

THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

CHARLES E. STEELE, JR., Mayor
CHRISTY RITTER, Clerk
TRISHA CAVENDER, Treasurer

ALDERMEN

Jake Salomone	John Rehmer
Anne Carbonaro	David Cook
Nova Metz	Tom Temple
Leo (Todd) Clark	Rebekah Cope

MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL Monday, February 3, 2020 Council Meeting

Time: 7:30 P.M

The City Council Meeting of the City of Momence was held in the Council Chambers at 29 N. Dixie Highway, Momence. Mayor Chuck Steele called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called by the Clerk with Aldermen Salomone, Carbonaro, Metz, Clark, Rehmer, Temple and Cope. Alderman Cook was absent.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Rehmer made motion to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2020 council meeting with a correction of the police committee to split the minutes to show the purchase of the new police cars split from the closed session. Alderman Salomone seconded the motion with Aldermen Salomone, Carbonaro, Metz, Clark, Rehmer, Temple and Cope voting yes.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

The bills were discussed at tonight's Budget and Finance Committee Meeting. Alderman Salomone made motion to approve the bills for payment. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Aldermen Salomone, Carbonaro, Metz, Clark, Rehmer, Temple and Cope voting yes.

CITIZEN FORUM – Sue Butterfield concerned on the change of the moto of Momence from Old Bordertown to Old River Town. She was under the impression that the vote was to be held tonight, now realizing that the motion had previously been passed. Mayor indicated that the signs had not been ordered until the motion had been passed. Sue is stating that there was no mention of the verbiage changing on the signs from the minutes. Mayor indicated that there was a presentation with Nancy Porter and several others regarding the signs. There were photos passed around and everyone was in agreeance as to what it said, “historic river town”. A copy was given to Sue for the Progress Reporter. Sue indicated that the agenda for December 7 stated a vote was to be taken, but the minutes from December 7 were not on the website as of today. She is asking the reasoning behind the change from “ole border town”. She indicated that there are many old river towns, we need to keep the “ole border town” to distinguish Momence. Mayor asked if there was a problem with change. Sue stated there was a problem, if we are known to be a “ole border town” then why change it? Sue believes that this is an asset to Momence, being an “old border town”. Alderman

Cope stated that this cannot be changed, as the vote had been taken. Sue is stating that the signs could still be changed, Alderman Cope stated the signs could not be changed due to the vote and cost. Mayor stated that the decision was made, and we would be following the vote from December. Sue asked what it would take to change it back to the original? Mayor stated it would take someone to front the cost. The minutes did not indicate the name change, only the new signs. Alderman Salomone stated that the presentation was given with the name change, all Aldermen read the proposal and approved.

OLD BUSINESS –

ALDERMANIC REPORTS –

1. **Rebekah Cope** – Discuss and Vote on Vision 2030 – delay until next meeting.
2. **Jake Salomone** – 2018-2019 Audit – Abe Abraham presenting the fiscal results from the audit. Capital assets are down slightly due to depreciation. EPA loan is the largest debt. Things are pretty stable. The net worth of the city, around 13,000,000.00. General fund – 1.8 revenue in 2019. Abe considered the year a normal year. 1.7 expenditures in 2019. Public safety is the largest expenditure. 604,000.00 in the fund, roughly 3 months' worth of expenditures. Alderman Salomone made motion to approve, Alderman Cope seconded the motion with Alderman Salomone, Carbonaro, Metz, Clark, Rehmer, Temple and Cope voting yes.

Alderman Salmone – BF meeting March 2, 7:15PM,

Alderman Rehmer – proposal for light packages for the new Dodge Rams. Chief has found that we can use some of the lighting from former cars, not in excess 10,000.00 redoing the light packages. County will be stripping out the old cars and Federal Signal will wire/light the new trucks. All cameras will be in cars, not the trucks. Saving money using the County to strip out the cars. Alderman Rehmer made a motion to give authorization to spend not in excess of 10,000.00. Alderman Metz seconded the motion with Alderman Salmone, Carbonaro, Metz, Clark, Rehmer, Temple and Cope voting yes. 2) garbage cans issue. The cans should not be left out all week. The cans should be taken off the street after collection day. Should we be giving more tickets for failure to remove the cans? Alderman Cope is going to take a look at the ordinance. 3) how long will the dumpster be taking up the parking spaces downtown? Alderman Cope indicated that there is work being done, dumpster being used.

Treasurer report –

Department Heads – Scott asked if there is an issue with the second street stop light.

MAYORAL REPORT -

Alderman Metz made motion to adjourn, Alderman Salomone seconded the motion with Alderman Salomone, Carbonaro, Metz, Clark, Rehmer, Temple and Cope voting yes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Ritter, City Clerk