

# 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, March 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 Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise present. Also present was Mayor Mick Porter. Alderwoman Denton and City Attorney Michael Parish were absent.

### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of the February 22, 2011, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Kupferer, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Steele and Cook passed.

### APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Alderman Straley stated that the the bill for Michael Parish for legal fees was to be tabled to explore the legal fees budget. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the bills for payment tabling Michael Parish's bill. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

### CITIZEN FORUM

Mr. Kerouac addressed Council regarding several issues: - Status of 5 N. Dixie Highway. Mayor Porter stated that the demolition plan is being finalized. - Real Estate Taxes-Community Center: the question brought up \$39.38 paid as real estate tax / property tax. Mayor Porter stated that this is regarding a strip of land by Industrial Drive that should be tax exempt, paper work has not been done. City paying since 1999 approximately \$40 a year and looking into paperwork. - Sales Tax Rebate. January, 2011, income statement under local improvement there is an expenditure, curious of what that is for: Five year tax rebate going to Riverside Chevrolet. - 2009-2011 Deficit Spending: May, 2009, through January, 2011, City Council had 42 meetings, in that period there was one bill questioned. Mr. Kerouac stated his concern that Council is not looking at what they are spending. Mayor Porter stated that there was a surplus that was held in CD's and treasury notes that would go to pay expenditures. The City has had higher expenditures than in past years. The City has cut the expenditures by rearranging employees to be able to offset some of the general fund. Increase of wages, water and sewer and police department employees were discussed. His point is that the bills need to be looked into and possibly discussed more. Mr. Kerouac stated that the Water and Sewer fund borrowing needs to be looked into. He talked about the options his lawyer presented to him: Going to the Council and going to a lawyer were his options. - Flex Grant: There was a resolution put in paper, Resolution #144, getting a request for money of \$120,000. The cost of the grant application was questioned along with money coming from water and sewer funds. Mr. Porter stated that the question of the cost of the grant application was asked during the public hearing which he took to mean if there was a cost to process this grant. Rules of the grant application were discussed. It was stated that this is Federal money from the State of Illinois.

### OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Straley stated that Mrs. Powell donated a refrigerator for the community center, which was very much appreciated.

#### ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Straley reported that the Audit for 2009-2010 needs to be approved as presented by Mr. Abraham at the last Council meeting. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the 2009-2010 audit as presented. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Alderman Straley called a Local Improvement Meeting for April 4, at 7PM for Pastor Jordan to attend and discuss grant writing.

Alderman Straley discussed going to a Budget Officer System rather than going with an Appropriation Budget, which will require an adoption of an ordinance. The Tax Levy Ordinance will be looked into along with services provided by the City.

Alderman Metz distributed a first reading for an ordinance amending an ordinance regarding the published date change for delinquent water: Change to last day of May and the last day on November.

Alderman Steele called a Street and Alley Committee meeting for March 14, at 5:30PM at old city hall.

Alderman Kupferer stated that the Chief requested that Council consider hiring a part time officer. Deputy Christopher Ziegler currently works for the Sheriff's office and has his credentials. It was stated that it is less expensive paying a part time officer than a full time officer. Of the three part time officers hired recently only one is left. This deputy would get the same pay as the other part time officers (\$13 an hour). Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve hiring deputy Christopher Ziegler as a part time officer for the City of Mokenca. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS-none

TREASURER REPORT - none

MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Porter stated that he was approached by Cheryl Hess regarding an interest in signs that would note Orbert Davis and Janet Hubert as being from Mokenca. Possibly getting sign "the home of ...", Mayor Porter to look into further.

Mayor Porter also stated that Chief Swanson and Lieutenant Nolte are in Springfield for a conference.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - none

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:10P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk