

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, December 2, 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. Alderman Straley was absent due to work requirements.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Nova Metz made a motion to approve the Regular and Executive Session minutes of the November 18, 2013, Council Meeting as amended (remove Alderman Straley's name from the attendance of Executive Session). Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, 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 Denton seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Nova Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes.

CITIZEN FORUM - none

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Kupferer discussed semi trailers parking in front of houses on Gladiolus Street by Baker & Taylor, traffic manager at Baker and Taylor contacted Mayor Porter and is taking care of the situation by making sure semi trucks are parked where they are supposed to park.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Nova Metz informed Council the Water and Sewer purchased a 2009 Chevy service truck with 27,900 miles. Rick Clark is building rails and it should be out on street next week.

Alderman Steele stated that he has been in contact with Mediacom, lack of communication has become an issue. Scheduled a Local Improvement meeting for January 6, at 7PM to discuss further.

Alderman Kupferer: Discuss and vote on purchase of police taser guns and Panasonic in car camera. Will not discuss camera purchase tonight. Chief Cavender stated that the Police department currently has 3 taser guns which are about 7-8 years old and have maintenance and battery issues. The taser guns are getting abused because they are transferred from one officer to another, most police department taser guns are assigned to an individual officer, which improves longevity. Taser guns are considered to be the best tool in law enforcement. Proposal is to purchase 7, while maintaining 3 for part time officer rotation. Price quote includes 7 taser guns, 2 cartridges for each, cartridge holsters and battery pack for \$7,059. Police department already has software. Training and certification provided free from the Sheriff's office. Replacement cartridges are \$22.95 each. After next week, all police department personnel will be trained on taser guns. Funds to come out of supplies and equipment. Taser guns will be signed out individually to officers and should last approximately 10 years. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to allow the purchase of 7 taser guns from Taser International at a cost of \$7,059.35. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Nova Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes. Alderman Kupferer called a Police committee meeting for 6:30PM, December 16, to discuss equipment purchases and acquaint Chief further to committee.

Alderman Lesyna called a Budget and Finance committee meeting for 7:15PM on December 16 to discuss bills, and called an Ordinance committee meeting for 6:45PM on December 16 to discuss potentially changing the ordinance concerning delinquent water bills and creating a catering ordinance. Alderman Lesyna to do more research on the City's adjudication process, potentially changing the way things are done now to hopefully increase revenue flow and reduce the City's costs; will bring to Council at a later date. Tax levy will be voted on at next City Council meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief Cavender distributed report to Council. In November, 501 calls were made for service. Officer Morfin is working with major crimes task force on a part time basis, investigating cases pending here in Momence. Two items regarding personnel for executive.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Becky Peterson -absent

MAYORAL REPORT - none

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Kupferer made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss two police personnel issues not to come out and do business. Alderman Denton seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Nova Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes. Entered into executive session at 7:47P.M. Returned from Executive Session at 7:55P.M.

Alderman Kupferer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Nova Metz seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Nova Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:56P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk