

THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

MICK PORTER, Mayor
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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, April 1, 2013

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 Metz made a motion to approve the Regular Session and Closed Session reviewing Executive Session minutes of the March 18, 2013, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Puglise seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, 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 Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

CITIZEN FORUM - none

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Kupferer: Police Committee meeting was held tonight, the committee discussed verification and placing of addresses of fire district. More meetings to get details.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Straley: Called a Budget and Finance Committee for Monday, April 15, 2013, at 7:15PM to discuss bills.

Alderman Metz: Discuss outstanding water, sewer & garbage bill for 500 East Third Street. Sandra Prairie is current owner. Water was turned off in 2004 and owner moved out at that time. The City has 2 liens on this property (2005 and 2007). Owner is wanting to sell and has an offer and states that she was unaware of liens. Owner supplied current statement and letters to City Hall this

past week. In 2008/2009, arrangements were made with Mayor Saindon to repay, but to no avail. Total balance due is \$4,944.60 with \$3,568.19 in penalties. Owner wants City to reduce bill. Metz wants no lenience on this because owner has been given chances to repay and hasn't. The 2004/2005 lien on water, sewer and garbage; 2006/2007 turned off sewer; 2011 turned off garbage. Mayor Porter history: when water shut off in 2004, at that time basic rates were charged. 2006 basic rate of sewer stopped. At that time, unable to take off garbage with Allied. Now the City is able to remove garbage. Original bill is approximately \$1,200, with the remaining being penalties. Alderman Metz to report back to her that bill stands as is.

Discuss and vote on painting of the water tower. Strongheart location doing bowl and stem. Lowest bid from A&M Coat for \$19,705 for bowl and stem work only (no lettering). Alderman Metz made a motion to approve the \$19,705 to A&M Coats to redo bottom of bowl and stem of Water Tower located next to Strongheart. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Alderman Steele: Discuss and vote on sale of Community Center. LettuceFish having difficulty obtaining funding. Charles Navarro interested in purchasing for same price with his established Porsche manufacturing business. They have another business location in Bradley, which employs approximately 37 employees. Long term plan to stay in Momence. Office and warehousing to be placed in this building. Most of business is wholesale. Time-frame of closing on deal: waiting on approval from City, hopefully to close at the bank the next day. LettuceFish unable to acquire total loan. Resolution needs to be passed, fair market value \$141,600. Alderman Steele made a motion to approve the sale of Community Center with resolution #161 to sell the property to Charles Navarro.. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Resolution #161.

Alderman Cook: Tree Board is holding presentation by Emerald Ash expert, Jeff Palmer, this Thursday at 6PM, 29 N Dixie, gathering information to deal with pest (borer).

Alderman Lesyna: Discuss and vote on amending city code for local banks for city accounts Alderman Lesyna made a motion to pass an ordinance amending an ordinance concerning bank depositories. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Ordinance # 757.

Discuss and vote on Special Assessment. Updating a 1979 ordinance stating any public improvement withing the city should be paid for by special taxation, ordinance will repeal this paragraph. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to pass an ordinance amending an ordinance concerning special assessment in the City of Momence, Illinois. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Ordinance # 758.

Alderman Lesyna called an Ordinance Committee Meeting for Monday, April 15, at 7PM to discuss updating vehicle for sale and registration contractors.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Scott Behrends: Attorney General states we need to redo handicapped loading zone which we will possibly be losing 5 parking places downtown. Scott Behrends to confirm with them how many handicapped spots are required; 5 feet handicapped loading zone needed. Waiting for weather to improve before being able to re-stripe. Street sweeper is here, Standard Equipment

came down to go through everything. Running it to make sure all is OK. Resident sign on Pine Street, Scott Behrends to put up soon.

Chief Swanson: 112 South Walnut appears to be candidate for handicapped space on residential street. Resident wants space requirement. Chief will not be at next council meeting.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Becky Peterson - none

MAYORAL REPORT

Discuss and vote on Intergovernmental Resolution for Tourism Tax increase. The Chicago Bears are negotiating with Olivet Nazarene College. Contemplating \$1.2 million of improvements at Olivet. County Visitors' Bureau agreed to put in \$500,000 over 6 years, County agrees to increase hotel/motel tax by 1% to a total of 5%. Those involved in Mومence would be proprietors at the local bed and breakfast. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental agreement with the County for 1% increase making hotel/motel tax 5%. Alderman Puglise seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes. Resolution #162.

IDOT (Illinois Department of Transportation) pulled all signs on route 1-17 by corner of Shell, clearing easement, City granted people to put signs up there when it is not our place to grant approval. Mayor Porter to request the City get approval to grant people to put up banners.

Approved a proclamation for April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.

EXECUTIVE SESSION none

Alderman Kupferer 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 8:08.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk