

# 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, September 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 Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook and Lesyna present. Also present was Mayor Mick Porter; Alderman Puglise was absent.

### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Porter amended the minutes under the Mayoral Report section correcting an error regarding the Log Cabin insurance deductible; it was stated that the deductible is \$500 and it is \$1,000. Alderman Cook made a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of the September 6, 2011, Council Meeting as amended above. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook and Lesyna voting yes.

### APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

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

### CITIZEN FORUM

Main Street requested permission to decorate downtown and in front of the Historic Hose for the Halloween Border-Town Hauntings. They will also be having a scarecrow contest to be judged October 8 (the scarecrows will be used to decorate the downtown light posts). Alderman Straley made a motion to allow Main Street to decorate downtown and the Historic House. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook and Lesyna voting yes.

Jay Kerouac stated several concerns the first regarding complaints that were given to City Hall approximately 5 weeks ago regarding code violations that have not been acted on; Mayor Porter will look into this matter. Mr. Kerouac also brought up the \$7,500 that the City will not be recouping per Mayor Porter that was for the James Bond Museum. The next concern was regarding salaried City employees cleaning streets on Sundays and holidays; Mayor Porter to look into this matter. Salaries for all City departments were discussed.

Betty Dionne stated that Ian Hellings has been able to get the char off the walls of a portion of the inside of the log cabin and believes that very few of the logs will need to be replaced. Architect, Leonard Wisniewski will also look into how many labor hours are needed to do this. The logs will look different but will not look burnt; they will look rough. It was suggested to possibly hold up on bids for demolition until looked into further.

OLD BUSINESS none

## ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Straley made a motion to table the first reading of the amended Appropriation Ordinance for the fiscal year 2012. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook and Lesyna voting yes. Alderman Straley called a Budget and Finance Committee meeting for 7PM on October 3. Alderman Straley stated that there will be two more farmers markets with the last one being held at the old Finer Foods Building on the Corner of Second Street and Dixie Highway.

Alderman Kupferer called a Police Committee meeting for October 3, at 6:30PM to discuss the Police budget.

Alderman Lesyna: Discuss and vote on an Ordinance concerning the General Penalty in the City of Mokenca. The General Penalty ordinance changes were read to Council and after no discussion needed Alderman Lesyna made a motion to approve an ordinance amending an ordinance concerning the General Penalty in the City of Mokenca, Illinois. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook and Lesyna voting yes. Ordinance # 723.

Discuss and vote of an ordinance concerning the City of Mokenca's List of Fines and Fees. Adding to the list the two ordinances passed at last meeting, tall grasses and pools and adding violations for dog and cat ordinances. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to approve an ordinance amending an ordinance concerning the City of Mokenca's List of Fines. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook and Lesyna voting yes. Ordinance # 724.

Discuss and vote on an ordinance concerning dogs, cats and other animals in the City of Mokenca. This ordinance offers the Police Department more flexibility. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to approve an ordinance amending an ordinance concerning dogs, cats and other animals in the City of Mokenca, Illinois. Alderman Prophet seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook and Lesyna voting yes. Ordinance #725.

## DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief Swanson mentioned that the K9 car did not sell on last bid therefore he will put it on e-bay to get prices or quotes and bring to the Police Committee meeting for discussion.

TREASURER REPORT none

MAYORAL REPORT

Update on the Log Cabin, discussion and possibly vote on a demolition proposal. Mayor Porter stated that with tonight's report from Betty Dionne, it was suggested that Council place all demolition proposals on hold and will await a report from Mrs. Dionne at next Council meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION none

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:10P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk