

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Cook made a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of the April 1, 2013, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, 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 Lesyna made a motion to approve the bills for payment. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

CITIZEN FORUM - none

OLD BUSINESS - none

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Kupferer: Discuss and possibly vote on parking signs for 112 S. Walnut Street. Chief Swanson investigated, OK for handicap or residential parking signs. Was questioned price of signs and whether residential was enough to keep that spot for them. Handicapped parking needs extra space. Council consensus was resident only sign to be best choice. Handicap seems more complicated. Needs to be put in as ordinance as special parking. Alderman Lesyna will handle ordinance for first reading at next meeting.

Alderman Cook: Tree Board had a meeting Thursday, discussed emerald ash borer and is in process for treatment of our City. Also getting together an inventory of trees in Momence. Treatment will stop borer even if infested.

Alderman Lesyna: Called a Budget and Finance Committee Meeting for May 6, at 7:15PM to go over bills.

Alderman Puglise: Read a prepared departing statement noting his appreciation for having been a part of Mومence's City Council over the past four years.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Jeannie Blanchette: Stated that the City has received a check from the title company for liens on property at 500 East Third Street in the amount \$4,599.25.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Becky Peterson. Monthly statements not ready today; will place in folders when the City receives.

MAYORAL REPORT

Approval of liquor licenses. All businesses listed have existing licenses: Dixie Wine and Tobacco, Red Cedar Lanes, Circle K, Off the Vine, Mومence Pizza Co., Berkot's, Sluggers, Sammy's of Mومence, The Distillery, Bordertown Pub, Richard's Tap. Liquor license renewals to be issued contingent upon passage of all background checks done on managers of businesses. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve all liquor licenses as stated above contingent upon passage of all background checks on managers of businesses. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Notification of State approval regarding Enterprise Zone expansion. It has been approved and certified, City will be receiving a copy. City has map of entire enterprise zone at City Hall and will place on website. Property tax abatement is included.

Response from IDOT regarding banners/announcements/signs on state property (located at the intersection of 1-17/Gladiolus Avenue). State suggested that this space not be used. Blocking river view for people in house located on east side of Gladiolus. Property gets loaded with all sorts of signs being a prime spot of notification. Mayor would like to find out how much of a nuisance this has been, possible controlling more. Mr. Schaefer's (IDOT) suggestion was to look at south west corner north of Circle K by the first bridge to the south. Mainly used for non profit organizations. City could possibly get a permanent sign for posting events going on in the City. Mayor Porter states closure is needed and will speak with resident. City is unable to approve placing anything on state property.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - none

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk