

**City of Nokomis**  
**City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**July 24, 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, July 24, 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, Stauder and Arkebauer, and Mayor Goldsmith. Also, present City Clerk Hill, Attorney Chris Sherer; Ellen Christener (Pana News) Ben Schwarm (Journal News) Allen Hard, ORoger Nuxoll (Farnsworth), Chief Burton, Officer Carlock and Josh Robison entered at 7:14 p.m.

**VISITORS**

David Hayes- No show

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the July 10, 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; and Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Minutes of the July 10, 2023 executive meeting were presented. Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Stauder and Arkebauer; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

**Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance**

**Reports of City Officers**

Commissioner Morris addressed the Council to let them know she would like to focus on downtown beautification. She let the Council know that she would like to see the street light poles be painted black and add hanging flower baskets to the poles. She let the Council know that she believes that the downtown beautification should be made a priority.

Commissioner Glenn reported that the street department has been busy cleaning out ditches and finishing the sidewalk at North Pine, mowing. He reported that they will be working on the ditch near the water plant that has been causing problems. Discussion was held on the drainage problems in the area. Commissioner Morris asked when they planned to flush hydrants and if they had a plan for the flushing of the hydrants. Commissioner Arkebauer offered to help on a

weekend if that's what it takes to start getting the hydrants flushed and painted. Discussion was held on who was responsible for flushing and flow testing, between the city and the fire department. Commissioner Stauder stated that they need flushed, flow tested, painted and marked on the GPS map. Mayor Goldsmith stated that Adam of Benton and Associates is working with John on where to start. Commissioner Glenn stated that he has been experiencing water pressure issues at his home. Mayor Goldsmith added to the discussion that the foreman will start their new reports and they will be emailed to the Commissioner of that department and at that point if the Commissioner feels the need to share at the meeting, they can do so during their reports of officer's portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Arkebauer shared with the Council that he has given John permission to make orders from Core & Main

Commissioner Stauder stated that the wastewater plant is number two on the list for the IEPA loans and they are moving forward.

Commissioner Stauder stated that the sidewalk construction policy is that the City paid for the concrete and the property owner paid for the labor. Discussion was held on the sidewalk ordinance.

Commissioner Stauder stated that the water meter inventory list needs to be updated, and all the meters need to be accounted for. And that all the meters and meter IDs need to be verified. Discussion was held on the water meters. City Clerk Hill stated that Karri has a list of all the 0 read meters and a list of meters over one million gallons. Clerk Hill let Commissioner Arkebauer know that she make sure the list gets emailed over to him tomorrow.

Commissioner Glenn circled back to the discussion on the wastewater EPA loan asking what it means to be second on the list.

Roger Nuxoll of Farnsworth group explained that the IEPA has a list that they use to rank the severity of the project and the City is number two on that list. Roger went on to explain that the project has been awarded and so the project has been awarded. And it sounds like Benton and Associates is in the process of scheduling the bid openings and waiting for the EPA to release funds.

Commissioner Stauder added that the city did receive another additional \$8,000.00 in loan forgiveness.

Commissioner Stauder reported on the revenues in the amount of \$218,252.98

### **Approval of Bills**

Commissioner Stauder addressed the council if they have any questions about the bill report. Discussion was held on the business district grant check that was to be paid and discussion was

held on the specifics of the business district grant approval process. Commissioner Glenn stated that the council can make changes to the business district grant process whenever the City wants. Mayor Goldsmith stated he would like to wait to pay the business district grant check, and let the council know that he will be reaching out to the business owner. Commissioner Arkebauer stated he would like to see progress. Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve the bills less the \$6,000.00 for the business district grant. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer; Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none. The motion carried.

Visitor Alan Hard stated that when he was on council, they only had so much a year that they awarded business district grants and it had to be used within a certain time frame.

Mayor Goldsmith addressed the council to let them know that Officer Marron will be the school resource officer starting August 1<sup>st</sup> and it will be a 60/40 split between Menta and the Nokomis School district. Mayor Goldsmith stated that the police department would like to hire Officer Hedderman full time. Discussion was held on scheduling a special meeting. The council decided to schedule a special meeting on Monday, July 31, 2023 at 5:00 P.M.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Goldsmith stated that he plans to get with Farnsworth on the water portion of the EJ water contract and Benton and Associates on the Wastewater service contract with EJ Water.

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve Korte Lutijohan to provide the services needed for the vault replacement and repairs to the water meter vault at the Nokomis Rehab. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioner Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer; Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none. The vote carried.

Commissioner Arkebauer addressed the council the let them know that he has been in connection with Ditch Witch to see what they offer for vac trailers and let the council know that he is still looking at other options and will be reaching out to Altofer. Roger Nuxoll of Farnsworth stated that Vermeer is a good brand, but they are expensive. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that to get one could take 60- 90 days.

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve the CTI service contract. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioner Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer; Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none. The motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Goldsmith addressed the council to let everyone know that he had spoken with a few members of the community about joining the Plan Committee. Mayor Goldsmith stated that he would like to appoint Kurt Aumann and Ed Chausse to a three-year term, Derek Durbin to a two-year term and Lacy Glenn and Missy Loafman to a one-year term. Leaving two positions

open. Discussion was held on what the Plan Commission and what their purpose will be. Mayor Goldsmith stated that the Plan Commission will hopefully help be able to help make suggestions and will be able to guide the next council during the next election season. Commissioner Glenn made the motion to appoint Kurt Aumann and Ed Chausse to a three-year term, Derek Durbin to a two-year term and Missy Loafman and Lacy Glenn. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioner Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer; Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none. The motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith addressed the Council to let them know that Beyers land surveying has finished the survey of the property at the water plant. Mr. Beyers had let Mayor Goldsmith know that the city will need to vacate an existing road that was still listed with County. Mayor Goldsmith also suggested that we have the remaining water plant property. Discussion was held on needing an Ordinance to vacate the road.

Mayor Goldsmith stated he entertained a proposal from David Lipe on remodeling the area of the library for potential use for City Hall and the Police Department. However, the proposal is steep. Commissioner Glenn stated that he would rather wait, and he doesn't want to spend much money on it. Commissioner Morris asked if it is feasible to be spending money on our building when we can be spending that money on other projects. Commissioner Stauder stated that regardless of what we do with that side of the building the floors and HVAC will have to be replaced. Discussion was held on the current blueprints of the building.

Mayor Goldsmith addressed the council to let them know that the AED machines in the City Hall building are older and need to be replaced. He spoke with Brandon Andrews from the Nokomis – Witt Ambulance and he made some suggestions. Discussion was held on the machines and getting more information on the machines.

Roger from Farnsworth addressed the council to describe the project service agreement for the lead service line inventory grant. Roger described the work being done with the lead line services and the goals going forward. Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve the project service agreement for the lead service line inventory grant. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioner Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer; Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none. The motion carried.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Morris made a motion to go into executive session during its regular session at 8:11 p.m. to discuss the matters of the Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of the employees (5ILCS 120/2 (c) (2). The purchase or lease of real property for use of the public body (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5). The setting of the price for sale or lease property owned by the public body (5ILCS 120/2 (c) (6). (1). Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to resume regular session at 8:22 P.M. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, and Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

**Other Business**

No news.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 P.M. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, and Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Hill  
City Clerk