

# THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

MICK PORTER, Mayor  
JENENE HENSON, Clerk  
MARGARET PETERSON, Treasurer

## ALDERMEN

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

MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL  
Monday, December 3, 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 Kupferer made a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of the November 19, 2012, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

## APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

The bills were discussed 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 Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

## CITIZEN FORUM

Lou Karrison from Sikich, presented Council with the City's Audit. The independent auditors report was discussed. Highlights of the audit: general fund looks better than the past, good performance in terms of utility operation, Pension Plan IMRF: shows 6 year history of funding process (calendar year), which is up from last year, which is in line with where it needs to be. Several areas were clarified and discussed. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to accept the annual financial audit report for the year ended April 30, 2012. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Monty Buchanan – Concerns about smoke/carbon monoxide alarms. Mr. Buchanan was at a fire call and unable to attend; he will attend next Council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS - none

## ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Straley presented for first reading the Tax Levy Ordinance. Updated second page to read approve 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012, and fixed minor grammar errors. Called a Budget and Finance Committee Meeting for 7:15PM on Monday, December 17, to go over bills.

## DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Jeannie Blanchette stated that all four windows are in on the North side of City hall; Council should stop in

or go by to view.

Chief Swanson: Shop with a cop program was discussed. Officer takes kids out for a shopping spree. Contact Sergeant Kevin Kenison at 815-530-5429 if interested.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Becky Peterson - none.

#### MAYORAL REPORT

Discuss and vote on Workman's Compensation Liability insurance renewal with Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust for the City. Acceptance for renewal which is reduction in annual premium from \$158,036 to \$152,575 per year. Deductibles were bumped up. Automobile deductions remain the same. Value of buildings was 8 million, Scott Behrends met with appraiser, appraised all real buildings of the City, the value went from 8 million to 16 million. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to accept renewal rates with Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Discuss and vote on \$10.00/hour increase in legal fee's involving Police union negotiations. Nothing to report with union negotiations. At this point, not working towards a gathered cause. Paying \$150 per hour now, as of January 1, 2013, hourly rate will increase to \$160 per hour. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve the increase in legal fees involving Police union negotiations as mentioned above. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Steele voted no.

Discuss and vote on expenditure of \$1,600.00 to Midwest for a required Phase 1 Environmental Report on the Community Center. Lettucefish Aquaponics Company. Federal loan required environmental report on Community Center. Underground storage tanks inside building re: Council agreed to have it inspected and removed. Mayor submitted report, it was not enough. Phase 1 overall explanation of surrounding areas and contamination. Nothing was said that they would have to have a Phase 2. Asked if we had a report, yes, sent it. It is a specific type of investigative report needed. Options to pay for: Community Center line item: budgeted \$2,000. Other option was to pull monies out of engineering budget (has not been used yet). Passed by resolution to sell this. Would have to go back and add addendum to contract. Discussion was to take this off final price at the end of the sale. Mayor Porter stated that these people are committed to purchasing this building; City would hate to loose this sale. Property tax will be automatic, building is in the Enterprise Zone, repairs to building would far out weigh the \$1600 cost. Alderman Puglise made a motion to approve for the cost of \$1600 for the Phase 1 environmental report to Midwest. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Alderman Straley, Metz, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Alderman Steele voted no.

Discuss and vote on purchasing the State's Debt Recovery Program. Getting debt owed to municipalities, on tax returns (if receiving), that money will be taken from their tax return. State charges \$15 for unpaid fines to individuals. Bills that are owed that have liens cannot be put into debt recovery program. Monies can also come from a state worker or lottery winnings. Comptrollers office feels that this is a value to municipalities. There is no cost to the City to get into this program per Mayor Porter. Can be done with or without the City's collection agency. Ordinance or resolution required.

EXECUTIVE SESSION none

Alderman Straley 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 8:15P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk