

# THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

CHARLES E. STEELE, JR., Mayor  
CHRISTY RITTER, Clerk  
TINA ROSENBROCK, Treasurer

## ALDERMEN

Melissa Doody  
Avelino Vela  
Romel Huddelston  
Leo (Todd) Clark

Tanya Fordahl  
David Cook  
Tom Temple  
Mark Lesyna

## MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL Monday, January 2, 2024 Council Meeting

**Time: 7:30 P.M**

The City Council Meeting of the City of Momence was held in the Council Chambers at 29 North Dixie Highway, Momence.

### ROLL CALL

Roll was called by the Clerk with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Huddelston, Clark, Fordahl, Cook and Lesyna present. Alderman Temple was absent.

### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Cook made motion to approve the minutes of December 18. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Huddelston, Clark, Fordahl, Cook and Lesyna voting yes.

### APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Alderman Doody made motion to approve the bills for payment. Alderman Vela seconded the motion with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Huddelston, Clark, Fordahl, Cook and Lesyna voting yes.

### CITIZENS FORUM –

### **Old Business –**

**Aldermanic –** Alderman Doody – Draft 2024 Budget changes:  
Line number 79.15 – snow removal change to \$1000.00  
Line number 79.12 – salt increase \$20000.00

Downtown Park – 2000.00

Total increase of \$154724.14, budget is balanced.

Alderman Doody made motion to approve. Alderman Cook seconded the motion with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Huddelston, Clark, Fordahl, Cook and Lesyna voting yes.

Alderman Doody – BF meeting 01/15 and 7:15 PM

Alderman Fordahl – requested executive session to discuss compensation, to come out to do business

Alderman Lesyna – bus ordinance – with the recent concern of the migrants, this cannot be done in the city. The city is not a home rule community. We can change this, with adding to the ballot for the citizens to vote on. City attorney is working with the mayor to come up with a separate ordinance to stop the immigration. Alderman Lesyna is requesting the information to investigate the home rule. Chief Siemson feels this is necessary, police cannot take any action. St Pats Church is preparing for the possibility of migrants. State law requires schooling to be provided for migrant children.

**Department Heads** – Chief Siemson – speed trailer purchased with donation money. He is currently working on hiring additional officers. Ron will be done at the end of the week. There is \$11000.00 left in donations – Chief thinking about purchasing a used Polaris. Grant Park dispensary approved, will open in March 2024.

**Treasurer report** –

**MAYORAL REPORT** – Baxter Woodman looked at river sidewalk, possible grant to fix.

Alderman Cook made a motion to move into executive session. Alderman Doody seconded the motion along with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Huddelston, Clark, Fordahl, Cook and Lesyna voted yes.

Adjourned to executive session 7:56 PM

Returned to open session 8:01 PM

Alderman Fordahl made a motion to approve department head salary increase (Scott and Tina) of 3% for 2024. Alderman Cook seconded the motion with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Huddelston, Clark, Fordahl, Cook and Lesyna voting yes.

Alderman Cook made motion to adjourn. Alderman Doody seconded the motion Aldermen Doody, Vela, Huddelston, Clark, Fordahl, Cook and Lesyna voting yes.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Ritter, City Clerk