

# THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

MICK PORTER, Mayor  
JENENE HENSON, Clerk  
MARGARET PETERSON, Treasurer

## ALDERMEN

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| Diann Denton   | Richard Kupferer |
| Bonnie Straley | David Cook       |
| Nova Metz      | Mark Lesyna      |
| Charles Steele | Steve Puglise    |

## MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL

Monday, April 19, 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 Cook made a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of the April 4, 2011, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Steele and Denton passed.

### APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Several bills were questioned regarding Police Department uniforms and a bill from DeYoung landscaping. Alderman Kupferer 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- Fran LeBeau and Janine Loftus reported on Main Street. Janine Loftus presented the 2010 end of year report which consisted of collected data on business growth, job growth, reinvestment statistics and volunteer hours. Fran LeBeau presented an update on the banner program. Beautification day is set for May 21, at 9AM, they are requesting permission to use Historic house grounds for meeting location providing food when cleanup is done. Flowers and 5-6 shrubs for south side of historic house being purchased from remaining City funds. Baskets hung downtown look worn and need to be replaced. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve Main Street using the Historic building grounds for their Beautification Day on May 21. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

David Singleton requested permission for Motown Express travel softball team to collect money to fund their trip to the World Series. Players, coaches and parents will stand at the following intersections: Second and Dixie, Washington and Dixie and the corner of Rt. 17 and Gladiolus (Shell) on May 14. Alderman Straley made a motion to allow Motown Express travel softball team to stand at intersections at locations listed above on May 14 from 8AM-12PM. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Mr. Singleton stated that the World Series is being held the weekend of July 30, in Indianapolis, IN.

### OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Steele requested an update on the status of the 5 N. Dixie Highway building (The Old Hotel) and was

told by the Mayor that demolition could possibly begin on April 26.

## ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderwoman Straley – Discuss and vote to accept bid for 2011-2012 audit. Alderwoman Straley requested the clerk to read the opened bids for Auditing Services. City Clerk read the proposals: 1<sup>st</sup> proposal: Groskreutz, Schmidt, Abraham, Eshleman & Gerretse, Kankakee, IL: April 30, 2011: \$10,800, April 30, 2012: \$11,300 and April 30, 2013: \$11,800. 2<sup>nd</sup> proposal: WIPFLi, Dixon, IL: April 30, 2011: \$16,250, April 30, 2012: \$16,750 and April 30, 2013: \$17,250. 3<sup>rd</sup> proposal: Sikich LLP, Aurora, IL: April 30, 2011: \$10,250, April 30, 2012: \$10,575 and April 30, 2013: \$10,875. Alderman Straley stated that Sikich offered other services (classes and courses) within their fees and they are compatible with the system we are working with now. Alderman Straley made a motion to accept Sikich as the City's Auditing firm. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Discuss and vote to publish the 2011 -2012 Appropriation ordinance in the local newspaper, library, and at the new City Hall. Alderman Straley stated that the Appropriation ordinance is heavily padded. The MFT funds are not required to be in the Appropriations ordinance and were removed and balance was adjusted. The approximate total amount appropriated was \$3,899,625.00 for this fiscal year. Alderman Straley made a motion to publish and post the adjusted appropriations ordinance. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Straley called a public hearing for the appropriation ordinance on May 2, at 7P.M. at old City Hall. Alderwoman Straley also called a Budget and Finance Meeting for Monday, May 2, at 6:30PM at Old City Hall. All department budgets need to be turned in by then.

Alderman Kupferer called a Police committee meeting for Monday, April 25, at 5:30PM at old City Hall.

Alderman Lesyna thanked Alderwoman Denton for her service to the City.

## DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Scott Behrends discussed several water and sewer and streets and alleys issues.

TREASURER REPORT – Mrs. Peterson stated that the March statement did not get in on time and the 2010 project fund will get a separate heading. Alderman Cook requested that the summary of account balances include a column from the appropriations ordinance; Mrs. Peterson to talk to the accountants to see if this would be possible.

## MAYORAL REPORT

Help for homeowners was announced for April 23, at the Kankakee Public Library.

Approval of Liquor Licenses. Mayor Porter stated that every year establishments renew their licenses. Background checks have been done and he proposed passing those current to renew. There is one new application that will be tabled with further investigation; the request is for renewal but they would like to expand their establishment to 123-125 East Washington. There is an obstacle because across the street 82 feet from the property is a property leased that holds religious services. Also, at 121 East Washington, there is an opening of a floral shop and wine tasting establishment within 100 feet of a church. These will both need to be investigated before they can be brought to Council for approval. Zoning was discussed for the area in question. Mayor Porter stated that he has a call into liquor commission to look into this situation further. Annual business licensing fee ordinance, which was established in 1978, was discussed. Part of this ordinance states that the type of business or establishment needs to be determined to see if it fits in that zone. It was stated that if it is in the ordinance book it needs to be enforced to help preserve the integrity of businesses. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve the renewal of the current existing licenses at their present location. Specifically stating that Richards tap would only be approved for their current location until issue is addressed. It was stated that there is a maximum of 12 liquor licenses to be issued by the City. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Mayor Porter discussed the application of the Baxter Woodman submittal to IDOT (Illinois Department of Transportation) and the federal government for ITEP grant engineering proposal. Filing for an application for participation does not tie the City to the \$57,000 engineering fees, which would end up costing the City approximately \$11,000. Approving this application does not mean the City has to move on it; it sets this City up in a position to have

everything lined up. Mayor Porter stated that there is no filing or funding fee. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the Baxter and Woodman submittal to IDOT pending or subject to any fees associated with this. Alderman Cook seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-none

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk