

**City of Nokomis**  
**City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**October 24, 2022**

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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 Tuesday October 24, 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; Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Also present were City Clerk Hill, Attorney Chris Sherer, Roger Nuxoll (Farnsworth). Visitors present were, Ellen Christner (Pana News) and Ben Schwarm.

**VISITORS**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of October 11, 2022 regular meeting were presented. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the minute as written. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Durbin abstained. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Minutes of the October 11, 2022 executive meeting were presented. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the minute as written. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Durbin abstained. Nays, none. The motion carried

**Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance, and Communication:**

**Ordinance 2091-** Commissioner Stauder made a motion adopting of an ordinance approving a loan agreement in the principal amount of \$ 82,057.00 with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and authorizing and providing for the issue of waterworks revenue bonds in a like principal amount of the City of Nokomis, Montgomery County, Illinois for the purpose of defraying the cost of extending and improvising the waterworks system of said City. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash; Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

**Ordinance 2092-** Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve Ordinance 2092, an ordinance of the City of Nokomis that sets the public hearing date for the amendment of a business district in Nokomis. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioner Stauder, Glenn, Nash; Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

The EJ water supply Agreement between the City of Nokomis and EJ Water for the Village of Coalton was discussed. Roger Nuxoll from the Farnsworth Group was available to discuss the proposed contact. Mr. Nuxoll explained to the council that the verbiage in contract about the

USDA is to protect the USDA from EJ water in the event EJ water was to go under. Mr. Nuxoll also discussed sections 17-80-14 and section 17-80-62 that were very broad he let the council know that the City could request a more specific description. Mr. Nuxoll stated that he and Attorney Sherer will go over those sections. Discussion was held on the proposed termination limits. Mr. Nuxoll stated he does not believe that six months is long enough time frame to get out of an agreement. Commissioner Glenn stated he doesn't see an issue with the six month time frame. Mr. Nuxoll stated that EJ water proposed five years in the current contract but had originally proposed ten years. Commissioner Glenn stated he doesn't think the City should spend a lot of money on going back and forth, and that five year term seems realistic. Commissioner Stauder stated he would like to see the City stay with the original proposal. Commissioner Nash stated he believes it is best to stay with whatever Roger recommends. Discussion was then held on the water meter for the Village of Coalton and the status of the sewer contract.

### **Reports of City Officers:**

Commissioner Stauder let the Council know that the City has been wanting to make changes to the CDs at Security National bank and some names need to be changed. Commissioner Stauder stated that all previous City employees including Terry Hill, Jeannie Voyles and Angela Keagy from all certificates of deposit at Security National Bank with numbers ending in 13438, 16278, and 17141. And replace with Michael Holliday, Louis Stauder and Rachel Hill for all Banking needs. The Council held a short discussion on why the Cds are in Witt. With council approval Commissioner Stauder reported on the monthly revenues in the amount of \$ 93,965.64. He also let the Council know he would like to do a six month budget assessment.

Commissioner Glenn addressed the Council to let them know that he is still working with Chief Burton on junk houses, he stated that City Hall received an anonymous letter this week about houses that are known to be nuance properties. He stated he has been continuing to review the ordinance book for corrections that need to be made. Commissioner Glenn also let the Council know that he would like to see the business district grant application changed to encourage local business owners to work on their businesses, for example the law office isn't really eligible for a grant because it doesn't generate sales tax and that's not really fair to other business similar to that. Commissioner Nash stated that he doesn't think it is fair to the businesses that are paying into sales tax. Commissioner Stauder stated that what happens if someone lives in the business district and runs a business out of their home, could someone ask for a business district grant for a new roof? Commissioner Durbin stated the same could be said for a building downtown that someone lives in but doesn't run a business. Commissioner Stauder stated the wording needs to be changed. Commissioner Glenn stated that Pastor Follis is putting a lot of money into his building and would like to see the City help. Commissioner Nash added that the City does have some new business coming to town a photography studio and a gym. Commissioner Durbin stated he believes it would be nice to be able to give new businesses some sort of incentive. Commissioner Glenn stated he would just like to be able to encourage new businesses.

Commissioner Nash addressed the Council on the monthly water and waste water reports.

Commissioner Nash stated that the old bug spraying truck is broken down and will cost around five to six thousand dollars to fix and the whole truck isn't worth that. SO the Water Department is looking into getting the old Police Department explorer fixed so they can use it. Commissioner Glenn stated he has spoken with Hillsboro about spraying for mosquitoes and they only sprayed once but did the larvacide spraying. Commissioner Nash then stated that the Water System Improvement bid opening will be at ten a.m. on November 8, 2022. Mr. Nuxoll spoke to the council to let them know they had a pre bid meeting and that it went well. The backflow prevention application for 210 S Maple was not discussed. Commissioner Nash asked Commissioner Durbin about getting a Christmas tree for this year. Commissioner Durbin stated he has spoken to Street Department Superintendent about getting a tree and has spoken with the Downtown Nokomis Association. A short discussion was held about the tree and where to place it.

Commissioner Nash then stated that the visit from Rodney Davis went well and was very casual.

Commissioner Durbin addressed the Council on the monthly Street Department report. He then let the Council know that the dump truck is back in the shop and is leaking with a possible injector issue and is also blowing smoke. Commissioner Durbin stated it may be an O ring issue. Commissioner Durbin also stated that the Street Department got a quote from Kneble's tree service on several trees at Fred B. Johnson Park that need to be trimmed or topped. The quote was in the amount of \$9,600.00. Commissioner Durbin stated that the tree budget for the year is about gone but we could pull funds from park maintenance or the business district if need be. Commissioner Durbin went on to say that this would be a winter project, they would finish clean up in the spring when they seed the grass. Commissioner Glenn added that he has spoken with a resident at 500 S Cedar on cleaning out or replacing a culvert, the resident stated the water use to flow but now they believe the culverts are clogged and are not draining.

Commissioner Nash added that the electrical upgrades are done at the park and we are just waiting on Wearhams and CTI. He also let the council know that there was recently a car that drove into the park and hit a park bench at Shane Cole Park. No police report was made. Commissioner Nash stated he cannot stress enough how bad we need those cameras.

Mayor Holliday provided the Council with the monthly Police Department report.

### **Approval of Bills**

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve the monthly bills totaling \$10,857.25 Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash; Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve computer upgrade for the police department with software for four computers. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash; Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none the motion carried.

Discussion was then held on the software that will be needed for the new computers.

Discussion was then held on the Union Street Storm Sewer project. Commissioner Stauder stated he would like to see the worst part replaced which is the section from the creek to Starr St. and if we go over the allotted amount we would have to cover the rest with other funds. He also stated we will need a resolution for the project.

Discussion was then held on the ESDA radio request from Jo Gasparich. Cameron's causes are going to be giving a donation and the City could potentially cover the rest. Commissioner Stauder stated he believes the tornado siren made the cut for funding but we have not been notified yet.

The Council held a small discussion on the Nokomis Fire Protection District lease agreement at the City Complex, no decision was made.

Discussion was held on the building inspection request. Mr. Nuxoll stated he is not sure the City can justify the inspection and the Cities involvement with potential cost. Commissioner Stauder stated he was told something similar from another engineer, he said could end up being a thirty to fifty thousand dollar expense. Mayor Holliday stated that the Cities liability could be an issue. Commissioner Glenn stated he could make a call to the City's insurance and see what could be done.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to approve the park permit to the Downtown Nokomis Association and Farmers Market for the Trunk or Treat on Sunday October 30, 2022. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash; Durbin and Mayor Holliday, Nays none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Stauder stated the City burn pile was closed for harvest, and will remain closed until the crops are out.

Discussion was the then held on IDOT resurfacing the Spruce Street from Hamilton to Route 16. Mayor Holliday stated the City received notice that federal funding will pay for 80% State will pay for 10% and the City would be responsible for 10% in the amount of \$7, 116.00. Commissioner Stauder added that they will be replacing the handicap ramps with the ADA ramps. Commissioner Glenn also added that he believes that a storm sewer inlet was included.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to enter closed session at 8:31 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). The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee of the Public Body (5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1). Discussion of minutes of meeting lawfully closed under the Open Meeting 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© (21). Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash; Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to enter back into regular session at 9:03 p.m. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash; Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

## **Other Business**

Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve to hire Landon Collins to the Police Department full time. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioner Stauder, Glenn, Nash; Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

## **Adjournment**

With no other business to discuss Commissioner Durbin made a motion to adjourn at 9:04 p.m. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Hill  
City Clerk