

THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

MICK PORTER, Mayor
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ALDERMEN

Bonnie Straley
Nova Metz
Charles Steele

Richard Kupferer
David Cook
Mark Lesyna
Steve Puglise

MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL
Monday, December 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 Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise present. Also present was Mayor Mick Porter.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Metz made a motion to approve the Regular and Executive Session minutes of the December 5, 2011, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Straley passed.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Alderman Straley stated that at tonight's Budget and Finance meeting the committee went through the bills and discussed an Appropriation Budget concern regarding a \$710,000 line item; the Committee Chairman stated that the line item was revenue and will be removed and the ordinance amended at the next council meeting. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the bills for payment. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

CITIZEN FORUM

Jay Kerouac questioned a Momence City worker sweeping streets on Thanksgiving day and stated that he believes this to be ridiculous. Mayor Porter stated that he did not order work on Thanksgiving day. Mr. Kerouac mentioned that this Department Head has never attended a meeting and Mayor Porter stated that he was fine with that.

OLD BUSINESS - none

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Straley: Discuss and vote on the Tax Levy. First reading of the Tax Levy was done at last Council meeting. Adjustment of dates will be corrected. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the Tax Levy Ordinance commencing May, 2011, ending April, 2012. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Ordinance # 730.

Alderman Straley called a Budget and Finance meeting for January 3, at 7:15PM to go over bills.

Alderman Metz: Discuss and vote on boring samples for Community Center. Received a proposal from Midwest Petroleum Services. Boring will be a depth of 12 feet with one sample from each boring (doing 4) at 2 sites (each barrel). This boring needs to be done in order to move forward with the community center. Proposal is

for \$4,500. Alderman Metz made a motion to approve the \$4500 for Midwest Petroleum Services to begin work; funds to come from Water and Sewer department. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Alderman Cook: Discuss and vote on Log Cabin contract. Entered into discussion for the log cabin restoration project and the Contractor agreed to do work for the amount of \$28,000, which is the amount expected to be received from the City's insurance company. Alderman Cook made a motion to approve Mayor Porter entering into a contract with J & J Williams Company for the agreed amount of \$28,000. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Alderman Lesyna: Tabled potential daycare ordinance. First reading on the List of Fines ordinance. Sterling sent message that the City needs to update/amend the list of fees; specifically the dog and cat ordinance (listing for dog violations needs to be changed to animal violations). Also, the Ordinance that was passed concerning recreation burning needs a line item.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Scott Behrends: All information/paperwork required has been turned in for the stop signs/posts grant. Should be awarded as long as everything is turned in right. Receiving stop signs and posts in April or May.

Chief Swanson: Acknowledged that he received a couple complaints from Alderman Steele regarding excessive time of officers at certain business; Chief put out a directive limiting this and he will look into other complaints. Chief also stated that the Momenca Police department has partnered with Olivet Nazarene University regarding an Intern program, which will involve traffic safety, records and ride alongs with officers. The participating students will be in criminal justice and they will have to write a paper on their intern experience. This program will run every semester possibly beginning in January.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Becky Peterson: Income update on sales tax in folders, property tax ended up about \$10,000 more than last year. Sales tax is less by a couple thousand this year. Payments from the State are from months back.

MAYORAL REPORT

Discuss and vote on appointment for Zoning Board of Appeals. Mayor Porter appointed Ann Dionne as secretary to Zoning Board of Appeals. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve the appointment. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Council Meeting dates changing because of upcoming holidays as follows: Monday, January 2, to Tuesday, January 3 (New Year Holiday), Monday, January 16, to Tuesday, January 17 (Martin Luther King Birthday), and Monday February 20, to Tuesday, February 21 (President's Day).

Mayor Porter received a complaint about a garage that needs to be removed; he has been in touch with the owner and is working on seeing if garage can be removed. Received a call from State of Illinois regarding ADA handicapped access to City Hall on Dixie Highway; he contacted the State and let them know that it is in progress. The State will let us know a possible time-line or expectation, if needed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - none

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:25P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk