

THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

CHARLES E. STEELE, JR., Mayor

Treasurer

ALDERMEN

Melissa Doody

Avelino Vela

Leo (Todd) Clark

Tanya Fordahl

David Cook

Mark Lesyna

MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL

Monday, May 20, 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, Clark, Fordahl, Cook, Temple and Lesyna present. Alderman Huddelston was absent.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Lesyna made motion to approve the minutes of May 6, 2024. Alderman Temple seconded the motion with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Clark, Fordahl, Cook, Temple and Lesyna voting yes.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

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

CITIZENS FOROM – Lisa Kraus and family – Chamber of Commerce will be taking over the cruise nights downtown. She asked permission to close Washington Street on the following nights:

June 25 – East Washington, Dixie to Chocolate Street

July 9 – East Washington, Dixie to Chocolate Street

July 23 – East Washington, Dixie to Chocolate Street

August 13 – East Washington, Dixie to Chocolate Street

August 27 – East Washington, Dixie to Chocolate Street

September 10 - East Washington, Dixie to Chocolate Street

Rain date will be September 24 - East Washington, Dixie to Chocolate Street

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

Andrew Weybright – requesting south west corner of parking lot on Washington and Pine Streets to sell snow cones and popcorn during the Gladiolus Festival. Alderman Cook made motion to approve. Alderman Temple seconded the motion along with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Clark, Fordahl, Cook, Temple and Lesyna voting yes.

Old Business –

Aldermanic – Alderman Lesyna – asked the question – what happens if we lose the city code? Can we recreate? Answer: we can order one book, we can keep in the safe, just to be covered.

Alderman Temple – requested executive session to discuss employment/compensation to come out to do business.

Alderman Doody – presentation of the audit from the auditors

BF meeting June 3, 7:15 PM

Department Heads – Tina – open meetings act pocket version supplied to council
State of Illinois health insurance is due – going down \$532.00. Alderman Cook made motion to approve. Alderman Doody seconded the motion along with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Clark, Fordahl, Cook, Temple and Lesyna voting yes.

Chief Siemson – ordinance violations – received many positives, idea of a beautification committee, would like to recognize some citizens in July, speed trailer is working well, Lori is doing well, Chris is doing well at the academy, working on grants, calls on the boat in the river behind the PD (working on removing)

Treasurer report – Lisa still at school, will be taking a day off to finish April

MAYORAL REPORT – Lori Rodriguez was hired at the last meeting, but she needs to be appointed as the code/safety officer. Alderman Cook made motion to approve. Alderman Fordahl seconded the motion along with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Clark, Fordahl, Cook, Temple and Lesyna voting yes.

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

Adjourned 8:03 PM

Returned to open session 8:52 PM

Alderman Temple made a motion to approve Chief Siemson salary increase of \$5000.00. Alderman Cook seconded the motion along with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Clark, Fordahl, Cook, Temple and Lesyna voting yes.

Alderman Cook made a motion to approve hiring Jacqueline Agee as a contractual employee to handle the abandoned properties at a rate of \$185.00 per hour. Alderman Doody seconded the motion along with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Clark, Fordahl, Cook, Temple and Lesyna voting yes.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Ritter, City Clerk