

# THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

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

## ALDERMEN

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

## MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL

Monday, August 15, 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, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise present. Also present was Mayor Mick Porter.

### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Lesyna made a motion to approve the Regular and Executive Session minutes of the August 1, 2011, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

### APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

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

### CITIZEN FORUM

Jennifer Workman from the Chamber of Commerce approached Council requesting assistance in hosting the circus stating that the Chamber received a letter from Momence School District informing them that they could not host the circus on school grounds because of animal waste and ground damage. Several locations were discussed (St. Pats, across from Berkots and the vacant lot across from Je-Neir School) and Mrs. Workman stated that she thought that the field behind the community center might work for the circus. The space needs to be 110 feet by 150 feet for the tent and additional space for their campers and semi trailers. The date of the circus would be September 2. Alternative parking for the campers and semi trailers was discussed, possibly using city parking for the semi trailers. Thought was to look further into measuring the lot at community center and then checking St. Pats or the lot across from Je-Neir.

OLD BUSINESS-none

### ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Straley called a budget and finance committee meeting for September 6, at 6:45P.M. to amend the appropriation ordinance, discuss bills and put together the final budget.

Alderman Lesyna stated that at tonight's Ordinance meeting the committee discussed the dog and cat ordinance stating that it will be ready for a first reading at the next Council meeting.

Discuss & Vote on Enterprise Zone Ordinance and agreement. Alderman Lesyna stated that this ordinance is relative to the expansion of and participation in the Kankakee County Enterprise Zone boundaries and authorizing the amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to pass an ordinance approving the expansion and participation in the Kankakee County Enterprise Zone Boundaries and authorizing the amendment into the Intergovernmental Agreement. Alderman Puglise seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Ordinance #722.

Discuss & Vote Pool Ordinance. All existing and future pools must meet the swimming pool ordinance requirements which Alderman Lesyna read. Electrical requirements have not changed and after no further discussion was needed Alderman Lesyna made a motion to approve an ordinance amending an ordinance regarding swimming pools. Alderman Puglise seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Ordinance # 720.

Discuss & Vote Recreational Burning. Alderman Lesyna stated several modifications made to the ordinance and that fines up to \$100 are applicable. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to pass an ordinance amending an ordinance regarding Illegal Burning. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Ordinance #721.

Discuss & Vote on Ordinance amending an ordinance on Removal, abatement and payment of costs of overgrown weeds, grass and plants. Upon receiving notice of overgrown weeds, grass or plants, an owner or occupant has 72 hours to fix the problem. If after 72 hours, the vegetation has not been mowed, the City will cut the weeds, grass and plants at the rate of \$100 an hour, with a minimum of 1 hour. If the fine is not paid, a lien will be placed on the property. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to pass an ordinance amending an ordinance concerning removal, abatement and payment of costs of overgrown weeds, grass and plants. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Ordinance #719.

Alderman Puglise: Presentation by BlueStar Energy. Discuss and possibly vote on entering into a 1 year contract for electric rates. George Voorhees presented a background of BlueStar Energy. City of Mokenca uses 2.7 million kilowatt hours per year. Government buildings (Police station and City Hall) are under a franchise agreement where the City pays no electrical bills. Savings to the city of approximately \$70,000 per year. Government buildings will stay with Commonwealth Edison. BlueStar Energy's price is approximately 5 cents/kw and Commonwealth Edison's price is at approximately 7.5 cents. Mayor Porter mentioned his concern of the transition and Mr. Voorhees assured Council that the transition is seamless. Alderman Steele stated that Council needs to investigate if entering this contract would void our franchise agreement. It was suggested that the City attorney look over the final agreement. Rate fluctuations were discussed. It was suggested to get a contract and have approved contingent of approval for attorneys review and look into the franchise agreement with Commonwealth Edison. It was stated that power outage repairs would be handled the same way regardless if the city's supplier is BlueStar Energy or Commonwealth Edison.

## DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer stated that water and sewer revenues and transfers were catching up.

## MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Porter discussed the current expenditures and lack of revenues of the Community Center stating that the City is considering possibly selling the property if the opportunity arises. If to be sold to a business it would need to be rezoned to business or commercial. Alderman Straley discussed all the repairs that are needed for the Community Center.

Mayor Porter made the recommendation to appoint Ian Hellings (downtown building owner) as a member of the Steering Committee to assist with the Lakota Group master plan project for Main Street Morningside and the City. Alderman Cook made a motion to approve Mayor Porter's appointment of Ian Hellings to the Steering Committee. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Discuss & vote on acceptance of \$100,000 DECO Grant Agreement for sidewalk installation from Mechanic to Stirling Meadows. DECO sent application to install agreement with the key to being awarded the agreement being the concerns for safety on Dixie Highway. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve the acceptance for the \$100,000 grant agreement. Alderman Cook seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Lesyna made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel – Possibly to come out and do business and to review executive session minutes. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Entered into executive session at 8:40 P.M. Returned from Executive Session at 8:50P.M.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:50P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk