

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	John Metz Sr.

MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL

Monday, July 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, Nova Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and John Metz present. Also present was Mayor Mick Porter.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Cook made a motion to approve the Public Hearing Appropriations Ordinance minutes and the Regular and Executive Session minutes of the June 17, 2013, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Denton seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Straley, Nova Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and John Metz 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 Nova Metz seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Straley, Nova Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes.

CITIZEN FORUM

John Sokol – Presenting Momence Theater sidewalk paver concept. Mr. Sokol stated that he recently purchased Momence Theater and showed a presentation of how the new theater will be set up and the theater sidewalk paver fundraiser concept. Alderman Denton questioned the condition of what is under the sidewalk. IDOTs (Illinois Department of Transportation) widening Dixie Highway was questioned and stated that widening Dixie was not approved. Capacity of theater would be approximately 150 people. Previous work that was done has been done well. Bathrooms will need to be put in. Received permission from the theater group to put up table during Chicago event. Alderman Cook made a motion to approve the fundraiser project. Alderman Denton seconded the motion. Motion carried with 8 Ayes 0 Nays.

Bill Cotter - Discuss the parking lot East of the Funeral Home. Mr. Cotter would like to remove blacktop (City put in 25 years ago) and replace with concrete driveway at his expense. This is City property and therefore, it needs to be approved by the City Council. Alderman Nova Metz made a motion to approve Mr. Cotter removing the blacktop located on the east side of his property and replacing it with a concrete driveway at his expense with all permit fees being waived. Alderman Cook seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley Nova Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and

John Metz voting yes.

Andrew Weybright: request to reserve the southwest corner of the parking lot on Washington Street, west of NAPA Auto Parts for sale of popcorn, snow cones and pop during the Gladiolus Festival parades on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 8, 9 and 10. Space needed is 10x10. Parking lot (lane/row on Washington Street side) needs to be reserved for the vendors possibly putting signs up stating that area is reserved. Alderman Cook made a motion to approve Mr. Weybrights' request as mentioned above. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion. Motion carried with 8 Ayes and 0 Nays.

OLD BUSINESS - none

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Straley called a Budget and Finance Committee meeting for 7:15P.M., July 15, to go over bills. Old unused Christmas decorations were discussed to possibly auction or see if local residents would be interested in purchasing, maybe display for sale at Farmers' Market. Sales of old Christmas decorations will go to the completion of new City Christmas decorations. Also, old stop lights could possibly go out for auction. Farmers market will be located at police parking lot. Hours 3:30-6:30pm. A committee is being formed. Kankakee Community Services will be at Cit Hall on July 17 from 9-11A.M. to register/distribute senior citizens coupons, which can be used at any Farmers' Markets that will accept the coupons. Market will begin on July 17, it has a Facebook page which will be linked through the City's web page.

Alderman Nova Metz is investigating vendors for possible postage machine at City Hall.

Alderman Steele: Discuss and vote on sale of surplus property. Looking to put big boom truck and old street sweeper out for bids; City would have funds on hand if able to sale this big boom truck now for smaller truck purchases. Downsizing and upgrading equipment. Alderman Steel made a motion to approve putting big boom truck and old street sweeper out for bids. Alderman Nova Metz seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes.

Alderman Lesyna: First reading on ordinance's for contractor registration-aligned with surrounding communities-contractors have to be properly registered and insured, sale of used cars on personal property-defines how vehicles can be displayed for sale in the city, residential repair of autos and list of fines and fees-adding penalty for selling of vehicles on personal property. Amending ordinance for Streets/Alleys department head.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Scott Behrends stated that 2 ½ trees came down in the recent storm along with another tree last night on Water Street; they have all been removed/taken care of.

Chief Swanson mentioned golf cart complaints of under age and not having stickers, need lights, flag and to be licensed drivers. Officers will need to aggressively go out and speak to people. Request from glad fest to supply City Hall with list of people and a count of golf carts they will be using, possibly labeling carts as glad fest committee use only.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Becky Peterson none

MAYORAL REPORT

Discuss and vote on re-naming the Historical House. House will be repainted. Board was

originally constructed by Graham family, renaming it to the Graham Historical House. Alderman Kupferer made motion to rename the Historical House as mentioned above. Alderman Cook seconded. Motion carried with 8 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Discuss and vote on approval of the Zoning Board of Appeals recommendations for approval of two variance requests. Zoning board of appeals recommended variance to build front porch (existing one deteriorated) that extends from house and put on a gable roof. Property located at corner of Sycamore and Second street. Alderman Cook made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals as mentioned above. Alderman Straley seconded the motion. Motion carries with 8 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Zoning Board of Appeals next recommendation is regarding Locust and Second Street church (Church of the Good Shepherd). Board did recommend variance for property request. The church is no longer able to afford an individual pastor for congregation and therefore no longer has use for the house. Proposal is to divide lot, plot survey was done, make residential and then place house on market for sale. Alderman John Metz made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals as mentioned above. Alderman Denton seconded the motion. Motion carried with 8 Ayes and 0 Nays.

School's request for no parking on West Fourth Street. Range School has changed the drop off and pick up at the school and they are seeking, for safety purposes, to close parking access on the north side of Fourth Street from Dixie Highway to Pine street for buses to drop off students from 7:00A.M. – 8:30A.M. and then pick them up from 2:00P.M. - 3:30P.M., when school is in session. It was requested that Mayor Porter suggest to Range principal to speak to church personnel about concerns of closing the North side of West Fourth Street.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Nova Metz made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel, possibly to come out and do business. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Straley, Nova Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes. Entered into executive session at 8:35P.M. Returned from Executive Session at 9:17P.M.

Alderman Straley made a motion to return to Regular Session. Alderman Nova Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Nova Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes.

Alderman Denton made a motion to approve the starting pay for the Public Works department from \$11 to \$13, and the following pay increases: Guy Anderson to \$13, Tina Demack to \$14.50, Elliott McKinstry to \$14.50, Brenda Spoon to \$16.50 and Tim Minor to \$16.00, effective next pay period, July 10. It was suggested to get raises to occur back on budget time. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Straley, Nova Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:20P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk