

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, March 19, 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 Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise present. Also present was Mayor Mick Porter. Alderman Denton was absent.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Cook made a motion to approve the Regular and Executive Session minutes of the March 6, 2012, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Metz passed.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Alderman Straley stated that bills were discussed at the Budget and Finance Meeting held earlier this evening. 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

Mr. Kerouac questioned the property at Railroad and Fifth Street. A complaint was filed to get cleaned up. Mr Kerouac stated a fence was put up with no building permit. Mayor Porter stated that the Chief and building inspector have been informed of the situation.

OLD BUSINESS - none

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Denton: In Alderman Denton's absence, Mayor Porter discussed the recommendation of a variance request for First Baptist Church construction. On March 7, 2012, a meeting was held of the Board of Appeals at 123 West River Street. First Baptist Church wants to build a family recreation center on their property. Current code states that steel buildings cannot be constructed in R1 Districts. Board of Appeals viewed this differently. The building would be 60 X 80 feet with steel construction in a brick tone and would be built running north and south from the south end of church. Washrooms are not

needed; a breezeway would be placed to run to the church for access to washrooms. This building would be a multipurpose room for kids to have a place to go with different ministries, archery, stage for Christian bands, kids club etc. Board of Appeals made the motion to accept the variance. Recommendation sent to council for acceptance. The building will have a concrete floor in addition to 3 exits and an overhead garage door. No adjacent property concerns are within the city limits. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve recommendation from the Board of Appeals for a variance to construct the building at First Baptist Church. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Alderman Straley stated that donations have been received for this year's fireworks and she called a Budget and Finance committee meeting for 7:15PM on Monday, April 2, to go over bills.

Alderman Metz stated that at the Water and Sewer meeting tonight the committee discussed the application being almost complete for the south side water line. Hydrant flushing will take place on a Thursday in April during the day. The date to be determined and published in the newspaper. St. James Court water mains were repaired. Regarding water tower painting and signage: they will look into further.

Alderman Cook mentioned that the log cabin reconstruction is looking very good and near completion.

Alderman Lesyna: First reading of resolution to support the Illiana Corridor Study Alternative B-3. County Board approved, thought to be the best place to put this corridor. Discuss and vote on at next meeting. Alderman Lesyna stated that the 2012 building code books are in. After Alderman Lesyna reviews these books more he will have an Ordinance meeting and go over this as a group.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS - none

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Becky Peterson stated that sales tax is up about \$4,000. Income Tax receipts are currently \$25,000 less than last year.

MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Porter mentioned that the ramp in the new city hall doorway on Washington Street, as well as the railings are coming along nicely; he is going to ask Scott Behrends to look into replacement windows or restoration of current windows located on north side of City Hall. Received word for a permit on property at Mechanic and Locust Street. The building started and stopped approximately 6 years ago. Owner was hoping to put a food pantry in and was told building needed bathrooms. Owner has a new contractor and permit to begin work again to construct a storage building with no bathrooms.

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 7:52P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk