

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, October 7, 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 Straley, Nova Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and John Metz present. Also present was Mayor Mick Porter. Alderman Denton was absent.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Cook made a motion to approve the Regular and Executive Session Minutes and Executive Minute Review of the September 16, 2013, Council Meeting and the Special Session and Special Session Executive minutes of the September 25, 2013 Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Aldermen Kupferer, Cook and Lesyna voting yes. Alderman Straley, Nova Metz, Steele and John Metz passed.

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

CITIZEN FORUM

Nadine Blanchette – Momence Main Street requested the use of Momence City Hall for the Christmas Gathering from 10:00A.M. until 6:00P.M. on December 7, 2013. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve Main Street's use of City Hall on date and time stated above. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion. Motion carried with 7 Ayes 0 Nays.

Jane Johnson – Requested specific parking areas to be closed on East Washington Street for an event being held on October 11, 2013. Having a mini art festival, opening of Upper East Gallery. Parking spaces to be closed are in front of the old Jensen drug store on East Washington Street. Preview from 5-7PM, Karate show at 7PM and Art event from 7-9PM. Spaces needed from 5-7:30PM on East Washington Street. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to allow the street closings for the dates and times listed above. Alderman Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays.

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman John Metz distributed an anonymous letter which he received regarding 4 wheelers and golf

carts, the picture displayed in the letter is of a 4 wheeler at a gas station. Unsigned letter was threatening, which is why Alderman Jack Metz brought it up. Momence Police officers have always been directed to ticket these violators. Alderman Nova Metz clarified that four wheelers are not in our ordinance as legal on streets. Alderman John Metz received another complaint about 4 wheelers doing donuts at railroad avenue, then went right through the middle of town. Alderman Steele stated that he has had complaints also. Mules and golf carts are only legal according to our ordinance, as long as registered and insured. Officers need to be prepared to stop these illegal 4 wheelers.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Straley called a Budget and Finance Committee Meeting for October 21, at 7:15PM to go over bills and possibly discuss tax levy.

Alderman Steele called a Public Works meeting for October 21, at 6:45PM for the Street and Alley and Water and Sewer Department to go over equipment that the City has and what can be replaced/disposed of.

Alderman Cook: Discuss and possibly vote on a business plan for the Historical house. Local Improvement meeting held tonight, decided to table for now seeking more information.

Alderman Lesyna: First reading of the annual tax abatement for the Alternate Revenue Source. Passed yearly, principal and interest are paid with MFT funds.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Scott Behrends: The 6 inch line on Circle Drive is complete. Last week main output line going to river from sewer plant having issues, every joint has rust on it; OK for now, but looking into what to do. Should hold out until spring. Leaf pickup will begin soon, chipping will continue.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Becky Peterson - none

MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Porter stated that regarding above mentioned golf cart issue, this is an important enforcement, also stated that parents need to keep kids off of golf carts. Mayor Porter to definitely discuss golf cart letter with Interim Chief Gessner.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Kupferer made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel, not to come out and do business. Alderman Nova Metz seconded the motion with Aldermen Straley, Nova Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes. Entered into executive session at 7:50P.M. Returned from Executive Session at 8:24P.M.

Alderman Kupferer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Nova Metz seconded the motion with Aldermen Straley, Nova Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:24P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk