

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2022

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Tuesday October 11, 2022. Mayor Holliday called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and the City Clerk called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Durbin was absent. Also present were City Clerk Hill, Roger Nuxoll (Farnsworth). Visitors present were Alan Hard, Ellen Christner (Pana News) and Alan Hard.

VISITORS

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the September 26, 2022 regular meeting were presented. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the minute as written. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Minutes of the September 26, 2022 executive meeting were presented. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the minute as written. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance, and Communication:

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve resolution 2022-07. A resolution approving and authorizing an agreement to settle litigation and the acceptance of real estate. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the payment to the IEPA for project L17-0648. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

Discussion was had on the EJ Water agreement with EJ Water, the Village of Coalton and the City of Nokomis. During the discussion Commissioner Glenn stated that he would like to compare the original contract the City of Nokomis has prepared. Roger Nuxoll from Farnsworth was ask by Commissioner Stauder to address the contract differences he has noticed. Mr. Nuxoll stated that he notices several changes that were made if the contract. One of them including the addition of USDA regulations and State Health Department regulations. Mr. Nuxoll states that doesn't seem necessary considering the EPA regulates the standards not the health

department. Mr. Nuxoll also states that according to the contract that EJ Water has provided that EJ Water would be able to terminate the contract with a six month notice at any time. Discussion was had that it was previously discussed that it would be a ten year contract. Discussion was also had that when the new water tower was built Coaltons water usage was taken into account for the loan. Commissioner Stauder stated that they will need to look back at the meeting minutes to see what was previously mentioned. Commissioner Glenn stated that a six month term makes since but at that point why have a contract if it can be terminated in six months. Visitor Alan Hard asked if the City already had a contract with Coalton. Commissioner Stauder stated yes but that was before they decided to go with EJ Water and that the Council had decided that if EJ Water is going to be the ones taking over the water in Coalton, we should have a contract with EJ and the contract with Coalton is out dated. Visitor Alan asked if that is something that the City could pass on to the next council. Commissioner Glenn stated he believes it will get sorted out. Mr. Nuxoll stated the contract will probably go back and forth.

Reports of City Officers:

Commissioner Stauder stated he had noticed that a tree that had fallen at Fred B. Johnson Park had not been replaced after it had fallen. Commissioner Stauder let the Council know that he has reached out to the Nokomis Gift and Garden about getting a tree to plant, he also stated that cost would be between \$130.00 and \$160.00.

Commissioner Stauder reported the monthly revenues in the amount of \$ 89,091.80.

Commissioner Glenn stated that he was approached by the members of the Rotary club to take over maintenance at the Gold Star Park. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to allow the Rotary Club to maintain the Gold Star Park. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Nash addressed the Council to let them know that the camera work on the sewer lines was finished, however there are areas they will have to go back and have cleaned out, fixed and camera those areas again. Commissioner Stauder added that now that we know where the bad spots are we can go over it and may be vactruck those areas. NPDES permit states we need to keep a record. Mr. Nuxoll added that there are a couple places we could just replace the manhole and reline the lines instead of a full replacement.

Commissioner Nash also stated that Rodney Davis will be coming to visit the water plant on October 19, 2022 on a media tour for the grant we are receiving.

Commissioner Nash also stated that the Police Department are requesting new computers, the computers are about ten years old and are out dated. Commissioner Nash also stated that they need never have received computers for in the squad cars. Commissioner Stauder stated that he thought there was money in the budget for that. Commissioner Stauder requested that they Police Department need to come up with a price for the computers.

In Commissioner Durbin's absence Commissioner Stauder addressed the Council to discuss the Union Street Storm Sewer project. Commissioner Stauder stated that the price to do the project had gone up about one hundred thousand dollars more than what City was originally quoted. Commissioner Nash stated it is collapsing in areas and something needs to be done. Mayor Holliday stated that we need to find out how far the Rebuild MFT funds will get us. Discussion was had on whether or not we could just take out the storm sewer and make it a ditch. Commissioner Stauder stated it's never been a ditch and that may not be a good idea.

Approval of Bills

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve the monthly bills totaling \$150,301.41. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve a business district grant at 117 E State St. in the amount of \$6,000.00. Commissioner Glenn stated that he believed that it was required for a business to open and be tax generating within a year. Commissioner Glenn stated that he would like to see the business district grants amended it include more of these properties that need help. Discussion was had about the need to make changes to the Business District Grant. No second was made on the grant, the council decided to wait to put the item back on the next meeting agenda.

Commissioner Stauder stated that the City is currently waiting to get a job description for the paper to advertise for the administrative consultant's position. He also stated that Attorney Chris Sherer suggested we hire the consultant's position as a part-time City employee.

Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve the property lease agreement with the Nokomis Fire Department Protection District. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Stauder addressed the Council to let them know that Joe Gasparich has requested new ESDA radios, Mr. Gasparich stated that he has received a donation from Cameron Causes for the radios and asked if the City would be able to pay for the remaining balance. Discussion was had on the radios and Council agreed to add the discussion to the next meeting agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to enter closed session at 7:53 p.m. to address 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). Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to enter back into regular session at 8:05 p.m. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

Other Business

Adjournment

With no other business to discuss Commissioner Glenn made a motion to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Hill
City Clerk