

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 17, 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 and Mayor Porter present.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

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

CITIZEN FORUM

Mr. Kerouac addressed council with several issues regarding City finances: May 2010: New department head of Street and Alley, New position: Director of Public Works. July 2010: Street and Alley and Water and Sewer union decertified. April 2011: General fund indicated deficit; 31 line items above what was appropriated. May 2011: 2% raise to all Street & Alley and Water and Sewer employees. June 2011: Appropriation adopted 35% increase. Resignation/layoff situation of 2 City employees along with hiring of the part time employees. Superintendents spouse operating City equipment. August 2011: Attorney costs for services. General Fund revised figures and Street and Alley surplus and expenditures. Hiring temporary and part time help.

OLD BUSINESS none

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Straley: Discuss and vote on Amended 2012 Appropriation Ordinance. After no discussion needed, Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the Amended Appropriation Ordinance. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Ordinance #727. Alderman Straley called a Budget and Finance committee meeting for November 7, 7P.M.

Alderman Metz called a Public Works, Water and Sewer committee meeting for November 7, 6:30P.M. to discuss multiple projects.

Alderman Steele stated that at tonight's Public Works, Street and Alley committee meeting it was discussed to post an application for seasonal help with a requirement of a CDL (Commercial Drivers License).

Alderman Lesyna presented a first reading on an Ordinance abating the tax to be levied in 2011 to pay the principal of and interest on \$450,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2010, of the City of Mومence. The Ordinance will be done every year the bonds are outstanding.

Discuss and vote on the City Jail Ordinance. The single cell jail has not been used for several years. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to approve an ordinance amending an ordinance regarding the City jail. Alderman Prophet seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Ordinance # 726.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Scott Behrends stated that the 2 poles in East River Street parking lot will be removed soon.

Chief Swanson stated that he had one item for Executive session.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Becky Peterson

MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Porter read the Red Ribbon Proclamation for City of Mومence which will be October 24 to October 31, 2011.

Discuss and vote on a bid package for the Log Cabin. The bid package would consist of what kind of work to be done and how it is to be done. It was stated that going with a restoration process instead of a demolition process would be less expensive. Alderman Cook made a motion to approve releasing for bid the restoration and reconstruction of the log cabin. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Cornerstone Engineering project is complete and to finalize all the paperwork and steps involved in the DCEO grant, a Public hearing is to be held November 7, at 7:15P.M. for final close out and public comment for the south-side water line project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Straley made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation regarding Patriot Construction Group Inc., discuss possible purchase of land (5 North Dixie Highway) with grant funds and personnel – possibly to come out and do business. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Entered into executive session at 8:00P.M. Returned from Executive Session at 8:26P.M.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:26P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk