

THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

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Diann Denton
Bonnie Straley
Nova Metz
Charles Steele

Richard Kupferer
David Cook
Mark Lesyna
John Metz Sr.

MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL Monday, October 21, 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 Lesyna made a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes as amended (in Regular Session minutes, under the Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes section the vote taken 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 needs to be changed. Aldermen Straley, Nova Metz, Steele and John Metz all passed on the vote) and the Executive Session minutes of the October 7, 2013, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Aldermen Straley, Nova Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes. Alderman Denton 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 Metz seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Straley, Nova Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes. Alderman John Metz passed.

CITIZEN FORUM - none

OLD BUSINESS – none

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Straley called a Budget and Finance Committee meeting for November 4, at 7:15PM to go over the bills for payment.

Alderman Nova Metz stated that there was a Public Works (Water and Sewer / Streets and Alley) meeting tonight, on the Water and Sewer side there is an end-loader that needs repair or replacement and utility trucks that need to be repaired and/or replaced.

Alderman Steele: Discuss and vote on purchase of equipment. A Public Works (Water and Sewer / Streets and Alley) Committee meeting was held tonight. Public Works Director, Scott Behrends, would like to get rid of two boom trucks and purchase another one; potentially sell by resolution or put up for bid. Needs to

be looked into further/clarified with City Lawyer, will update at next Council meeting.

Alderman Kupferer stated that he received a call about truck traffic by Baker and Taylor. Trailers are being dropped and left in front of residences. Trucks sit idling; Alderman Kupferer will speak to Baker and Taylor to see what can be done and bring back to Council to discuss further.

Alderman Cook: Discuss and vote on allowing the closure of parking spaces on the north side of East River Street parking lot for the upcoming fundraiser (10/26) for the Momenca Theater. The 4 parking spaces next to the Theater will be roped off. Alderman Cook made a motion to approve the closure of parking spaces mentioned above. Alderman Straley seconded the motion. Motion carried with 8 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Esther Viles with Mediacom, was scheduled at a previous Council meeting to do a presentation. She is looking for a smaller committee to present to, the City has a franchise agreement with them. Alderman Steele stated they won't give us internet service at no charge, another manager states that they will. Existing contract until June, 2014. Local Improvement committee meeting was called for 6:45PM on November 4, for a Mediacom presentation.

Alderman Lesyna: Discuss and vote on the annual tax abatement for the Alternate Revenue Source. Ordinance abating the tax levied for the year 2013 to pay the principal of and interest on \$450,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2010 of the City of Momenca. Yes vote means that the City, out of MFT funds, will pay for the principal and interest. No vote states that tax payers will pay it. This vote has to be done every year. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to pass the Annual Abatement Ordinance. Alderman Cook seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Straley, Nova Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes. Ordinance #771.

Alderman John Metz stated that he has received two unsigned letters. The first letter contained a picture of a Gator sitting in front of Berkots this past weekend. The second letter, which he read to Council, pertained to chickens in yards when they live in town. The letter addressed that Alderman Cook has had them at his home since he moved there. Mayor Porter and Alderman Cook both stated that they have no comment. The letter also stated that Mark Lesyna's home phone number has been changed; Alderman Lesyna stated that it is available at City Hall. Mayor Porter will talk to parties involved and move forward.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Scott Behrends stated that leaf pickup begins next week, brush removal end date of October 29.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Becky Peterson – Sales tax check received for \$35,000. Mayor Porter requested Treasurer to check on the filing of the Resolution that must be passed for the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) payment obligation on the Alternate Revenue Source Bond.

MAYORAL REPORT

Halloween hours need to be set. Past Halloween hours have been from 4-7PM. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve Halloween hours for 4-7PM. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion. Motion carried with 8 Ayes and 0 Nays. Children are only to go to houses with porch light on.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - none

Alderman Denton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Straley seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Straley, Nova Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:53P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk