

# THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

MICK PORTER, Mayor  
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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, November 18, 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 and Lesyna present. Also present was Mayor Mick Porter. Mayor Porter requested a motion to allow Alderman Straley to attend the meeting via teleconference because of work issues. Alderman Rich Kupferer made a motion to allow Alderman Straley to attend the meeting via teleconference. Alderman Denton seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 ayes 0 nays . Mayor Porter declared Alderman Straley present. Roll was then called for Alderman Straley as present. Alderman John Metz was absent.

### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Nova Metz made a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of the November 4, 2013, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Denton seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Straley, Nova Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook and Lesyna 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 Cook seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Straley, Nova Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, and Lesyna voting yes.

CITIZEN FORUM - none

OLD BUSINESS - none

### ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Straley: First reading of the Tax Levy Ordinance for 2013. Public hearing not needed because levying at 4.99%. Passing ordinance the second meeting in December. Called Budget and Finance committee meeting for December 2, at 7:15PM to go over bills and any other issues with tax levy ordinance.

Alderman John Metz arrived at this time, 7:35PM

## DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Scott Behrends: leaf pick up is continuing, chipper is back out due to yesterday's storms as needed. Snow flakes/decorations are up (except for 3 including the stop lights by Municipal Bank-corner of Dixie and 2<sup>nd</sup> street). Power is out due to fixing an electric line. Storms: limbs only down no trees. Problems: power in police and street and alley building, police department is out of service when electricity goes out. Size of generator was discussed. Smaller generator would work in street and alley building at approximately \$4,700 installed for a stand by generator. Police Department building more difficult to get one big enough to handle entire police department. Grants for surplus generators were discussed, and the difficulty of getting/finding them. Add to priority list to service police department building. Alderman John Metz stated that he knows a gentleman, Mr. Chico, that could possibly look into a used diesel generator, warranty was questioned. It was questioned whether communication still goes through Kan Com when electricity is out and it does. All network printers and computers were down. Craig Kennedy should be able to figure out wattage to get what is needed. Mayor commended Mr. Behrends on his quick pickup of debris. Water & Sewer: water leak by pork packers and another one by church. Sludge pumps and chlorinator need to be replaced, looking into pricing.

Chief Cavender stated that the new phone system is in and working well. Training going on this month. Kankakee County is rolling out new software for New World System which was scheduled for December but has been pushed back until January, with no cost to the City. Football game Saturday went well. Route 114 was shut down for 6 hours because of storms/line down. Chief to work with Scott Behrends on generator for Police Station. Stated has two matters for Executive Session.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Becky Peterson: Resolution passed at last Council meeting and was mailed to IDOT for MFT approval. MFT audit was canceled twice, waiting to reschedule.

## MAYORAL REPORT

Discuss and vote on authorization of contract for purchase of 5 North Dixie. \$15,000 money given has been placed in a separate account. Mayor Porter requested authorization to sign Real Estate Sales Contract for closing on property in December. Bill Gilbert continuing to raise funds for clock. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to give authorization for Mayor Porter to sign sales contract, purchasing property with donated funds of \$15,000. Alderman Cook seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Straley, Nova Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes.

Discuss the status on the recent health Insurance premium changes. With the new insurance available through Obama Care our insurance company contacted the City regarding requirement changes with what must be offered. The BCBS Select does not provide all the coverage required. Spoke with Officer Morfin (Police Union Representative) regarding changes. The effect being that BCBS Select participants would need to be switched over to BCBS PPO which includes Riverside Hospital coverage. There is a 6% increase with premiums and would be good until December, 2014, after that, other options would be available. Alderman Nova Metz stated that a few more things have changed recently, which will potentially make the increase higher than 6%. Mayor Porter stated that in waiting to sign up and take the new offer, each month premiums would change in price because of birthdays and holidays. BCBS Select Riverside contract was questioned. Riverside was not going to be included in BCBS Select.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Kupferer made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition for road access north of Norfolk Railroad property and personnel possibly to come out and do business. Alderman Denton seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Straley, Nova Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes. Alderman Straley exited via teleconference. Council entered into executive session at 8:02 P.M. Returned from Executive Session at 8:38P.M.

Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve the full time hire of Police Officer Jacob Vekemans to start at entry level salary. Alderman Cook seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Nova Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes.

Mayor Porter stated that Ricky Singleton lives on the south side at the end of Vermont and is inquiring about a piece of property that is not utilized and he is wanting to know if the City would think about selling it. At one time, it was thought to use the property for truck parking. When looked up, the property in question may have been for Vermont to run to Hardin Street. Property is the City's, like we own an alley. His house is adjacent to above mentioned property and he is interested in possibly purchasing it. Alderman John Metz stated that when he managed Metz manufacturing, the neighbors were very opposed to a through street. To be looked into further.

Alderman Kupferer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Denton seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Nova Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:43P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk