall be reviewed no less than annually and approved by the City Council. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to pass an ordinance amending an ordinance regarding the determination of rate surcharge per sewage and waste. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Kupferer, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Ordinance was given #707.

Discuss and vote on moving garbage collection fee's subsection from chapter in code book dealing with water and sewer to the logical location in the code book dealing with garbage. No language has been

changed. Alderman Lesyna made motion to pass an Ordinance amending an ordinance regarding garbage collection fees. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Kupferer, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Ordinance was given #706.

Alderman Puglise stated that he would like to make a comment regarding the Local Improvement Committee meeting: as an owner, what keeps him from investing more in his downtown business is the lack of other building owners investing in their buildings. Building codes and resident codes being enforced is hurting the downtown.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS - none

TREASURER REPORT – Becky Peterson stated that she has placed sales tax in Council's folders, water and sewer is still behind, sales tax is about 2 months behind and income tax is about 4 or 5 months behind.

MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Porter stated that the City has received a letter from the Illinois Department of Public Health commending Mark Nelson of the Water Department for 12 consecutive months of maintaining perfect compliance in accordance with IEPA.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – none

Alderman Straley made a motion to go into closed section to review executive minutes from February 15, 2010 – January 3, 2011. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Kupferer, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Entered into closed session at 8:20PM; returned at 8:40P.M.

The closed session was conducted to go through executive session minutes to determine public accessibility. These records will be on file at City Hall per FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) request, pending litigation to remain in executive. Alderman Denton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Kupferer, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk