

# THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

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

## ALDERMEN

Melissa Doody  
Avelino Vela  
Romel Huddelston  
Leo (Todd) Clark

Tanya Fordahl  
David Cook  
Tom Temple  
Mark Lesyna

## MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL Monday, January 15, 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, Clark, Fordahl, Cook, Temple and Lesyna present. Aldermen Vela and Huddelston were absent.

Award presentation for Chief Patrick Siemson and Deputy Police Chief Adam Grosek of Crete. They are both now Certified as Police Chiefs. Presentation was done by Chief Leionis of Lincolnshire, and is from the Illinois Association of Police Chiefs.

### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Cook made motion to approve the minutes of January 2. Alderman Doody seconded the motion with Aldermen Doody, Clark, Fordahl, Cook and Lesyna voting yes. Alderman Temple passed.

### APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

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

### CITIZENS FORUM –

### Old Business –

**Aldermanic** – Alderman Lesyna – discuss and vote on Bus Ordinance 884. Alderman Lesyna made motion to approve. Alderman Fordahl seconded the motion along with Aldermen Doody, Clark, Fordahl Cook, Temple and Lesyna voting yes.

Alderman Temple – congratulations to Chief Siemson on the award. Lexipol Contract – police policy manual, on line and ongoing training. A yearly renewal cost of \$10,000.00. Alderman Temple made motion to approve. Alderman Cook seconded the motion along with Aldermen Doody, Clark, Fordahl, Cook, Temple and Lesyna voting yes. Executive session requested for personal.

Alderman Cook was approached by Jack Fitzgerald, Lions Club, to take over the park by Caseys. This will be on the agenda to vote on February 5.

**Department Heads** – Chief Siemson –Task Force discussion, need to have 1 officer to join the task force at little to no cost but would have access to additional help for events and in case of police issues. Speed trailer is here, will have it up and running soon, because of the weather wasn't a good time. This was purchased on a good deal and was delivered.

Tina Demack – furnace issues, Cousins Plumbing fixed – 2 of the 4 elements went out. Need to consider making the treasurer apart time position, could be crossed trained with City Hall duties as well to cover vacation and when people are out sick.

**Treasurer report** – Per Tina, Lisa was here all day today, and if school is cancelled on Tuesday will come back to finish. She is currently working on balancing October through December.

**MAYORAL REPORT** – requested motion to go into executive session to come out to do business.

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

Adjourned to executive session 8:10 PM

Returned to open session 8:24 PM

Alderman Temple made the motion to hire Willam Reno as a full-time officer, Michael Rodriguez and Donald (Terry)Allison, both as part time officers. Alderman Doody seconded the motion along with Aldermen Doody, Clark, Fordahl, Cook, Temple and Lesyna voting yes.

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

**Meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Ritter, City Clerk