

THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

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

ALDERMEN

Sean Prophet	Richard Kupferer
Bonnie Straley	David Cook
Nova Metz	Mark Lesyna
Charles Steele	Steve Puglise

MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL

Monday, May 16, 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 Prophet, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise present. Also present were Mayor Mick Porter and City Attorney Greg Mathews. Alderman Straley was absent.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Metz made a motion to approve the Regular and Executive Session minutes of the May 2, 2011, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Alderman Cook made a motion to approve the bills for payment. Alderman Puglise seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

CITIZEN FORUM

Ernie Hart - Momence Antique Car Club request. Mr. Hart requested permission to put up banners around town. Mayor Porter requested possibly putting them up the Saturday before Dixie Days. Banners will be put up between June 15th - June 17th. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve banners being placed up around town on the dates mentioned above. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

OLD BUSINESS - none

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderwoman Metz requested an update on 5 N. Dixie Highway building. Mayor Porter stated that work has been delayed and will possibly begin on Wednesday or Thursday this week. River street will likely be closed (west of Dixie) and 1 lane on Dixie highway. Alderwoman Metz called executive for personnel possibly to come out and do business.

Alderman Steele called a Street and Alley committee meeting for Monday, May 23, at 6:30P.M. to discuss street projects.

Alderman Cook – Discuss Local Improvement recommendation for extending tax abatement for Riverside Chevrolet. Local Improvement met last Monday and discussed extending Riverside Chevrolet's tax abatement for 2 years until April 30, 2012. Local Improvement committee discussed the effect this business has with all of the local businesses in town and the customers it brings into Momence. Committee recommended continuation of the ½ percent tax abatement with the City getting ½ percent and Riverside Chevrolet getting the other ½ percent; approximately

\$1,700 a month. Alderman Metz asked whether the police cars could be worked on in exchange for the sales tax abatement. Mayor Porter stated that bartering it would not put anything on his baseline. Alderman Cook made a motion to extend the tax abatement to Riverside Chevrolet retroactive May 1, 2010 ending April 30, 2012. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Metz, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Steeled abstained. City Attorney Greg Matthews to finalize contact.

Discussion on Main Street Mومence providing live flower baskets for the downtown area, lowering the baskets, and having City employees provide watering service. Main Street will purchase equipment with money that was reserved for watering.

Enforcement and process solution for existing property maintenance code ordinance. Property maintenance code adopted in 2007. Process discussed would be a letter out to citizens or businesses regarding violation of property maintenance code requesting it be taken care of voluntarily or call City Hall for extension, process would be tracked by City Hall and Mومence Police department. After 30 day notice fines established by current ordinance would be enforced. Residential and downtown businesses are all encompassed. Updates are going to be available 2012.

Request for new stop sign at South Maple and East Illinois Streets. From north to south on maple at Illinois Street. There is a 2 block stretch with no stop sign. Yield signs were discussed. Stop sign would have to be added to the ordinance.

Alderman Lesyna: Discuss and vote on the 2011/2012 Appropriation Ordinance. Tabled because City attorney has several suggestions as far as light changes in the ordinance.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Jeannie Blanchette notified Council that on the unprinted check listing, Riverside Chevrolet bill has attached to it all sales made for that month.

Mark Nelson stated that they are patching 6th Street, fixing a curb on 4th Street and poured a stretch of sidewalk on Dixie that has been out for a while. They were all done out of Water and Sewer (sidewalks).

Scott Behrends discussed putting railroad rails out for surplus/bid on removal. City Attorney Greg Mathews stated that a contract can be awarded based on negotiation price. Needs a majority vote. To be placed on June agenda.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer stated that the City is struggling transferring Water and Sewer money.

MAYORAL REPORT

Approve the renewal of the City Health Insurance. Blue Cross/Blue Shield, keeping same plan, rate was going to increase by \$9,800 (4% increase). Employees completed applications to get hard numbers from Aetna and Humana. Humana was \$224,000 per year with similar coverage. Aetna was \$235,000 per year with similar coverage. With Blue Cross/Blue Shield the City is able to offer them 2 options: PPO same deductible or HSA, employees are selecting. Reduction in cost would be \$10,000. City is waiting for all employees to make their selection of which option they want. Alderman Metz questioned why they are able to choose from 2 options. Mayor Porter stated that combined does not cost more.

Approve the Employee Handbook policy. All employees have read. Policy will be reviewed by City attorney. Place on June agenda.

Mayor Porter read the Arbor Day Proclamation and proclaimed Arbor Day, May 17, 2011. There will be a tree planting May 17, 2011, at the corner of Washington and North Maple.

Appointment of Roger and Paula Zelhart to Historical Board. Alderman Cook made a motion to approve. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Metz made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel – Possibly to come out and do business. Alderman Puglise seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Entered into executive session at 8:07P.M. Returned from Executive Session at 8:43P.M.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:43P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk