

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2023

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, April 10, 2023. Mayor Holliday called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., the City Clerk called the roll. Those present were Commissioners, Stauder, Glenn, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Nash was absent. Also present City Clerk Hill, Attorney Chris Sherer; Dylan Goldsmith, Tisha Morris, Scott Arkebauer, Ellen Christener (Pana News) Ben Schwarm (Journal News) Joe Gasparich, Joann Keele, Roger Nuxoll (Farnsworth) L. Kevin Turner arrived at 7:30 p.m.

VISITORS

Gloria Wendling was not present as a visitor.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the March 27, 2023 regular meeting were presented. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Nash was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Minutes of the March 27, 2023 executive meeting minutes were presented. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the minutes with few spelling corrections. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Nash was absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance

Discussion was held on the second round of pay applications. Roger Nuxoll with Farnsworth Group was available to the council to answer questions. Commissioner Stauder asked Roger for an update on the project. Mr. Nuxoll explained that the majority of the 8 inch line is in and the crew will be working on the boring under the roads in the next the week. Mr. Nuxoll explained that this round of pay applications is the same as before. Commissioner Glenn then asked Mr. Nuxoll about the line replacements in town. Mr. Nuxoll stated that the replacement is from the main to the meter and the meter to the home. Commissioner Glenn then asked about a survey we have to do. Mr. Nuxoll stated that lead service line inventory needs to be done by next year. Commissioner Glenn asked if that is what the grant is for. Mr. Nuxoll stated that the money from the grant is to complete the lead line survey, and the first quarterly report is due in June. Commissioner Glenn asked if the federal government will be helping for the residents. Mr. Nuxoll stated that the state and federal government hasn't really made any decision how they plan to move forward.

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve pay application 2, distribution 2, Loan L17-6229 in the amount of \$536,722.52 Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Nash was absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve pay application2, distribution 2, for loan L17-6047 in the amount of \$101, 432.50. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Nash was absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Stauder addressed the Council to request we replace a few more of the trees that were removed from Fred B. Johnson Park last fall. Commissioner Stauder stated that Tim Chumley should talk with Tom Spears about what trees we got last year. Commissioner Glenn added that he can also talk with Bob Barnstable who at one time was the City Arborist to see what he might suggest. Visitor Joann Keele added to the conversation that Marty Dawson has the most beautiful tree in town and it is an October Glory and believes a tree like that would add a pop of color to the park.

Commissioner Stauder reported the monthly revenues in the amount of \$ 956,343.10

Commissioner Glenn reported to the Council that Scott Robinson has reached out and spoke with Commissioner Glenn about the wall of one of his buildings that is losing some bricks, Mr. Robinson stated that he has been doing some research and believes that the owners of the building next door are responsible for helping to pay for the wall that use to be a “party wall” and want the City to pay for it. Commissioner Glenn stated he hasn’t completed his research on the old party walls and will look into it some more but that Mr. Robinson will have to get it fixed. Commissioner Durbin stated that we have talked to him before. Commissioner Stauder added that the fire at the building next to Robinsons was in 2009, he purchased the building knowing it was like that. Commissioner Durbin stated that he couldn’t understand why they would have approved to have the new building built if the other building next to it was so bad. Commissioner Durbin stated if he wants to apply for a grant he can.

Commissioner Glenn addressed the council to let them know he received a grant application for 103 W State St. Discussion was held on this business district grant and the council decided to wait until the next meeting to make a decision. Commissioner Stauder stated he would like to wait until the next meeting to check the available funds in the business district grant fund.

Commissioner Glenn addressed the council on a business district grant he had received for 102 S Pine. Commissioner Glenn stated he would like to recommend the \$6,000.00 then they can apply for the additional \$3,000.00 later. Discussion was held on this grant. Commissioner Stauder re stated he would like to check on the fund balance before any decision is made and would like to have it on the next agenda.

Commissioner Glenn stated that he would like to see some revisions done to Ordinance 2100 after reviewing it with the Chief, Commissioner Glenn stated there is some wording he would like to see changed for example where it says code enforcement officer it should be changed to commissioner.

Commissioner Stauder let the council know that Commissioner Nash wanted to discuss helping Jim Schnarre on his outstanding water bill he had on the building he just sold. Mr. Schnarre has had a lot of medical procedures done this year and is struggling to catch up. Discussion was held on the bill and why it hadn't been paid. Mayor Holliday stated he would like to try and help. Commissioner Glenn asked if we should give him a sewer credit.

Commissioner Durbin addressed the council to let them know the vehicles have been moved from the street department lot, for the water tower removal. Commissioner Durbin also stated that he has been in contact with Chief Burton because it appears someone has taken a joy ride and cut the corner damaging the side of the road near Young St. Commissioner Durbin stated it's a big section that is all rutted up and the ditch will have to be regraded.

Approval of Bills

Commissioner Stauder had some questions on the Woody's municipal bill, stating that the amount for the attachments for the snow blade was not approved, but both bills came together. Clerk Hill stated that they additional four thousand dollars was removed from the bill balance. Commissioner Stauder also questioned if there was a reason the police department was using GlobalTech for the purchase of new light bars.

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$760,489.98 Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Nash was absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion was held on the water and waste water agreement with Coalton and EJ water. Commissioner Glenn stated that he didn't see a need to wait any longer and asked that Attorney Sherer send the agreements to EJ water for review. Attorney Sherer asked the council if they would like to put a time limit for a reply. Commissioner Stauder and Glenn both stated that thirty days would be long enough.

Discussion was held on the Coalton police department contract. Commissioner Glenn stated that 10% of the calls to the Nokomis police department are for Coalton. Discussion was held of what dollar amount the City should charge for the intergovernmental agreement with Coalton. Commissioner Stauder stated that \$500.00 a month is only \$6,000.00 and year and probably isn't enough. Commissioner Stauder asked if we should charge a monthly fee or a pay per call fee, stating all calls come from County anyway. Commissioner Stauder asked if \$1,000.00 a month would work. Mayor Holliday stated that he believes \$1,000.00 is too much.

Commissioner Durbin stated that some of the call they get out there are weekly calls. Commissioner Stauder stated that the Village of Coalton contract would also include court time and ordinance violations. Commissioner Glenn suggested the City talk to the Village of Coalton and see what they say.

Discussion was held on the C&K antenna contract agreement. The council discussed how long the agreement should last and if the City should change the fee from \$1.00 to \$10.00. Visitor Joe Gasparich explained the need to move the 911 repeater on the tower, and why it could not be added to the water tower. The City council decided to wait until the next meeting and discussed having Chris Coss be present at the next meeting.

Discussion was held on creating a fire hydrant replacement plan. Dylan Goldsmith stated that the water department should have a list of active hydrants with one marked as critical hydrants. Commissioner Stauder stated we need to paint the ones black that are no longer working hydrant. Commissioner Glenn asked if there is a map, somewhere that the City can look at. Mr. Goldsmith stated yes, when he was still working for the City they were doing GIS mapping of all of the hydrants. Commissioner Stauder stated that they are supposed to be mapping the hydrants but we won't be doing any testing of the hydrants until the Water Main Project is done.

Commissioner Glenn let the Council know that he sent a letter to the Montgomery County board and requested they levy a tax for the animal control services but that he does not expect to hear from them.

Commissioner Durbin let the Council know that he has scheduled the dumpster days to be from the 15th to 22nd of May, 2023 he added that the dumpsters will be behind City Hall from a Monday to a Monday.

Commissioner Stauder discussed what items need to be added to next year's budget. Commissioner Stauder asked how many mowers we have and what do we need. Commissioner Durbin let him know that we have four mowers total and that the Street Department would like to sell two in the surplus sale and trade the other two off for two new mowers. Discussion was also held on scheduling and payroll for the next budget year. Discussion was held on the items for the Sale of Surplus items, and if the City should add the surplus bricks to the list.

Discussion was held on the tornado siren. Visitor Joe Gasparich added that he knows of several communities that have worked with both companies that provided quotes and believe they are both good companies to work with. Commissioner Durbin asked what time frame is like. Mr. Gasparich stated it could take a few months before we received the siren. But the City needs to decide what quote to approve.

Commissioner Glenn asked about the volunteers for City clean up that Mr. Compton was asking about. Commissioner Stauder asked if any of the youth groups still did that for community service hours. Visitor Tisha Morris stated yes they still have to do community service hours.

Mr. Gasparich added that he had to apply to Starcom through ESDA and the State of Illinois for the tornado siren.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held on the request for a four way stop at Spruce and South St. Commissioner Durbin stated he didn't understand why people would speed down that street when that intersection is so rough, he also added that there are yield signs on two sides. Mayor Holliday stated that he does not believe we need any more stop signs. Commissioner Stauder suggested maybe the police patrol and watch the area.

Mayor Holliday stated the liquor license ordinance needs to be updated Mr. Holliday stated he would like to add three more liquor licenses for the total of ten. Mayor Holliday let the Council know we will get the Ordinance ready for the next agenda.

Adjournment

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to adjourn at 8:21 P.M. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Hill
City Clerk