

THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

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

MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL

Monday, June 18, 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 Cook made a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of the June 4, 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

Bills were reviewed at tonight's Budget and Finance Committee meeting. 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

Mike Casper – Permission to close West Washington Street from Pine Street to Dixie Highway on July 14th for a block party. Red Knights Motorcycle Club's 5th Annual Ride 4 The Rescuers; proceeds donated to the ride for the rescuers' camp for children of burn victims. There will be music (DJ or band), food and alcoholic beverages with the music to be from 7-11PM and all cleared by midnight. Off duty police officers as security will be provided by Mike Casper (Johnny Angels). Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the closing of West Washington on Saturday July 14, in conjunction with Johnny Angels, from 1:30P.M.-12A.M. Mr. Casper stated that all businesses on West Washington are closed by noon on Saturdays. Alderman Cook seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Denton passed.

Ted Workman – Request for outdoor music at Red Cedar Lanes on the following dates: Saturday, June 16: 8PM-12AM, Friday, June 22: 8PM-12AM, Friday, July 6: 9PM-1AM, Saturday, July 28: 9PM-1AM. No complaints have been received from the neighborhood for past outdoor music events, including the elderly home and Officer Short. Added August 4, 11, 25, September 8 and 22, 9PM-1AM. Most of these outdoor music events are still a one man band. Looking at getting live band September 22, (Greg Sneider Band). Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve the dates as mentioned above for outdoor music. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Michael and Vernice Maloney: Garden of Prayer Youth Center on Route 114. Providing services to homeless youth. They have been in our community since 1978 very grateful of being able to service local children with after school tutoring, group home program, emergency shelter care, food service program, summer day camp, provided by state and local funding, along with a toy and coat drive. Wants to reconnect with the City of Momence about services and programs offered, exposure to the community. Chief Swanson stated that issues from last year have all been resolved.

OLD BUSINESS - none

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Denton: Discuss/vote on Board of Appeals recommendations to approve the variance requests for 37 N. Elm Street, 231 Spruce Street and 210 S. Locust Street. Alderman Denton was not at Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. Mayor Porter stated that all variance requests were for variance fencing and the committee recommended approval for variances. After brief discussion of how each individual resident wanted their fencing, Alderman Cook made a motion to approve recommendations for all fence variances as mentioned above. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Alderman Straley: Presentation/discussion/vote on Audit for year ended April 30, 2011. Lou Karrison of Sikich reported on the City's modified cash basis of accounting. City does not have its general fixed assets recorded on its balance sheet so the City will always have that issue (modified cash basis) noted by CPA firms. Page 5: The combined balance sheet on a fund by fund basis. The General Fund was at a deficit as of April 30, 2011. Municipalities should strive for a fund balance/surplus of 25% of fund balance. Page 7: City's income statement/operating statement; the general fund net change in fund balance totaled a \$113,000 loss for the year. Other issue: Page 29: Pension Funding: IMRF: 6 year trend balance schedule shows how well the portion of the pension fund is being funded by the city. 2005 =101%, City is now down to 76% end of 2010. Last 3 years, the State has significantly increased the City's contributions. Mayor asked if Lou could offer advice to municipalities on how to improve its financial position. Lou reported that every community is struggling, cutting budgets and making reductions to operate positively in terms of having adequate fund value reserves to operate. The Audit was filed electronically to the Comptrollers office. The 2011-2012 Audit has been put on schedule for mid September. With no delays in this fiscal year, the Audit would be completed and submitted to Council late October, 2012. Alderman Lesyna reiterated that the City was over budget by \$113,000 (spent more than put in) for general fund. Regarding the Retirement fund, if State investment performance improves, much less will be required of the City to contribute. Lou explained that the City really has no control over this, and is contributing what they are supposed to. Amount is based on covered payroll. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the Audit of April 30, 2011. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Alderman Straley stated that at tonight's Budget and Finance committee meeting, the committee discussed their internal working budget, which will be available for viewing at new City Hall. Appropriations ordinance to be submitted in the last meeting in July. A Budget and Finance Committee meeting was called for July 2, at 7:15PM. The Farmers Market is up and running, scheduled coupon distribution at new City Hall July 11, from 9A.M.-12P.M.

Alderman Steele: Request for Handicapped parking space at Gilster Mary Lee was tabled until next meeting.

Alderman Cook: Called a Local Improvement meeting for Monday, June 25, 7P.M. to form implementation committees for the new Master Plan at 29 North Dixie (New City Hall).

Alderman Lesyna: Discuss and vote on presentation by Dan McDonald on MCSI. Program offered by

state, state debt recovery program. Allows municipalities to submit debts to the comptrollers office, debts can be resolved by an offset of the tax return. (Tax return, state employees, lottery winnings). Municipality submits file of all open debts. Identify about 40% of people by social security number, approximately 20% of debt can be recovered based on historical tax refunds. Once agreements are executed then the City can be in the program. MCSI submits all required files. 75 – 80% of revenue will not be realized until tax season. Presented Council with proposal/agreement with a changed rate from 45/55 to 35/65 with larger portion going to the municipality. No additional fees. Under the Debt Recovery Program, the same terms would apply. Place debts with them, send letter out, then begin calling process. No additional cost for new program. Mayor Porter questioned as to whether Council wants to sign into a 36 month contract with new rate. Returns on collections currently running around 6-7 percent. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve authorizing extending the contract with MCSI at new percentage breakdowns 65/35 larger portion to the City for 3 years. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

First reading on Riding on Sidewalks within City and update was tabled until next meeting.

Alderman Lesyna called an Ordinance meeting for 6:45PM on July 2 to discuss the 2012 International Fire Code. Council needs to decide how they are going to handle a Board of Appeals for each of the codes. 2006 building code does not have board of appeals currently, and it wasn't addressed in ordinance. Has come up for some of the property maintenance codes sending through Kankakee adjudication process, still a cost to the City. Question raised whether the Adjudicator understands the City of Momence's needs. The Fire chief will be here for the ordinance meeting to talk about options. The Code discusses qualified membership on the board of appeals with impartiality.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS none

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Becky Peterson - none

MAYORAL REPORT

Allied Waste Annual Service Fee increase and Fuel Service Charge total monthly cost will be \$13.65.

Vote on appointment of Denean Campe to Plan and Zone Commission. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to approve of Denean Campe to the Plan and Zone Commissions. Alderman Puglise seconded the motion; motion carried with 8 Ayes, 0 Nays.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Kupferer made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss possible sale of 125 Gladiolus – Possibly to come out and do business. Alderman Denton seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Entered into executive session at 8:40P.M. Returned from Executive Session at 9:05P.M.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:05P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk