

THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

MICK PORTER, Mayor
JENENE HENSON, Clerk
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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, August 4, 2014

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 Nova Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook and Lesyna present. Also present was Mayor Mick Porter. Aldermen Denton and Straley were absent due to work obligations. Alderman John Metz was absent.

Mayor Porter requested a motion to allow Aldermen Denton and Straley to attend the meeting via teleconference because of work obligations. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to allow Aldermen Denton and Straley to attend the meeting via teleconference. Alderman Nova Metz seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5 Ayes and 0 Nays. Mayor Porter declared Alderman Denton and Straley as present. Roll was then called for Alderman Denton and Straley as present.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Nova Metz made a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of the July 21, 2014, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Kupferer 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 Nova Metz seconded the motion with Aldermen Straley, Nova Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook and Lesyna voting yes. Alderman Denton passed.

CITIZEN FORUM

Kathy Grevenstuk requested street closure between Washington and River Street on September 13, 2014, from 3-11PM for a benefit for her husband at Sluggers Sports Bar. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve the street closure and date as mentioned above. Alderman Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Jay Kerouac addressed Council regarding a business being ran out of a residential home across the street from his house; potentially a landscaping and roofing company. Mr. Kerouac stated that he doesn't believe that it should be allowed. It is a rental unit located at 503 North Locust Street with a sign in the yard stating "Great Western States Roofing". Concern is large amount of material in yard (about one week). Mayor stated that the City will check into this matter.

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Nova Metz stated that she has received calls regarding parking on grass ordinance and has requested clarification of ordinance. Ordinance does not allow citizens to park vehicles in their yard with some exceptions being washing cars or family gatherings; idea was to keep people from parking in their yards on a regular basis.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Straley called a Budget and Finance Committee meeting for August 18, 7PM to discuss bills and personnel in executive.

Alderman Nova Metz called a Water and Sewer Committee meeting for August 18, 6:45PM to discuss Southside Water Main project and redoing road possibly with overlay.

Alderman Kupferer: Discuss and vote on hiring a full time Police Officer. Chief Cavender recommended Jacob Patzschke, with a hire date of September 17, salary of \$36,772. Officer Patzschke, if hired, will be going to Police Academy on October 6. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to hire full time, police officer Jacob Patzschke with a hire date of September 17, salary of \$36,772. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Straley, Nova Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook and Lesyna voting yes.

Alderman Lesyna informed Council that the Ordinance Committee met tonight to discuss the transfer of an alley and an ordinance for vacating an alley. First reading of Peddlers Ordinance was distributed; several changes were made and it will be voted on at next meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Scott Behrends: MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) work to start Tuesday, August 12.
Chief Cavender provided written police report.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Becky Peterson - absent

MAYORAL REPORT

Appointment of Attorney Jim Rowe as Municipal Prosecutor. Mayor Porter stated that Momence Police department issues tickets (marked either City of Momence or State of Illinois), if ticket is marked City of Momence, the City can have a municipal prosecutor at court. Stewart Diamond is out of area, so looking at hiring local. Mayor spoke with Jim Rowe, court dates would be set up in court to fall on Wednesday at Kankakee Court House. Mr. Rowe is willing to be the City's Municipal Prosecutor for \$800 per month. \$40,000 is budgeted for lawyer costs and at \$800 a month, the City can afford this and the fees will come back to the City of Momence. Michael Parrish will not be involved in this process any longer. Mayor to talk to Michael Parrish about outstanding balance owed; his fee was hourly. Majority of tickets now are written and marked State of Illinois. With a municipal prosecutor, tickets will be written/marked for City of Momence and monies will come back to the municipality. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to appoint attorney Jim Rowe as municipal prosecutor for \$800 a month. Alderman Steele would like to make sure this appointment/procedure works. Alderman Nova Metz seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Straley, Nova Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Cook and Lesyna voting yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-none

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk