

THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

MICK PORTER, Mayor
JENENE HENSON, Clerk
MARGARET PETERSON, Treasurer

ALDERMEN

Diann Denton	Richard Kupferer
Bonnie Straley	David Cook
Nova Metz	Mark Lesyna
Charles Steele	John Metz Sr.

MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL Monday, November 4, 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, Cook, Lesyna and John Metz present. Also present was Mayor Mick Porter. Mayor Porter called for a motion to allow Alderman Straley to attend electronically because of work issues. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to allow Alderman Straley to attend tonight's meeting electronically. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Nova Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Nova Metz made a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of the October 21, 2013, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Kupferer 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 Lesyna 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

William Gilbert: Discuss Clock Tower and purchase of land at 5 N. Dixie Highway. Mr. Gilbert presented the City of Momence \$15,300 from donors to purchase the land and requested that individual receipts be sent to the donors. Mayor to work on land purchase agreement for next meeting. The group is still in the process of collecting funds to purchase the clock tower they would like placed on the land at 5 N Dixie Highway.

OLD BUSINESS - none

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Straley: First reading of Tax Levy ordinance. Discuss Estimated Tax Levy for Tax Year 2013. Alderman Straley made a motion to table both agenda items listed above. Alderman Cook seconded the motion with Alderman Denton, Straley, Nova Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes. Alderman Straley called a Budget and Finance Committee meeting for Monday, November 18, at 7:15PM to go over bills.

Alderman Kupferer: Discuss and possibly vote on Police Department phone system concerns. Problems with phone lines and answering system. People are calling trying to get in contact with police officers, no messages are being taken by the phone answering system and the system is not transferring to Kan Com. There is a high quantity of people that call the non emergency phone number and it is very important that the phone system be up and running. Phone has been looked at and it was stated that the voice mail card is locking up. They are unable to locate the voice mail card, if they can find the part it would range between \$1500-\$1800 for repair. Waiting on estimate for new phone system. Investigating Call One, they have equipment that compliments the current system. New phone system is approximately \$2500 – \$3000. Quote to be obtained within this week. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve a maximum not to exceed \$3,000 for new phone system for the police department pending Call One vendors and other options. Alderman Nova Metz seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Straley, Nova Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes.

Alderman Cook: Master Plan Improvement committee raised \$5,000 to get matching grant.

Alderman Lesyna: Discuss and vote on the Obligation Retirement Resolution. A Resolution providing for the retirement of certain municipal indebtedness by the use of motor fuel tax funds. The Resolution will be sent to Regional Engineer, Department of Transportation for approval. Principal and interest for coming year, indebtedness approximately \$36,000, will be retired with funds allotted under motor fuel tax. Represents approximately half of City's annual motor fuel tax receipts. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to pass the Obligation Retirement Resolution. Alderman Cook seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Straley, Nova Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes. Resolution #166.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Interim Chief Gessner thanked the citizens of Momence for the opportunity to serve as interim chief for the City of Momence stating that it was an honor to be interim chief and commended our Police Department.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Becky Peterson stated that the sales tax update was in Council's folders and the MFT audit will be held Wednesday morning.

MAYORAL REPORT

Discuss and vote appointment of the Police Chief. Mayor Porter requested a motion to appoint Mr. Jeff Cavender as Police Chief with a salary of \$67,000 and employee only health insurance provided by the City. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve Mayor Porter's appointment of Mr. Jeff Cavender as Momence Police Chief with a salary of \$67,000 and employees only health insurance provided by the City. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Straley, Kupferer, Cook and Lesyna voting yes. Alderman Nova Metz, Steele and John Metz voted no. Appointment/motion passed. City Clerk Henson administered the oath to Mr. Cavender.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - none

Alderman Kupferer 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 8:10P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk