

# THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

CHARLES E. STEELE, JR., Mayor  
CHRISTY RITTER, Clerk  
TINA ROSENBROCK, Treasurer

## ALDERMEN

Melissa Doody  
Avelino Vela  
Romel Huddelston  
Leo (Todd) Clark

Tanya Fordahl  
David Cook  
Tom Temple  
Mark Lesyna

## MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL Monday, December 4, 2023 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 and Lesyna present. Alderman Temple was absent.

### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Cook made motion to approve the minutes of November 20. Alderman Fordahl seconded the motion with Aldermen Vela, Clark, Fordahl, Cook and Lesyna voting yes. Aldermen Doody and Huddelston passed.

### APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

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

### CITIZENS FORUM –

#### **Old Business –**

**Aldermanic** – Alderman Doody – budget draft. Alderman Cook was questioning some numbers. Mayor indicated that the budget doesn't need to be voted on tonight but the levy and abatement must be.

Alderman Doody requested special meeting 12/18/23, 7PM to discuss budget

Tax Levy – Ordinance #882, overall increase of 5%. Total amount of 8,482,700.00

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

Abatement – Ordinance # 883 Alderman Cook made motion to approve. Alderman Fordahl seconded the motion along with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Huddelston, Clark, Fordahl, Cook and Lesyna voting yes.

IDOT – Resolution #216 for year 2021 before refinance Alderman Doody made motion to approve. Alderman Vela seconded the motion along with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Huddelston, Clark, Fordahl, Cook and Lesyna voting yes.

Resolution #217 for year 2021 after refinance. Alderman Doody made motion to approve. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion along with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Huddelston, Clark, Fordahl, Cook and Lesyna voting yes.

Resolution #218 for year 2023 Alderman Doody made motion to approve. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion along with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Huddelston, Clark, Fordahl, Cook and Lesyna voting yes.

Resolution #219 for year 2023 Alderman Doody made motion to approve. Alderman Cook seconded the motion along with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Huddelston, Clark, Fordahl, Cook and Lesyna voting yes.

Alderman Fordahl requested executive session to discuss employment and compensation to come out to do business.

**Department Heads** – Tina stated that the auditors have started.

Chief Siemson – received a check from St. Patrick Church in the amount of \$10,000.00. This will be put towards money from Vandrunen for the Polaris. Also requested executive session to discuss litigation.

**Treasurer report** –

**MAYORAL REPORT** – received a proposal from Ruder to correct the issue with the phones.

60-month term – total of 342.30 per month

This will pay for itself over the course of 3 years. Alderman Lesyna made motion to approve. Alderman Cook seconded the motion along with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Huddelston, Clark, Fordahl, Cook and Lesyna voting yes.

Mayor indicated that he is in discussions with working on getting fiberoptic into the police department and city hall.

DC Gas is looking at putting in a gaming bar next to Ivy Therapy. Mayor looking for a verbal commitment from the council in order for the owner to proceed. The council will need to create a new liquor license, cannot vote on it until that occurs. Alderman Cook made a contingent motion to create a new liquor license. Alderman Fordahl seconded the motion along with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Huddelston, Clark, Fordahl, Cook and Lesyna voting yes.

Off the Vine has been sold – possible new license will be requested.

Thank you to Christy Ritter and Tanya Fordahl for assisting with the Downtown Christmas Gathering.

Mayor requested a motion to move into executive session

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

Adjourned to executive session 8:13 PM

Returned to open session 8:51 PM

Alderman Fordahl made a motion to bring the sergeant pay to 70,040.00 as a correction, retroactive back to March 20, 2023 to be done by the next payday, December 13, 2023. Alderman Cook seconded the motion along with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Huddelston, Clark, Fordahl, Cook and Lesyna voting yes.

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

**Meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Ritter, City Clerk