

THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

MICK PORTER, Mayor
JENENE HENSON, Clerk
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ALDERMEN

Diann Denton	Richard Kupferer
Bonnie Straley	David Cook
Nova Metz	Mark Lesyna
Charles Steele	John Metz Sr.

MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL Monday, September 16, 2013 Council Meeting

Time: 7:30 P.M.

The City Council Meeting of the City of Momence was held in the Council Chambers at 123 W. River Street, Momence. Mayor Mick Porter called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called by the Clerk with Aldermen Denton, Straley, Nova Metz, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and John Metz present. Also present was Mayor Mick Porter. Alderman Steele was absent.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Cook made a motion to approve the Regular and Executive Session minutes of the September 3, 2013, Council Meeting as presented. Alderman Denton seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Straley, Nova Metz, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

The bills were discussed at tonight's Budget and Finance Committee Meeting. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the bills for payment. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Straley, Nova Metz, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes.

CITIZEN FORUM

Bill Gilbert – Questions about possible land acquisition and use. Mr. Gilbert stated that his goal is to raise \$15,000 for the vacant lot located on the corner of Dixie and River Street, then raise approximately \$6,000- \$22,000 for a clock to be purchased and placed on the vacant lot as a beautification to downtown Momence. Lot would be donated to the City and the City would be responsible for its upkeep and landscaping. Mr. Gilbert believes this would be a great addition to the community to see something beautiful as they enter town. Their goal is to try to find a clock to match the overhanging street lights. Council supports his endeavor.

Esther Viles – Discuss the Media com fiber project within the City of Momence. Unable to make it to tonight's meeting.

Fran LeBeau/Main Street Momence – Request street closures for December 7, Christmas Gathering. Requesting closure of East Washington Street from Dixie Highway to Locust on

Saturday, December 7, from 1:00PM until 7:00PM, in addition to West Washington from Dixie to Pine closure due to small train ride and large numbers of people crossing the street in that block is a safety concern. Also would like authorization to decorate light posts for the season on October 5, 2013. Alderman Nova Metz requested that she remind businesses on West Washington of closures. Mrs. LeBeau Invited Council to Annual Award Meeting/Banquet on September 24, 2013. Mayor Porter to be recognized for his leadership. Alderman Kupferer made a motion to approve all street closings on dates, times and locations as mentioned above and the authorization to decorate light posts on October 5. Alderman Straley seconded the motion. Motion carried with 7 Ayes 0 Nays.

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Straley thanked Mayor Porter for taking care of garbage issue on Industrial Drive.

Alderman Kupferer: Postmaster will consider placement of another pick up box if City were to find an acceptable place. At some point they will be removing one from Berkot's grocery store. Suggested places not close enough to post office. Issue has been dropped as of now.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Straley called a Budget and Finance Committee meeting for October 7, at 7:15PM to go over bills.

Alderman Nova Metz: Discuss and vote on engineering for the East Washington Street infrastructure and ITEP (Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program) grant. ITEP grant to do engineering, 80% reimbursement, grant approved 1 ½ years ago. Sidewalks, water-mains and sewer drains; this is the engineering part, surveys and designs to be done. Infrastructure / overhaul and street design as well. Alderman Nova Metz made a motion to allow mayor to fill out paperwork for ITEP grant for infrastructure. Alderman Denton seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Straley, Nova Metz, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes.

Alderman Nova Metz requested permission to be on certain (Gladiolus and Rt. 17, Dixie and Second Street, and Dixie and Washington Street) intersections for Lions Candy Day Drive on October 12, 2013, from 7:30A.M. to 11:30A.M. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the Lions Club Candy Day Drive on dates, times and locations as mentioned above. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion. Motion carried with 7 Ayes 0 Nays.

Alderman John Metz called Executive Session for personnel not to come out and do business, requested Chief Swanson's attendance at Executive Session.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Jeannie Blanchette reported positively on the training session last week with Tyler Technologies. Upgrade to be done on water billing in 2014. Mayor has information on software costs. Didn't go over utility billing at training, went over accounting/reconciliation system. System was highly recommended. Will get prices and look to do something start of next fiscal year. Computers adaptability will have to be looked into.

Chief Swanson: Canine car to be ready by the weekend. Police Department will have two interns from Olivet doing administrative and ride along functions. Also made Council/Citizens aware

that catalytic convertors have been stolen from cars, mentioned to heed that this is going on out there. Call 911 if this activity is seen.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Becky Peterson -none. Alderman Lesyna questioned the Treasurers Report, requesting numbers on revenues vs expenses: Treasurer Peterson stated that it is hard to calculate because water and sewer are included in the numbers.

MAYORAL REPORT

Verdae Group, involved with historical house asking about grants and fund-raising. Historical House has been painted and fence has been fixed. Want to enhance tourism, Agricultural Museum across street, Verdae Group proposal was handed out, project needs a business plan. Potential to discuss and possibly vote on. Have Historical Group attend a at Local Improvement Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Kupferer made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel, not to come out and do business. Alderman Nova Metz seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Straley, Nova Metz, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes. Entered into Executive Session at 7:55P.M. Returned from Executive Session at 8:07P.M.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Cook made a motion to enter into Closed Session to review past Executive Session minutes. Alderman Nova Metz seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Straley, Nova Metz, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes. Entered into Closed Session at 8:08P.M. Returned from Closed Session at 8:13P.M.

Alderman Cook called a Local Improvement meeting for 6:45P.M., October 7, to discuss the Historical House.

Alderman Straley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Aldermen Denton, Straley, Nova Metz, Kupferer, Cook, Lesyna and John Metz voting yes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk