

THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

MICK PORTER, Mayor
JENENE HENSON, Clerk
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ALDERMEN

Diann Denton	Richard Kupferer
Bonnie Straley	David Cook
Nova Metz	Mark Lesyna
Charles Steele	Steve Puglise

MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL Monday, February 6, 2012 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 Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise present. Also present was Mayor Mick Porter.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Lesyna made a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of the January 17, 2012, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Alderman Straley stated that Budget and Finance committee met this evening briefly to go over bills. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the bills for payment. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

CITIZEN FORUM

Brandy Pepin approached Council representing Trend Setters, they would like to do a tag day in our community (raise money for organizations). They are requesting permission to solicit funds on the corners of Dixie and 2nd Street, Washington and Dixie Street and Gladiolus and Rt. 17 (Shell) on April 28, 2012, from 9:00A.M. - 2:00P.M. Students from Trend Setter will be doing the tag day. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve Trend Setters soliciting funds on April 28, at the locations stated above. Alderman Puglise seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Mr. Jay Kerouac stated that last July's garbage bill increased due to contract and cost of fuel. Contract also says that January 1st of this year, an adjustment for cost of fuel could be done; Mayor to look into. Mr. Kerouac questioned December 2011 Income statement, Sewer Fund under revenues, Momence Packing, bond amortization, line item #303030: what is this for? Mayor Porter

to look into. New contract was questioned as to if one has been finalized (Momence Packing), Mayor stated no. Motor Fuel Tax Fund was then questioned by Mr. Kerouac: shows change in fund balance deficit of \$402,000. Accountant placed use of bond on line item #40410 showing expenditure. Mayor to ask accountant if there is a better way to show this. Mr. Kerouac stated that it shouldn't end up with a deficit.

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Kupferer stated that the City's new website looks very nice and thanked Bruce and Eileen Crook for doing a great job.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Straley called a Budget and Finance committee meeting for 7:15P.M., Tuesday, February 21, to go over bills.

Alderman Metz stated that at tonight's Water and Sewer meeting discussion was regarding the current water system on the south side of Momence. A brief presentation was given by Baxter Woodman. Option # 2 was recommended starting from the east side of Momence on Wilbur Street down Gregg Boulevard to Route 114. Will be placed on agenda for next Council meeting. Handout regarding the water tower by High School with possible lettering (MOMENCE) will be discussed at next Council meeting.

Alderman Lesyna: Introduce/discuss the River Roundtable Resolution. Concern regarding the condition of the Kankakee River, 140 page round table report needs to be read. Resolution will be placed on agenda for next Council meeting.

Discussed the three-way stop sign addition on Virden and River Street because of safety issues. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve an ordinance amending an ordinance regarding stop intersections. Alderman Puglise seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Ordinance #733.

Alderman Lesyna stated that all Council members will need to take the 62 page online training for certification regarding the Open Meetings Act by the end of this year. It is available on the Illinois Attorney General web site. Alderman Lesyna also stated that it is time to review executive minutes; this will be done after next Council meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Scott Behrends stated that he is working with the Attorney General's office regarding the handicapped access at City Hall on Dixie Highway. The City of Momence has 6 months to take care of handicapped access. Handicapped parking places will be redone losing one parking space because of handicapped parking requirements.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Becky Peterson stated that income statements have been placed in Council's folders. Received state income tax for July, August and November (September and October have not been received yet).

MAYORAL REPORT

Discuss and vote on appointment of Plan and Zone Committee. Vacancy, not filled yet. No appointment at this time.

Chamber of Commerce meeting was held last Wednesday, new president is Veronica Smith. Mike VanMill, DECO administrator, attended to talk to business owners to discuss opportunities offering an exception on sales tax and property tax abatement.

Handicapped ramp plan was to have it opened to come into City Hall, possibly with the ability to use the back area as a community center.

Front of old Finer Foods (corner of Dixie Highway and Second Street) has been taken down. Decisions to be made about preserving and restoring, executor said that they would like to have a farm museum, as well as a new township meeting hall. Executor mentioned that another portion of the building might be a possible location for a community center.

Lakota Group final meeting is Wednesday at 6:30P.M.

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 Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Entered into Executive Session at 8:05P.M. Returned from Executive Session at 8:20P.M.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk