

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Special Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2024

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held a Special Meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on April 16, 2024, Mayor Dylan Goldsmith called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M. City Clerk Hill called roll. Those present were Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Also present was City Clerk Hill and Attorney Chris Sherer. Visitors present were Gary and Clarann Hulbert, Tim Chumley and Ellen Christner (Pana News) Josh Robison entered at 5:11 P.M.

During the discussion of the acceptance and approval of the bid proposal contract for the sale of real property located on portions of 08-22-403-001 and 08-22-454-012 Commissioner Glenn had several questions. Discussion was had on the \$1,000.00 of earnest money, easements, and adding additional parcel description. Mayor Goldsmith stated that he will reach out to the company with the requested changes. Commissioner Glenn stated that he did not see and issue with the bid but thinks the contract needs some changes made but that he believes the Council could still accept the bid pending the changes to the contract. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the bid in the amount of \$150,000.00 for portions of 08-22403-001 & 08-22-454-012 subject to provisions of the contract to be determined. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays none the motion carried.

Discussion was held on the purchase of a 1992 International dump truck. Mayor Goldsmith asked Tim Chumley what the main purpose of the truck would be. Tim stated a variety of things it would be use for including hauling the generator and vac trailer. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the purchase of a 1992 International dump truck from Montgomery County for \$30,000.00. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays none. the motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Solar Site Agreement, Mayor Goldsmith stated that the company can not get the bond until the agreement is approved. Commissioner Glenn stated that he believes they can get a specimen bond, or a form that serves as an example of what the bond will be. Attorney Sherer stated that he will see if he can find an example of the bond. Commissioner Glenn stated that he just wants to make sure that the City is protected. Discussion continued about the proposed solar site. Mayor Goldsmith stated that there is still

time to make changes to the agreement. Mayor Goldsmith let Commissioner Glenn know that he will give him the contact information so that Mr. Glenn can ask any additional questions directly to the company.

Discussion was held on the non- employee raises. Mayor Goldsmith stated that he is fine with giving the non- union employees Carol, Karri, and Donna a 4% raise. Mayor Goldsmith stated that each group should be individually looked at. Discussion was held on the difference between nonunion employees who are appointed and not appointed, and employees who are paid hourly vs. monthly or bi- annually. Mayor Goldsmith stated that the appointed officials will be evaluated under their re-appointment. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve a 4% raise starting May 1, 2024, to Carol, Karri, and Donna. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith opened the table for discussion on the 2024-2025 budget. Commissioner Glenn stated that he has a few changes he would like to see made to the street department budget. Making some terms more generic and combining a line item to remove the line item for miscellaneous. Commissioner Morris stated that she has some questions for Lou. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that he also has a few small changes he would like to see made to the water and wastewater budget. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that he would like to see 40K in the budget for a new truck. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that everything else looks good and we will be able to start replacing million gallon reads and replace a few fire hydrants. Discussion was held on the need for an emergency manhole replacement. Mayor Goldsmith requested to add the manhole replacement on Franklin St, to the next regular meeting agenda. Mayor Goldsmith requested that each Commissioner reach out individually to Lou with the changes they would like to see made to the budget. Discussion was held on another truck for the public works department to share that has a utility bed. The Council requested Tim Chumley to look into the price of a utility bed.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to adjourn at 5:23 P.M. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays none the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Cassidy
City Clerk