

# 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 19, 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, Temple and Lesyna present. Alderman Cook was absent.

### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Lesyna made motion to approve the minutes of February 5. Alderman Temple seconded the motion with Aldermen Vela, Huddelston, Clark, Fordahl, Temple and Lesyna voting yes. Aldermen Doody passed.

### 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, Temple and Lesyna voting yes.

CITIZENS FORUM – Tony Singh – requesting gaming/liquor license for new facility he is looking to build. Total cost of new facility would be approximately 3 million. This would be a tentative approval, due to the facility hasn't been built. Alderman Clark made motion to approve. Alderman Huddelston seconded the motion along with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Huddelston, Clark, Fordahl, Temple and Lesyna voting yes.

### Old Business –

**Aldermanic** – Alderman Clark – public works met this evening to discuss the purchase of a new street sweeper, total price of \$128,680.00 after trade in the old machine. First payment to be made May 1, 2024. Alderman Clark made motion to approve. Alderman Huddelston seconded the motion

along with Alderman Doody, Huddelston, Clark, Fordahl, Temple and Lesyna voting yes. Alderman Vela passed.

Alderman Vela – Lion’s Park next to Casy’s offered the city to take over the park. There was discussion on who would maintain the park and Scott indicated he was not appropriately staffed to take this on. Decision made to table this until next meeting when David Cook could weigh in.

Alderman Doody – BF meeting March, 4 at 7:15PM

Alderman Temple – executive session to discuss employment possibly to come out to do business.

**Department Heads** –Scott – street lights are working minus the one of the corner of Washington and Dixie. There was enough LED to replace all of them. Clarifier is being built.

Tina – Lisa balanced and is current. She will be back in March to work on February.

Chief Siemson – received a small donation that was used towards medical kits and flashlights. He is currently 1/3 done with the policy manual. He indicated that there is a problem with peddlers in the area. He is looking at the possibility of vetting them through city hall. Mayor is working with Alderman Lesyna to update the peddler license.

**Treasurer report –**

**MAYORAL REPORT – requested** a motion to move into executive session. Alderman Temple made motion. Alderman Doody seconded the motion along with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Huddelston, Clark, Fordahl, Temple and Lesyna voting yes.

Adjourned to executive session 7:58PM

Returned to open session 8:10 PM

Alderman Temple made motion to hire 2 officers, Chris pending the academy and task force. Alderman Vela seconded the motion along with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Huddelston, Clark, Fordahl, Temple and Lesyna voting yes.

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

**Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Ritter, City Clerk