

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2024

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its rescheduled regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, January 29, 2024. Mayor Goldsmith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and Deputy Clerk Smith called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Morris, and Arkebauer, and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder and Glenn were absent. Also, present was Attorney Chris Sherer, Ellen Christener (Pana News) Ben Schwarm (Journal news) Keith Hancock, Cameron Jones (Benton and Associates), Alex Seifert, and Brent Presnell.

VISITORS

Alex Seifert addressed the council regarding the pending ordinance pertaining to electric bikes. Alex stated that he had purchased two bikes in December for him and his wife, as his wife can no longer ride a regular bike. Mr. Seifert asked the council if there were any stipulations regarding the fee. Mayor Goldsmith stated that they are still working on the ordinance and will consider possibly adding a senior citizen discount, but they will consider his request when they talk about it. Commissioner Morris stated that Nokomis is the lowest around, she called around and most communities are double. Taylorville and Hillsboro are both \$100 and Ramsey and Pana are \$50.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the January 8, 2024, regular meeting were presented. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder and Glenn were absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance

Commissioner Morris started the discussion for the transfer of Business District funds to CD's at LLCU. Mayor Goldsmith stated that he would recommend that we wait until we get the quote for the repairs on filter four, as we could use business district funds and pay it back when the water fund CDs mature. Mayor Goldsmith asked to put this on the next agenda.

Mayor Goldsmith asked to put ordinance 2112 back on the next agenda as it is not ready for approval.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve Ordinance 2113 - adopting an ordinance approving a loan agreement in the principal amount of \$9,485,250 with the Illinois Environmental Protection agency and authorizing and providing for the issue of sewerage revenue bonds in a like principal amount of the City of Nokomis, Montgomery County, Illinois for the purpose of defraying the cost of extending and improving the sewerage system of said City. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder and Glenn were absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Reports of City Officers

No updates on the business district grant application revision or vacant structure ordinance revisions. Commissioner Morris asked for them to be put back on the next agenda.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the business district grant at 118 N. Spruce for foundation repairs to Shear Revolutions for half of the lowest bid coming in at \$5285.00 with the City paying \$2642.50. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder and Glenn were absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the business district grant at 114 E. State St. for chimney repairs to 16th and Mercantile with a request of \$2903.00 and the City paying half at \$1451.50. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder and Glenn were absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that he received an update from Commissioner Glenn and the street department have been busy and will be resuming pot-holing this week.

Commissioner Arkebauer stated that the sewer plant had an issue with a blower motor with repairs costing \$3,524.64. Commissioner Arkebauer continued stating that the water department has filter issues with filter 3 already down for repairs, filter 4 went down over the weekend, but could be a warranty issue as it is a weld that was just repaired. Commissioner Arkebauer will reach out to the company to get this fixed.

Mayor Goldsmith mentioned that the bill total included our annual membership to Montgomery County Economic Development, as this was questioned before. Mayor Goldsmith stated that the City and Plan Commission are utilizing this more now and would suggest approving this with the bill totals. Mayor Goldsmith also suggested that we not pay for the portable generator as it has not been delivered, so this will make the bill total \$ 23,233.22 instead of \$94,098.22. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve bills in the amount of \$23,233.22. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder and Glenn were absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

A brief discussion was held regarding the year-end bonus for the employees, with nothing decided it was asked to be put on the next agenda.

Mayor Goldsmith presented the meeting minutes for the Planning Committee to the commissioners.

Mayor Goldsmith began the discussion on properties for sale in the City stating that there are some properties the City needs to keep an eye on as they will be for sale by Montgomery County for back taxes.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that he will be attending the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs Conference on February 28th and 29th. If anyone would like to join him let him know.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was on the agenda to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Cameran Jones from Benton and Associates was present to give an update on the wastewater loan stating that it was approved with the bond ordinance at the last meeting. Mr. Jones stated that the loan will be for \$9.4 million with loan forgiveness of \$3.6 million.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the notice of award for \$8,475,000 for the wastewater plant project to Kamadulski Excavating and Grading Company. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder and Glenn were absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve Farnsworth change order for the repairs to the water treatment plant by All Service for \$83,773.00, as filter 3 needs the bottom relined. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder and Glenn were absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

A brief discussion was held on the needed repairs for the roof at City Hall with Commissioner Morris stating that she would like to get quotes from some local contractors. Mayor Goldsmith asked for this to be put on the next agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was needed.

Adjournment

Commissioner Morris made a motion to adjourn at 7:38 P.M. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder and Glenn were absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karri Smith
Deputy Clerk