

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	John Metz Sr.

MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL Monday, August 19, 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, Nova Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Lesyna and John Metz present. Also present was Mayor Mick Porter. Alderman Cook and Straley were absent. Mayor Porter called for a motion to allow Alderman Straley to attend electronically because of employment purposes. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to allow Alderman Straley to attend tonight's Council meeting electronically. Alderman Nova Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Nova Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes. Mayor Porter declared Alderman Straley present.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve the Regular and Executive Session minutes of the August 5, 2013, Council Meetings as presented. Alderman Nova Metz seconded the motion with Aldermen Nova Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes. Alderman Denton and Straley passed.

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 Denton seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Nova Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes. Alderman Straley passed.

CITIZEN FORUM

Verdae Group – Report on community conversation. Lisa Wogan and Tom Clark discussed the opportunity to work closer/sharing ideas on the development of the City of Momence with the City of Momence, Main Street Momence, Chamber of Commerce, Glad Fest Committee, Friends of the Park etc. by building strategic partnerships with leaders of the community with discussion of developing the community by: Retaining existing businesses, locally growing our economy and capitalizing on our assets. Next couple months reports will come to City Council committees then to

whole City Council.

Dale Hess, Momence Cleaners. After beer tent Saturday night there was a brawl behind local bar. Mr. Hess is of the opinion that the Momence Cleaner shop windows were broken out at that time. He wants answers as to why he wasn't told about his windows. Mayor Porter to look into further and get back with Mr. Hess.

OLD BUSINESS - none

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Denton stated that after investigation she discovered that the surplus of City stop lights could be purchased at flea markets for \$20-\$30. She then expressed concern of parking at the new golf cart business located at Dixie and 6th Street was making it difficult to see oncoming traffic. It was stated that parking is allowed on Dixie highway. To be looked into further.

Alderman Straley stated that the volunteers are doing a wonderful job at the Farmers Market. She also thanked all the local businesses that have donated and participated in the market. Christmas ornaments have been sold at the Farmers Market (about 7 or 8), receiving approximately \$500. Stop lights sales: possible silent auction or sell out right. Silent auction for some would seem to be time consuming. The price was discussed, approximately 16 stop lights at potentially \$25 each.

Alderman Nova Metz confirmed next City Council meeting to be on Tuesday, September 2, 7:15PM Budget and Finance Committee meeting with 7:30PM Council meeting.

Alderman Steele requested executive session to discuss personnel, possibly to come out and do business.

Alderman Kupferer stated that he was approached by a concerned citizen regarding the location of the mailbox outside of the post office on Locust Street. The citizen is concerned that someone could easily be struck by a vehicle because of it's location. Suggestions: parking lot on River street or make the street that the mailbox is located on a one way street. Mayor Porter stated that it is the post office's decision where they want them. Alderman Kupferer to discuss with post office. There is a stop sign on Locust Street only (at this intersection), possibly needs to be one on East Washington at Locust Street.

Alderman Lesyna: First reading for an ordinance regarding 15 minute parking sign in front of NAPA (West Washington Street), for Monday – Saturday 8:30AM-5:30PM.

First reading on an ordinance extending the life of the Enterprise Zone from 12/10/15 to 7/1/2016, because State of Illinois extended the life of that Enterprise Zone to 2016.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief Swanson stated that carry laws for guns state that they cannot be carried at this time. Businesses: if you do not want hand guns carried into your business you need to post signs stating so.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Becky Peterson none

MAYORAL REPORT

Update on preliminary plans for the access road regarding the closing of Maple Street railroad crossing. Engineers have put together preliminary plan, has been looked over, suggestions made and working on finalizing to get to the point of applying for grade crossing grant.

Called for a Water and Sewer committee meeting to discuss East Washington Street infrastructure and ITEP grant. Meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 3, at 6:45PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Communication with Alderman Straley via teleconference was discontinued at this time. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel possibly to come out and do business. Alderman Nova Metz seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Nova Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes. Entered into executive session at 8:15P.M. Returned from Executive Session at 8:35P.M.

Alderman Steele made a motion to give Scott Behrends, Director of Public Works, authority to hire a full time employee for the Public Works department. Alderman John Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Nova Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk