

**City of Nokomis**  
**City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**May 22, 2023**

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The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, May 22, 2023. Mayor Goldsmith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and the City Clerk called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Also present were City Clerk Rachel Hill, Attorney Chris Sherer; Ellen Christener (Pana News) Ben Schwarm (Journal News) Clarann & Gary Hulbert and Alan Hard.

**Visitors & Special Guests**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the May 8, 2023 regular meeting were presented. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none. The motion carried.

Minutes of the May 8, 2023 executive meeting minutes were presented. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none. The motion carried.

**Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance, and Communications:**

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve Ordinance 2103- an ordinance making appropriations for expenses of the City of Nokomis, Illinois for the fiscal year ending in April 30, 2024. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to table Ordinance 2104 until after executive session. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none. The motion carried.

Discussion was held on resolution 2023-03- a resolution approving and authorizing the execution and delivery of an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Coalton. Commissioner Glenn questioned the newly proposed contract, on page 2 section (a) and (d). Commissioner Glenn stated he does not think the proposed amount is enough. Commissioner Glenn stated that with our budget for the Police Department being 700, 000.00, Coalton should pay more. Mayor Goldsmith let the Council know that that me has met with Talon and Mike Havera, he stated that during the meeting Mike requested for the dollar amount for Coalton be

lower than originally requested from the City, he also stated that the Village will take care of ordinances until the time a ticket would need to be issued. Mayor Goldsmith stated that in the last month they have responded in six calls of service and going forward Chief Burton will decide what types of calls the department responds to. Commissioner Glenn stated that is only a one year contract with a ninety day notice. Discussion was held on the one year contract. Commissioner Glenn requested City Clerk Hill make a note to add it to the calendar for December for negotiations. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to change the agreement to \$6000.00 a year to be paid twice a year. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve a semi- annual payment to the ESDA director for a total of six hundred dollar a year. Commissioner Stauder second the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none. The motion carried.

### **Reports of City Officers**

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve a building permit at 422 Williams St. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder abstained. Nays none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn reported that the Street Department has been busy.

Commissioner Stauder reported monthly revenues of \$129, 292.50

Commissioner Arkebauer reported to the council that Brian gave a daily and weekly activities report. And the water department has had some well problems. They have had new lights and doors and roof repairs, the generator was maintenance and the lead samples has come back clean.

Commissioner Glenn questioned how the sewer reading have been. Commissioner Stauder stated the Dirks family had some backflow problems a couple of months ago during a big rain, but had no backup during the last rain the City got. Mayor Goldsmith asked if Brian had ran the camera down the line. Commissioner Stauder stated yes and it was clear.

Mayor Goldsmith reported to the Council on the Police Department report. He also let the Council know that he watched a demo for a City website from a company called municipal impact.

### **Approval of Bills**

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$102,736.87. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none. The motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Goldsmith state he would like to see some revisions made to the EJ Water contract for Coalton Water and Sewer contract and had added encouragement for them to make a choice.

Commissioner Glenn suggested letting Attorney Sherer handle those changes and have Chris send it to EJ.

Commissioner Stauder also stated he we have no news on any of it and would like to see the late fees added to the EJ accounts.

Mayor Goldsmith stated he would like to explore the option of leasing the City's antenna so we can still add to it if need be. Discussion was the held on potentially leasing the antenna tower to C & K Communications.

Discussion was held on the sale of surplus property of the City of Nokomis. Mayor Goldsmith asked each Commissioner to ask their department of a list of items.

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve a bid from Beyers Land Surveying for the surveying of the property at the Water Plant. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none. The motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion was held on the need for part time summer help at City Hall.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve to hire part time summer help for 32 hours a week, 16 years of age or older, at minimum wage. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none the motion carried.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Morris made the motion to enter executive session at 7:40 p.m. for the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body is being considered, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired, or where the public body is considering the setting of a price for the sale or lease of its property. 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(5). And the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal, of a specific employee of the public body (5ILCS120/2 (C) (1). Commissioner Glenn seconded

the motion. Voting yes Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to enter back into regular session at 7:59 p.m. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none, the motion carried.

### **Adjournment**

With no new to report from executive session. Commissioner Morris made a motion to adjourn at 7:59 P.M. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Hill  
City Clerk