

**City of Nokomis**  
**City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**August 12, 2024**

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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, August 12, 2024. Mayor Goldsmith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and City Clerk Cassidy called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Stauder were absent. Also, present was Attorney Chris Sherer, Ellen Christener (Pana News) Ben Schwarm (Journal news) Cameron Jones (Benton and Associates) Andy Handfland (Farnsworth Group) Allen Hard, Daryl (Public Works Union) Danielle Beeler (Public Works Union) an unknow male with the Union. Gary and Clarann Hulbert, Donald Baxter, Jessica Durbin, Edward Michael and Chief Burton.

**VISITORS**

Jessica Durbin (Petty) was present to request barricades for the Canines and Cars event she is planning for September 14, 2024. Mrs. Durbin would like to have barricades by 8:30 am to start blocking off the road. The present council agreed to provide the barricades.

Ed Michael was present at the meeting to contest his grass nuances warning. Mr. Michael had received a warning from the police department about the grass and weeds at 200 W Front St. Mr. Michael stated that he has always kept his grass under control unfortunately his wife has had several surgeries this year and the man they pay to mow has also been sick. Mayor Goldsmith stated that the warning is more of notification that the grass is getting out of control. Mr. Michael stated that he called three other towns, and they do not do things the same way. He stated that he was also told it was his responsibility to mow the road where the weeds were. Mr. Michael stated that the same day they received the warning he drove around town and took twenty-three photos of other people's yards, one being a city employee. Mr. Michael stated that he mowed the yard the same day. Mayor Goldsmith stated that he is not the only one getting grass warnings. Mayor Goldsmith stated that they are trying to help encourage people to mow their yards and help keep the town looking nice.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the July 22, 2024, regular meeting was presented. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Stauder were absent. Nays, None. The motion carried. Commissioners Morris and Stauder were absent.

Minutes of the July 30, 2024, special meeting was presented. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Stauder were absent. Nays, none. The motion carried. Commissioners Morris and Stauder were absent.

Minutes of the August 6, 2024, special meeting was presented. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Stauder were absent. Nays, None. The motion carried. Commissioners Morris and Stauder were absent.

### **Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance**

Resolution 2024-05, a resolution adopting the City of Nokomis Business District Grant Program, and related documents. Commissioner Glenn stated that he would like to see the grant program and guidelines combined into one program. Discussion was held on the grant agreement. Mayor Goldsmith stated that he would contact Jake from Moran's and have him email a copy to Attorney Sherer for revision.

### **Reports of City Officers**

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve a fence permit at 501 S Cedar St. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none. the motion carried. Commissioners Morris and Stauder were absent.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the business district grant application for Triple L Amusement in the amount of \$4,827.50. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none. The motion carried. Commissioners Morris and Stauder were absent.

Commissioner Glenn stated that the street department has been busy, but they are planning to cut a tree down near Shane Cole Park. Commissioner Glenn stated that they are also still working on getting the hydrants done.

Commissioner Arkebauer addressed the council to let them know that John has done some line flushing on Stevens St. and Korte will be doing a line stop and meter replacement at the High School. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that the meter was in bad shape and would cost about \$3,000.00 a day and would take about two days. Discussion was held on the fire hydrant replacement at the nursing home. Mayor Goldsmith stated that he would like to see if they would be willing to replace two hydrants and add a valve. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that he would reach out to John and Tim about the changes and to get a new estimated price.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve bills in the amount of \$ 90,398.41. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none. The motion carried. Commissioners Morris and Stauder were absent.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion was held on the creation of the TIF district. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the creation of a TIF district with Moran economic development. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioner Glenn and Mayor Goldsmith. Voting

no, Commissioner Arkebauer, Nays none the motion failed. Commissioners Morris and Stauder were absent.

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the Capital Improvement Plan with Farnsworth in the amount of \$9,000.00. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none. The motion carried. Commissioners Morris and Stauder were absent.

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve Seth Johnson with Power House Wash to power wash the water tower pending proof of insurance in the amount of \$4,400.00. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none. The motion carried. Commissioners Morris and Stauder were absent.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Cameron Jones of Benton and Associates was present to let the council know they will need to decide on the color of the buildings for the waste water treatment plant project.

Cameron presented the council with three work change directives. Work change directive number 2 was to change the size of the door to make room for equipment at an increase amount of \$600.00. Work change directive number three was to have a larger breaker put in due to the size of the motor from 250 amps to 300 amps. For an increased price of \$2,766.50 and work change directive number 4 to order the simplified bar screen with a deduction of \$4,786.00. with a total of \$839.50 in total deductions. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve all three work change directives. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none. The motion carried. Commissioners Morris and Stauder were absent.

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve WWTP project pay application #5 in the amount of 254,250.000. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none, the motion carried. Commissioners Morris and Stauder were absent.

Mr. Jones stated that Kamadulski has replaced a broken water main at the wastewater plant and will be invoicing the city \$30,232.67. Mr. Jones asked if the city would like to run that through the loan or pay for it separately. The present council decided it would be best to run the replacement through the loan. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the invoice for Kamadulski to run through the loan. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none, the motion carried. Nays none, the motion carried. Commissioners Morris and Stauder were absent.

Mr. Jones stated that he included the minutes of the most recent pay progress meeting. He also stated that he will finally be able to place the lift station project out for bids as of Friday August 16, 2024. The pre- bid meeting will be August 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M. The bid opening will be at City Hall on September 18, 2024, at 2:00 P.M.

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve Korte & Luitjohan to do the repairs on the water plant clarifier at an estimated cost of \$12,000.00. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none, the motion carried. Commissioners Morris and Stauder were absent.

Discussion was held on the grocery 1% sales tax and the new 1% sales tax. Mayor Goldsmith asked Attorney Sherer to explain the difference. Attorney Sherer explained that the grocery 1% is currently in place and as of 2026 that will go away. The council has the option to continue the grocery tax through an ordinance submitted to the state. Attorney Sherer then explained that the 1% sales tax would be a new source of income the city could collect. Attorney Sherer stated that the 1% sales tax would only be used for infrastructure. Commissioner Glenn questioned how specific we would need to be on infrastructure. Attorney Sherer stated that would be at the council digression, adding that the more transparent the council is the better. Mayor Goldsmith questioned how the accounts for that would need to be set up. Attorney Sherer suggested that would be a question for the auditor. Mayor Goldsmith let the council know that there is information available on line and the IML website has fact sheets. Mayor Goldsmith encouraged the council to do their research.

Discussion was held on the power washing and painting of the front of the City Hall Complex. Commissioner Glenn has stated that he has Tim looking into good quality paint. Mayor Goldsmith asked if we should use paint or stain. Commissioner Glenn stated that if we use a stain it, we will have to have it re-stained every couple of years and believes paint would last longer. Mayor Goldsmith stated that the paint could also help deter wood bees. Discussion was held on removing the landscaping before we paint. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve Power House Wash to wash and paint the front of the City Hall Complex in the amount of \$2,630.00. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none, the motion carried. Commissioners Morris and Stauder were absent.

Discussion was held on the need to place the coating of the roof out for bids because the quote was for over 25K Mayor Goldsmith questioned if the city should have an engineer look at the roof to see if the roof should be coated or replaced. Commissioner Glenn did not think that would be necessary. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that the roofing company would know if it needed to be replaced and it doesn't hurt to place it out for bids. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the advertisement for bids to have the roof at the City Hall Complex to be coated, bids will be put in the paper, and posted on the website and at City Hall. We will open bids on August 26, 2024, at 6:45 P.M. before the regular meeting. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none. Commissioners Morris and Stauder were absent.

Commissioner Glenn stated that we would like the council to consider changes to be made to the chapter 17 garbage code. Commissioner Glenn stated that Attorney Sherer provided a copy of another town's garbage and rubbish city code. Commissioner Glenn stated that he would like to see something done with the trash cans and dumpsters that are being left on the curbs. Commissioner Glenn stated that he would like Attorney Sherer to provide a draft ordinance for review at the next meeting.

Discussion was held on getting a new police vehicle. Chief Burton was available to answer questions. Discussion was held on whether the Chief looks into getting one new vehicle or two good used ones. Commissioner Glenn asked if we could give Chief Burton permission to spend up to two new vehicles up to \$60,000.00 Chief Burton stated that with two new officers graduating and being on duty some of the cars are running 24 hours a day, and that causes them to wear down quickly. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the purchase of up to two squad cars up to \$60,000.00. with the approval of the Mayor. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none. the motion carried. Commissioners Morris and Glenn were absent.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No executive session was needed.

### **Other Business**

Mayor Goldsmith asked if there was any other business.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to adjourn at 8:08 P.M. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Stauder were absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Cassidy  
City Clerk