

THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

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

ALDERMEN

Melissa Doody
Avelino Vela
Josh Anderson
Leo (Todd) Clark

Tanya Fordahl
David Cook
Tom Temple
Mark Lesyna

MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL Monday, December 16, 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, Anderson, Fordahl, Cook, Temple and Lesyna present. Alderman Clark was absent.

Alderman Lesyna made a motion for Alderman Tom Temple to be interim Mayor, filling the mayor's seat while out for medical reasons. Alderman Cook seconded the motion along with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Anderson, Fordahl, Cook and Lesyna voting yes. Alderman Temple passed.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Doody made motion to approve the minutes of December 2, 2024. Alderman Anderson seconded the motion with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Anderson, Fordahl, Cook and Lesyna voting yes.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

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

CITIZENS FOROM – Steve Gross – Thank you to Amanda Morales for the Christmas toys for kids at Pizza Stone. Great turn out. Jr. football trophy will be on display in City Hall for public recognition.

Christy Ritter – thank you for all of those that assisted and donated for the first Holiday Community Dinner. It was a great success, serving over 200 dinners. Donations are being received for next year.

Oscar from Netflix – Momence will host another Netflix production, Monster – serial killer. Filming will take place the week of February 11-15 in downtown Momence, Washington Street. There are several other locations also: Mount Aire Cemetery, Heller House (Kay's house), Warden House and the pond on 3500 road. The extras that will be needed during the filming will be prepping at the Methodist Church. There will be

traffic control on Dixie and Washington, but traffic will not be blocked during rush hour. They want to keep residents happy. Lunch will be provided for the cast/crew at the New Life Church. Trucks will be parked on E. River Street parking lot and possibly on Mill Street lot. Currently looking at the “base camp” in the park district. Oscar is looking for public works and the PD to assist, the costs will be covered by Netflix. Alderman Cook made a motion to approve. Alderman Fordahl seconded the motion along with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Anderson, Fordahl, Cook and Lesyna voting yes.

Old Business –

Aldermanic – Alderman Doody – BF meeting January 6, 7:15 PM

Alderman Cook – planning and zoning met for a variance request for 327 N Pine Street for a fence. Planning and Zoning committee recommended to approve. Alderman Cook made a motion to approve. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion along with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Anderson, Fordahl, Cook and Lesyna voting yes.

Alderman Anderson – requested executive session to discuss employment and compensation.

Department Heads – Tina – Lisa will be in this week; auditors will be here tomorrow. One of the meter readers is down, looking to do something different. The new pcs have arrived, navigating through.

Chief Siemson – cleaners building will become city property, Market Street property is in pre-foreclosure, Momence PD participated in shop with a cop, Momence PD has a presence in the schools. Chief received a question, asking how prepared is the PD in light of the school shooting? Chief indicated that “we are not totally there, but we are better than we were”.

Treasurer report –

MAYORAL REPORT – Interim Mayor Temple asked for a motion to move into executive session. Alderman Cook made a motion to go into executive session. Alderman Doody seconded the motion along with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Anderson, Fordahl, Cook and Lesyna voting yes.

Adjourned to executive session 8:10 PM

Returned to open session 8:31 PM

Alderman Cook made motion to approve to pay part-time officers double time for holidays and to approve the hiring of 1 fulltime and 1 part time officers. Alderman Doody seconded the motion along with Aldermen Doody, Vela, Anderson, Fordahl, Cook and Lesyna voting yes.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Ritter, City Clerk