

# 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, October 3, 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 Kupferer made a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of the September 19, 2011, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Cook seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Puglise passed.

### 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, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Steele passed.

### CITIZEN FORUM

Jay Kerouac addressed Council on several items questioning the number of garbage bills sent out monthly, which are approximately 1,300. On this month's bill there was a 19 cent difference (to make up for charging the increase too soon). Mr. Kerouac stated that \$150.00 charged by the lawyers could have been avoided by looking on page 174 of the Municipal handbook.

Hiring and termination policy was questioned with the recent terminations being discussed along with number of employees in all departments. Mr. Snapp's salary was discussed. Mayor Porter stated that the goal is, with the reduction of full time employees in that department, seasonal, part time employees will be needed to fill in the gaps. The City's workforce is in a transition and this puts more demands on individuals to do their work. Mr. Kerouac stated that the chipper machine, used as a one person operation, looks like an accident ready to happen. He also stated that if the City is looking at cutting employees it should have looked at cutting the Council.

Betty Dionne addressed Council regarding the burnt Log Cabin stating that the recommendation from Conrad Park Board members was to pursue the avenue of getting bids out to have the charring cleared off, get a new roof and a new floor. It was stated that a new bid package will be put together and will be placed on next Council meeting agenda.

Kit-n-Kaboodle requested closure of South Locust between East Washington and East River Street from 11AM-4PM on October 29, during Bordertown Hauntings for a bounce house. Alderwoman Straley made a motion to approve the street closure mentioned above. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Howard Meyerberg thanked the Mayor and City Council for the Mill Street repairs.

OLD BUSINESS none

#### ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderwoman Straley presented to Council the first reading on the amended Appropriation Ordinance for fiscal year 2012 to be passed at next council meeting pending any concerns or issues. A Budget and Finance committee meeting was called for 7P.M. on October 17, to go over bills and discuss the tax levy. The Farmers Market new location will be at the old Finer Foods parking lot (corner of Second Street and Dixie Highway). Alderwoman Straley was commended for her work on the Farmers Market.

Alderman Lesyna presented to Council the first reading of an ordinance for removing the jail. The cell has not been used for years.

#### DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Mark Nelson stated that hydrants will be flushed on Thursday from 9A.M.-3:30P.M.

Chief Swanson stated that the Police Department will be addressing some ordinance and property maintenance issues and readdressing downtown and residential area issues. Filing complaints can be done anonymously; forms are available online.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Becky Peterson stated that the annual Treasurer report and estimated revenues will be published in tomorrow's paper.

#### MAYORAL REPORT

Request from Main Street for Aldermanic participation for the Border Town Haunting. Alderwoman Straley and Alderman Lesyna will participate along with Mayor Porter on Saturday, October 29 from 12-4P.M. Main Street will also use Momence City Hall on December 3, 2011, from 1:00P.M. to 7:00P.M. for Santa for the Christmas Gathering.

Halloween hours: Past years' time slots were discussed and hours were set for 4-7P.M. on October 31, 2011.

Mayor Porter stated that Personnel-Executive Session on agenda was to discuss posting notice to accept applications for part-time temporary employment for snow removal on call and situation in fall if additional help is needed. Also to post accepting applications for part time, temporary meter reading for situations when needed. Alderman Steele called a Street and Alley Meeting for October 17 at 6:30PM. to discuss this application process.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION none

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk