

City of Nokomis
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2022

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, January 10, 2022. Mayor Holliday called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and the City Clerk called roll. Those present were Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Durbin was absent. Also present were City Clerk Rachel Hill, Attorney Chris Sherer. Visitors present were Ellen Christner (Free Press), Gary Hulbert, Roger Nuxoll and Andy Hanfland of Farnsworth Group.

VISITORS

Eric Emmerich was unable to attend the Council meeting due to Covid. Commissioner Glenn requested he be added to the next agenda.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the December 27, 2021 regular meeting were presented. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Nash abstained and Commissioner Durbin was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Minutes of the December 27, 2021 executive session meeting were presented. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Nash abstained and Commissioner Durbin was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Stauder reported monthly revenues in the amount of \$41,788.19

Commissioner Nash addressed the Council to make them aware that Dylan Goldsmith has accepted a position with the Taylorville Fire Department.

Approval of Bills

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$54,879.56. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Durbin was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Stauder stated that there was no discussion needed for the ESDA radios as it will be a small bill. Stauder also stated that Joe Gasparich is working with Dan Easterday to continue working on the tornado siren so that it can be activated through a mobile app. Mr. Gasparich will also be looking at grants for siren replacement.

NEW BUSINESS

Andy Hanfland with Farnsworth Group took the time to ask if the Council had any questions that Farnsworth could answer about the City aquifers, water plant and waste water plant. Commissioner Glenn stated he had asked Eric Emmerich to come so he could hear what EJ had proposed to the City in the past because he had remember someone mention that the City aquafers would eventually cause problems for the City. Mr. Hanfland explained that Farnsworth Group has done work with the City of Nokomis for 100 years and had conducted many studies on the City's Aquifers. Andy went on to explain that when the new water plant was build it was made specifically for the City of Nokomis and both of its aquifers. The air strippers are here to treat the water we have and dose the job efficiently. The aquifers have been serving the town for over one hundred years though different populations and they have not given us and inclination of not being able to serve the community. There is also no sign that they are not capable of serving our community for another hundred years. Mr. Hanfland stated that at one time the City had even tried to get access to a property north of town to drill for another one however that land at the time was tied up in a trust. Mr. Hanfland stated he has full confidence in our system. Commissioner Glenn stated he was questioning the cost factor of running a plant and if it was cheaper for someone else to run the plant and provide water vs running our own. Commissioner Stauder then let Commissioner Glenn know that the loan is to replace the water main, Roger Nuxoll also mentioned that the main would still need fixed even if someone else was to run our plant and that is at the City expense. Commissioner Glenn would still like to hear what Eric from EJ has to say. There was than a discussion about the grants and projects that are in the works to update the water plant. Roger let the Council know that with the grant and loans we are applying for the plant is budgeted to get and estimated 1.3 million in updates and has a project total of 3.5 million for the EPA loan they have applied for. With no other discussions on this matter Mayor Holiday requested a motion to enter executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:24 p.m. for The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee of the Public Body (5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1)). Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Durbin was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Other Business

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to resume regular session at 7:37 p.m. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Durbin was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to continue advertising with one ad for Chief of Police, Officer and Water/Waste Water Department. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Durbin was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn then asked if he would be able to Zoom into the next Council meeting to listen in as he would be out of town. Overall the Council decided that would be fine.

Commissioner Nash asked if anyone had heard about the radios and Commissioner Nash does not believe we should let County put radios in our cars if there is not a contract. There was a brief discussion about the contract.

Adjournment

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Durbin was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Hill
Nokomis City Clerk