

**City of Nokomis**  
**City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**January 9, 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, January 9, 2023. Mayor Holliday called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and the Deputy Clerk called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Stauder, Durbin, Nash; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Also present City Clerk Hill, Deputy Clerk Smith, attorney Chris Sherer, and Chief Burton; David Hays & Cameron Jones (Benton & Associates) Ellen Christener (Pana News) Ben Schwarm (Journal News) Cynthia Crowe, Sabrina Jones, Ralph Jones, Keith Hancock, Ed Hassebrock, Allen Hard, Tobi Siminton, and John Beach

**VISITORS**

Sabrina Jones was present to address the Council with her concerns with the possibility of the CO2 pipeline in Montgomery County, specifically Abdomen Township. Sabrina was encouraging the residence to do their research before making any kind of decisions. Sabrina gave handouts with information she had compiled, and with a brief discussion on her concerns and the possible issues with CO2 Sabrina stated she was just trying to inform more people on the issue.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the December 27, 2022 regular meeting were presented. Commissioner Durbin made a motion to approve the minutes with two corrections needing to be made. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Minutes of the December 27, 2022 executive meeting were presented. Commissioner Durbin made a motion to approve the minutes with one correction needing to be made. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

**Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance**

Cameron Jones from Benton and Associates gave a brief description on all resolutions and ordinances needing to be passed for the construction and improvement to the sewage system; hiring Hart, Southworth & Witsman as bond counsel, ordinance 2097, resolution 2023-1, and the service agreement for bidding and construction phase services.

Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve the hiring Hart, Southworth & Witsman as Bond Counsel for the Waste Water Treatment project. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion.

Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Nash made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2097 of the City of Nokomis, Montgomery County, Illinois, proposing the incurring of a loan and issuance of sewage revenue bonds of the City in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$9,000,000 for the purpose of defraying the cost of acquiring and constructing improvements to the sewage system in the City. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing Mayor Holliday to be the representative to sign loan documents. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve 2023-01 a resolution of support and commitment of local funds for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - Lift Station Project. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve the Engineering Services Agreement for Bidding and Construction Phase Services. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to approve 2098 An Ordinance amending the façade site improvement, and sign grant assistance program in the amended business district for the City of Nokomis, Montgomery County, Illinois. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

### **Reports of City Officers**

Commissioner Stauder reported monthly revenues of \$31,848.32.

Commissioner Nash stated that we got the SUV plates switched for the water plant and it is being used. Commissioner Nash stated that two trucks one for the water and one for wastewater are at Bob Ridings in Taylorville for repairs. Commissioner Nash stated that the duct work is done in the PD and the new computers are being installed.

Commissioner Durbin stated that the backhoe has been delivered and the street department has been getting projects done with a culvert being put in soon. Commissioner Stauder asked if

it was possible to have adjustment rings put on manholes, Commissioner Durbin stated that he will look into it.

Mayor Holliday added that the Police Department have been busy and is doing an amazing job.

### **Approval of Bills**

Commissioner Stauder asked Chief Burton if it was possible to purchase a yearly subscription to Adobe instead of paying a monthly fee, Chief Burton said he will look into it. Commissioner Stauder also asked about the invoice for Durkin for the installation and repairs at the wastewater plant. Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve the monthly bills totaling \$44,132.31. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Amending the Business District Grant Application review of Exhibit 1D was approved in resolutions.

No updates on the sidewalks at Elm & East South ST, or EJ water supply agreement.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion was tabled until January 23, 2023 for the flag pole replacement at Fred B Johnson Park, until they can compare options.

Mayor Holliday read a letter from Commissioner Glenn about the need for the repair and replacement of fire hydrants. Commissioner Stauder stated that it has been in the budget for several years to replace or repair two to three a year, but just hasn't been done. Commissioner Nash stated he thinks we need to start doing it. Commissioner Durbin stated he would reach out to Chief Smalley and see what needs to be done. Commissioner Stauder added he would suggest the water department and fire department work together on this.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to enter executive session at 7:46 P.M. for Discussion of minutes of meeting lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, for purposes of approval by the body or semi- annual review of the minutes as mandated by section 2.03 of the Open Meeting Act (5 ILCS120/2(c ) (21), 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 the use of the use of the public body (5ILCS 120/2 (c ) (5) The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body(5ILCS 120/2 (c )(6),The appointment, employment,

compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee of the Public Body (5ILCS 120/2 (c ) (1). Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to enter back into regular session at 8:12 P.M. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

**Other Business**

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-08 -a resolution approving the release of April 19, May 23, June 27, September 12& 26 closed session minutes of the City Council of the City of Nokomis. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to adjourn at 8:14 P.M. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karri Smith  
Deputy Clerk