

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2023

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, October 23, 2023. Commissioner Stauder called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. as mayor Pro Tempore, and Deputy Clerk Smith called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer; and Mayor Pro Tempore Stauder. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Also, present was Attorney Chris Sherer, and Chief Talon Burton; Ellen Christener (Pana News) Ben Schwarm (Journal News) Allan Hard, Keith Hancock, Dolan O'Malley, Roger Nuxoll (Farnsworth Group), Butch Durbin, Gary Hulbert, and Josh Robison.

VISITORS

No visitors were present to address the council.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the October 10, 2023, regular meeting was presented. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer; and Mayor Pro Tempore Stauder. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance

Roger Nuxoll was present to give an update on the detention tank bid awarding. Stating that the lowest bid was Korte Luitjohan at \$211,270 with a second bid coming from Plochar with a total of \$247,800. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the bid for Korte Luitjohan at \$211,270 for the detention tank at the water plant. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer; and Mayor Pro Tempore Stauder. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

A brief discussion was had on the Project Labor Agreement and whether to go with the copy from the Union or go with the one that Chris Sherer had fixed. Mayor Pro Tempore Stauder stated that he would recommend the City goes with the one from the Attorney. With a time, sensitive document coming from Benton and Associates it was agreed that in the City's best interests they would go with the one Attorney Chris Sherer suggested. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve resolution 2023-08 with changes made by Attorney Chris Sherer. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn,

Arkebauer; and Mayor Pro Tempore Stauder. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the Business District application to Trendz for a HVAC system, stating that Andrea Ruppert from Trendz has provided the City with a service for over twenty years. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer; and Mayor Pro Tempore Stauder. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Morris stated that she and the Police Department are working on the vacant homes, with some rewording needing to be done in the ordinance. Commissioner Morris added that they are working on the trailer court. Commissioner Morris stated that she would like to put in the paper the proper chain of command for the vacant homes being Chief Burton then herself, and that's what needs to be followed.

Commissioner Glenn addressed the council to let them know that the street department has been busy working on projects. Commissioner Glenn stated that the department has been using the vac trailer to pothole for the lead lines that need to be done. Adding that they have fixed water lines.

Commissioner Arkebauer stated that the water department has completed the no consumption report except for a new one added for this month. Commissioner Arkebauer added that the potholing has started with over 20 meters being done, stating that there are approximately 400 that need to be done.

Keith Hancock was present for the City and mentioned that the bricks that the City sold need to be picked up, as the contractors for the new Wastewater facility need them moved before the project starts. A brief discussion about the bricks was held.

With the status of the trailers at the trailer court being mentioned in Commissioner Morris' reports no new update at this time.

A brief discussion was had on the planter brackets and when they will be arriving. With Deputy Clerk Smith stating that the measurements were sent in today and will be built and shipped as soon as they are finished.

Mayor Pro Tempore Stauder started the conversation about moving the Maintenance department hours back to 7-3:30, as 6-2:30 was only supposed to be a summer thing and not a permanent time. Stating that this was done last summer and was never set back to regular hours. A brief discussion was had on whether to change the hours back or not. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the Maintenance department back to 7-3:30. With lack of a second the motion died.

Mayor Pro Tempore Stauder stated that the Coalton Police Department expenses will need to be looked at as the six-month mark is getting close. It was asked for this to be put on the second agenda in November to go over all expenses occurred.

Mayor Pro Tempore Stauder reported the revenue of \$148,804.76.

Mayor Pro Tempore Stauder presented the bills for approval reporting that the police department had to get another vehicle fixed with a cost of \$3,614.84. Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the bill's totaling \$36,487.80. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer; and Mayor Pro Tempore Stauder. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Pro Tempore Stauder stated there was no update on the EJ contracts.

Mayor Pro Tempore Stauder stated that there will be a special meeting for the vacant home ordinance.

A brief discussion was held on the replacement of City vehicles and the need to get them replaced as they are all older. Commissioner Glenn stated that the Maintenance Department was looking at a new dump truck.

Commissioner Morris stated that the ordinance for the use of motorized bicycles needs to be put on the back burner as there is a need to get the ones that are on the agenda finished before putting a new one on, and that she and Chris will be working on it.

NEW BUSINESS

Roger Nuxoll was present to request loan payment #7 for project L17-6229 to finish out the water main project so the final paperwork can be submitted. Commissioner Morris stated that she was concerned about the sidewalk at Ugly Mugs and the repairs not being up to standard, if Korte could come back and fix this issue. A brief discussion was had on the sidewalk and the possibility of it needing to be fixed, with Roger stating that he would go look at it. With the concern of this not being fixed if we pay the payment request this was tabled until the next agenda.

A brief discussion was had on the need for easements on the EJ Coalton water and wastewater meters, as the property will be appraised.

Mayor Pro Tempore Stauder mentioned the need for a contract with Brian Hayes for the wastewater plant as he holds the current licenses. Mayor Pro Tempore Stauder mentioned Brian's last day will be October 31, 2023. Mayor Pro Tempore Stauder stated that this will be discussed in closed session.

Butch Durbin was present to ask the council for a donation of bricks for the Brimmer Sanctuary, stating that they would only need maybe 300. Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the donation pending the pickup of bricks sold to the City of Springfield. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer; and Mayor Pro Tempore Stauder. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

The update on the business district grant language will also be added to the special meeting agenda.

Roger Nuxoll was present to address the needs of the emergency repair of the raw water line. Roger stated that he would go take measurements and get something together for the council to go over, stating that this is not an emergency right now but could become a major issue if not fixed. Mayor Pro Tempore Stauder asked if he could have something together for the next meeting. Roger stated that he would get it together.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Morris made a motion to go into executive session during its regular session at 8:01 p.m. to speak about 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), and Minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, for purpose of approval by the body or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06 of the Open Meeting Act (5ILCS 120/2 (c) (21). Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer; and Mayor Pro Tempore Stauder. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Other Business

Mayor Pro Tempore Stauder stated that there was nothing to report from the executive session.

Adjournment

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to adjourn at 8:29 P.M. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer; and Mayor Pro Tempore Stauder. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karri Smith
Deputy Clerk