

THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

MICK PORTER, Mayor
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ALDERMEN
Sean Prophet
Bonnie Straley
Nova Metz
Charles Steele
Richard Kupferer
David Cook
Mark Lesyna
Steve Puglise

MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL
Monday, December 5, 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 was Mayor Mick Porter; Alderman Straley was absent.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Lesyna made a motion to approve the Regular and Executive Session minutes of the November 21, 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

In reviewing the bills the following was clarified: Main Street's balance and an education reimbursement for an officer. Alderman Puglise made a motion to approve the bills for payment. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

CITIZEN FORUM

Jay Kerouac approached Council with several issues regarding finances. Plein settlement deferred finances for how long? Mr. Lesyna asked if Mr. Kerouac could put his request in writing. Regards to amended appropriations ordinance, the \$700,000 appropriated was for what? Mayor Porter stated that he will confirm with Alderman Straley. Mr. Kerouac stated that if it is revenue it does not belong in Appropriations Ordinance. Mr. Kerouac then stated that the final project for roadwork, which was stated in Mayor Porters article in the Progress Reporter, was \$486,000, which does not include legal, administrative and interest. According to his calculations, he comes up with over \$700,000. Mayor Porter stated that the \$450,000 is from bond and remainder from MFT funds. Mr. Kerouac questioned delinquent water bills: delinquent bills are not being charged 5% penalty per month. Commercial buildings with liens were discussed. Mr. Kerouac stated again that the 5% is not being put on water bills.

OLD BUSINESS - none

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Prophet: Discuss possible parking ordinance. Residential neighborhood parking is becoming a safety factor of children/parents at the home of a daycare, which is proposing the necessity to create a parking ordinance to limit parking in front of the daycare home. Possible proposed parking ordinance would be an allotted time for parking at the day care for Monday – Saturday. This ordinance would allow police department enforcement. Ordinance Meeting was scheduled for December 19, at 6:30P.M. to discuss this issue. Budget and Finance meeting scheduled for 7P.M. on December 19, to go over bills. Alderman Prophet had one item for

personnel possibly come out and do business.

Alderman Cook: Discuss and vote on Log Cabin bid. Approximate insurance to be received for the Log Cabin being burnt was \$28,000. The one bid received was for \$35,000. Specifics were not presented from the contractor. Council would like to stay under the insurance price of \$28,000 maximum. Alderman Cook made a motion to proceed with authorization to discuss proposal with contractor. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Alderman Lesyna: First reading of the Tax Levy Ordinance with 5% minimum increase allowable.

Discuss and possibly vote on the selling of surplus property/Elm Street generator. Generator hasn't been used for over a year and is no longer necessary and cannot be utilized for any of the City's current needs. The City has been offered \$1,000. Alderman Metz made a motion to approve the ordinance: Selling of Surplus Property Owned by the City of Mومence/Elm Street Generator. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Ordinance #729.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Jeannie Blanchette stated that the City has received \$25,000 in grant funds for sidewalk construction for sterling subdivision in front of Berkot's Foods. This is a DCEO grant.

Mark Nelson stated that he met with Baxter Woodman and they will be attending a February Council Meeting with recommendations regarding the South Side Water Line Project. Possibly three options available (locations). Mr. Nelson will meet with them again before February's Council meeting.

Chief Swanson reminded Council that in about a year the sirens have to be re-banded at a cost of \$1500 a piece; the City has 5 sirens. This will need to be put in the budget for next year. Consideration of a possible package deal with neighboring communities since all will have to do this was discussed.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Becky Peterson (absent)

MAYORAL REPORT

Discuss and possibly vote to investigate Community Center UST (underground storage tank) contamination. There are or were at one time two underground tanks (one gas and one oil) at the Community Center located on Gladiolus Street. It is not clear whether the two tanks were removed and would cost approximately \$3500 to check soil for residue. Location of tanks were discussed. Interest in selling the property requires documentation as to whether the property is clean and clear.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Kupferer made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel – Possibly to come out and do business. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Prophet, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Entered into Executive Session at 8:10P.M. Returned from Executive Session at 8:20P.M.

Mayor Porter read a letter of resignation from Alderman Prophet stating resignation reason being a change of work schedule, effective immediately. Mayor Porter noted that he accepts Mr. Prophet's resignation.

Alderman Prophet 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 8:25P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk