

THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

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

ALDERMEN

Melissa Doody
Avelino Vela
Romel Huddelston
Leo (Todd) Clark

Tanya Fordahl
David Cook
Tom Temple
Mark Lesyna

MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL Monday, August 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.

Gladiolus Festival Royalty candidates lead the Pledge of Allegiance to start the meeting. City Clerk introduced the group to the council. Each candidate introduced themselves.

Princess candidates:

Kaidence Brander

Harger Duhigg

Julionna Jarrett

Rylee Harmon

Jaedyn Orozco

Alaina Schnepf

Elizabeth Whittington

Queen candidates:

Gabriella Cantwell

Casey Cromwell

A'miracle Johnson

Erika Torres-Miranda

Payton Wigmore

Jalayah Wright

ROLL CALL

Roll was called by the Clerk with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Huddelston, Fordahl, Cook and Lesyna present. Alderman Clark and Temple were absent.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

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

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

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

CITIZENS FORUM – Albert Ellis – purchase of Stonecrest, 119 Harvard Street, Momence. They are looking to expand their recovery and vocational training centers. There would be a methadone clinic. The average stay in this male only clinic would be 30-90 days. There would be no security issues, as they have a very robust treatment security of the building – almost zero police presence required. City attorney advised that a special use permit with planning and zoning would be

required. Chief Siemson had contact the PD in Chicago Heights, location of one of the other centers. They indicated there were no issues. There would be bilingual services available. On the outpatient side, this has been changing to more telehealth. The Chief Medical Officer is Dr. Lawrence New. They will contact the county for the perspective of the planning and zoning.

Pastor Jimmy Smith – Kankakee, Illinois. Present to support Albert Ellis. He is a former addict, currently operates a recovery center located in the old Homestead building in Kankakee.

Josh Anderson – 512 N Locust Street. He is working on his property/home to restore to original but is receiving ordinance violations. He has done his research, indicating that he was following all ordinances. Chief Siemson indicated that these were letters only due to complaints, no violations had been issued. Mayor Steele stated that this a way to make the community look better.

Old Business –

Aldermanic – Alderman Lesyna – received an email about residents owning chickens in town. Ordinance was voted on in 2011 stating no chickens in the city limits. Do we change the ordinance? Will look into

Alderman Cook – Planning and Zoning Commission met on a variance request for a metal shed at 717 N Pine Street. All were in favor on the commission. Alderman Cook made motion to approve. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion along with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Huddelston, Fordahl, Cook and Lesyna voting yes.

Alderman Doody – revenue part of the budget presented. The expenditure report should be ready for next meeting. There was not much change on the projected revenues.

BF meeting August 19 at 7:15 PM

Department Heads – Tina – Lisa was in, balanced currently

Chief Siemson – 200-250 ordinance letters have been issued. Gladiolus Festival ready. Part-time officer had resigned, wanting to send Lori to the part-time academy. Chris Rupp has graduated the police academy training. The police department donated money for an emergency situation from donated funds.

Treasurer report –

MAYORAL REPORT – peddlers permit for an ice cream truck came back with a clean back ground, all products are prepackaged. Alderman Doody made a motion to approve. Alderman Huddelston seconded the motion along with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Huddelston, Fordahl, Cook and Lesyna voting yes.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Ritter, City Clerk

