

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, May 6, 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, Temple and Lesyna present.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Cook made motion to approve the minutes of April 15, 2024. Alderman Fordahl seconded the motion with Aldermen Vela, Clark, Fordahl, Cook and Lesyna voting yes. Alderman Doody, Huddelston and Temple passed.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

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

CITIZENS FOROM –

Old Business –

Aldermanic – Alderman Lesyna – Resolution 221 – handicap spot on Locust Street. Alderman Lesyna made motion to approve. Alderman Doody seconded the motion along with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Huddelston, Clark, Fordahl, Cook, Temple and Lesyna voting yes.

Ordinance 886 – city code officer – repealing health officer. If a situation would come up that a health officer is needed, city could go to the county for assistance. Alderman Cook requested that the city code officer reports to the council once a month. This has been added to the ordinance. There was a reminder that this communication will be sent via email, but the council has been instructed to not reply all due to open meeting act. Alderman Lesyna made motion to approve.

Alderman Temple seconded the motion along with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Huddelston, Clark, Fordahl, Cook, Temple and Lesyna voting yes.

Ordinance 887 – storage containers in business and manufacture zones – not allowed in residential districts. City needs to give approval first, then City needs to approve the anytime limit for M1 and goes to M2. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to approve. Alderman Temple seconded the motion along with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Huddelston, Clark, Fordahl, Cook, Temple and Lesyna voting yes.

Alderman Temple requested executive session for compensation/contractual to come out to do business.

Alderman Cook – planning and zoning requests – 78 Hill Street and 407 N Walnut, both requesting a variance for a fence. Zoning board approved both. Alderman Cook made a motion to approve both requests. Alderman Fordahl seconded the motion along with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Huddelston, Clark, Fordahl, Cook, Temple and Lesyna voting yes.

Alderman Fordahl – S walnut and E Illinois street – requesting a slow child playing sign as traffic is moving very fast through this area. Mayor indicated we cannot accommodate as we would need these signs on each street, main issue is to get people to abide to the traffic law with the stop sign.

Roads – positive response on the pot hole repairs, citizens know these are temporary fixes. Are there permanent solutions in place? Scott indicated that he is working with Baxter and Woodman on things, only \$330,000.00 to spend, which isn't going to go far. Spray patching has been started. MFT funds a lot 88,000.00 per year, per Mayor. Half of these funds go to parking lot loan.

Alderman Doody – requested information for appropriation and budget information by next meeting. BF meeting May 20, 7:15 PM

Department Heads – Lisa will be here sometime in May to get balanced for year end. Tina is requesting when the presentation from the auditors would be occurring.

Chief Siemson – ordinance compliance, good response from community clean up
good response for cone with a cop, Hispanic fair at the high school
Chris is at the academy and doing well,
Grant info received
Received 2 donations for purchasing an ATV use for the city, working on marking and insurance

Treasurer report –

MAYORAL REPORT – discuss and vote on appointments

2024/2025 COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENTS

BUDGET AND FINANCE

*Melissa Collett Doody

Mark Lesyna

Todd Clark

David Cook

STREETS AND ALLEYS

* Todd Clark

Melisa Collett Doody

David Cook

Mark Lesyna

POLICE

***Tom Temple**

Romell Huddelston
Tanya Fordahl
Melisa Collett Doody

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT

***David Cook**

Avelino Vela
Romel Huddelston
Melisa Collett Doody

ORDINANCE/ZONING

***Mark Lesyna**

Tanya Fordahl
Romel Huddelston
Avelino Vela

WATER & SEWER

***Avelino Vela**

Tanya Fordahl
Todd Clark
Tom Temple

APPOINTMENTS:

Scott Behrends Supt. of Public Works
Patrick Seimsen Police Chief
Tina Demack City Collector

Matt Cousin Building Insp.
John Cousin Plumbing Insp.
Matt Schimdt Elect. Insp

CITY TREE BOARD:

David Cook Linda Lund Betty Dionne Fran LeBeau

CONRAD PARK BOARD:

Kirsten Bishir Kay Laue Becky Peterson Ron Hess David Cook Betty Dionne

PLANN COMMISSION BOARD:

*Steve Lund Jack Metz Scott Starkey Aaron Billadeau
Steve Gross Christy Ritter Hank Vinson

HISTORICAL HOUSE:

Nancy Liberty Porter Darlene Agner Ron Selle

CITY LIAISON:

Steve Gross

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

Train blockings – Mayor has spoke to the railroad, meeting on Friday. Demanding a written agreement, speaking with Tina Bloomberg

Alderman Cook made motion to move into executive session. Alderman Temple seconded the motion along with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Huddelston, Clark, Fordahl, Cook, Temple and Leyna voting yes.

Adjourned 7:59PM

Returned to open session 8:21 PM

Alderman Fordahl made motion to approve moving part time officers to 25.00 per hour. Alderman Cook seconded the motion along with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Huddelston, Clark, Fordahl, Cook, Temple and Lesyna voting yes.

Alderman Fordahl made a motion to approve for the Police Srgts to follow the contract in May, receiving a 3% increase. Alderman Cook seconded the motion along with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Huddelston, Clark, Fordahl, Cook, Temple and Lesyna voting yes.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Ritter, City Clerk