

# 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, February 5, 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 Vela, Huddelston, Clark, Fordahl, Temple and Lesyna present. Aldermen Doody and Cook were absent.

### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Lesyna made motion to approve the minutes of January 15. Alderman Temple seconded the motion with Aldermen Clark, Fordahl, Temple and Lesyna voting yes. Aldermen Vela and Huddelston passed.

### APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

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

Recognition of Officer of The Year by Chief Siemson – Raul Arroyo. He has displayed exceptional performance. He is the field training officer, volunteers in the community and is a Spanish speaking officer.

Swearing in of new officers by City Clerk – William Reno, Michael Rodriguez, Donald (Terry) Allison

CITIZENS FORUM – Eric Vela requesting street closures for Pizza Stone. May 18, June 15, July 13 and August 31, 2024. Requesting West Washington from Pine to the alley from 9 AM – 11:59 PM. Alderman Huddelston made motion to approve. Alderman Clark seconded the motion with

Aldermen Huddelston, Clark, Fordahl, Temple and Lesyna voting yes. Alderman Vela abstained.

Berkot's - Matt Jones – Berkot's gaming, staffing has been added per city request. Mayor is concerned on the service counter, but will take under consideration. If decided, this will come up for a vote.

### **Old Business –**

**Aldermanic** – Alderman Temple requested executive session to discuss personal and litigation.

**Department Heads** – Tina - auditors completed, should get results soon. Lisa will be in on February 19 to work on balancing.

Chief Siemson – thank you to Scott and crew for the great work with the last snow. There were no issues with the wake/funeral for Amari Crite. PD did utilize the therapy dogs, and were onsite. Facebook page is growing. Chief indicated that he has applied for grants, just waiting to hear results.

### **Treasurer report –**

**MAYORAL REPORT** – Baxter Woodman, voting on next agenda, going over funding and expenses. The bill for sewer plant design, they get a percentage – total cost \$25,000,000.00). Baxter Woodman's fee is \$1,134,000.00. Project cost went up \$362,000.00. He will be requesting them to come to the next meeting to answer any questions. Rate study was done a couple of years ago by the EPA, and also another was done by Baxter Woodman. The city cannot get an IDPA loan at this time, not showing enough income, to finance our projects. Baxter Woodman will be doing another rate study, \$49,700.00, this is necessary to know where the city stands with the water/sewer rates. Mayor insists that with the potential increases, we are still lower than Aqua.

Public works meeting, 6:30 PM – Baxter Woodman

requested motion to go into executive session to come out to do business.

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

Adjourned to executive session 8:07 PM

Returned to open session 8:28 PM

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

**Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Ritter, City Clerk