

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2022

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, November 14, 2022. Mayor Holliday called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and the Deputy Clerk called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Glenn, Durbin, Nash; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Also present were Deputy Clerk Smith, and Attorney Chris Sherer. Visitors present: Cameron Jones (Benton and Associates), Roger Nuxoll (Farnsworth Group), Ben Schwarm (Journal News) and Ellen Christner (Free Press).

VISITORS

Cameron Jones from Benton and Associates gave an update on the DCO grant application that is due on January 19, 2023. Cameron stated that we would need to set a public hearing in late December or early January. Cameron added that letters from town resident would help the grant process if the City could get some together.

Roger Nuxoll from Farnsworth group announced the bid awardees, all service Contracting Corp. was awarded division C the softener rehabilitation and Korte was awarded division B the lead service replacements. Division D & E had no bids and can be rebid out as there was no bids for these projects. Roger spoke briefly about the lead service line grant application they are working on for the City. Roger stated that the City has a score of 250 out of 325 points. The grant would give the City \$40,000 for a third party contractor, and he has been in contact with 120 water out of Indiana. Mayor Holliday asked if it would be better for us to do it ourselves.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the October 24, 2022 regular meeting were presented. Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve the minutes with two corrections needing to be made. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Minutes of the October 24, 2022 executive meeting were presented. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Minutes of the November 3, 2022 special meeting were presented. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to approve the IDOT resurfacing of Spruce Street to Route 16 with the City's cost being \$7,116.00. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve resolution for improvement – construction involved with the removal and replacement of the storm sewer along the west side of South Union Street between Starr Street and South Street, just passed Bolte's. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve ordinance 2094 an ordinance levying tax for all corporate purposes for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2022 and ending in April 30, 2023 for the City of Nokomis. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn stated that the EJ water supply agreement is still in the works.

Reports of City Officers

Mayor Holliday reported monthly revenues of \$135,344.34.

Commissioner Glenn stated that he is still working on nuisance properties.

Commissioner Nash stated that we are working on getting the SUV plates switched for the water plant to use.

Commissioner Durbin stated that the Street department has been working on getting the fall leaves cleaned up. Commissioner Durbin added that the Ford dump truck is still in the shop and might be fixed and will be tested soon, if this didn't fix the problem the injectors will need to be tested and or replaced.

Approval of Bills

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to approve the monthly bills totaling \$85,585.58. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Glenn stated that attorney Chris Sherer will be working on the parking ordinance and this will need to be put on the next agenda.

No update on the new radios for ESDA, asked to be put on the next agenda.

Commissioner Glenn asked Chris Sherer if we need to add more verbiage to Section 5, which talks about insurance, of the fire protection district contract, to better protect the City for insurance purposes. Commissioner Glenn asked for this to be put on the next agenda.

A brief discussion was had on amending the business district applications, but it is not ready at this time and needs to be put on the next agenda.

Roger gave an update on the removal of the water tower and Mayor Holliday asked to get an updated quote, and add this to the next agenda.

Commissioner Nash set the Christmas party for December 10, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. with the City providing the chicken and all employees bringing a side dish. Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve all full time City employees an extra day off for a holiday bonus. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Nash spoke on the ongoing issue with Dollar General needing to put in a water meter. Commissioner Nash added that we have sent letters, emails, phone calls, and a visit to the store with no follow up. Commissioner Nash stated that he would like to send a letter with a firm deadline to get in contact with us or the water will be shut off, as they have been paying the minimum. Attorney Sherer brought up the water ordinance and stated that we need to re-estimate with the last three months of Kroger's usage and back date it, also send them a letter from the law office giving them five days to respond or we will shut water off. With all in agreeance Deputy Clerk Smith will put together a letter and send it to Chris to approve and send out on behalf of the City.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to approve the BLH electronic recycle day for 5/13/2023 from 9-12. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to enter executive session at 8:00 P.M. for, Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been files and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action

is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting (5ILCS 120/2 (2) (c) (2), and The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee of the Public Body (5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1), and 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), and 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 Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to enter back into regular session at 8:27 P.M. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Other Business

Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve the hiring of Jerome Taylor for full time at the water and wastewater departments effective immediately. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Nash made a motion to hire Keith Hancock as the new City administrative consultant starting out at \$18.00 an hour with no more than five hours a week. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Nash added that he was given a letter from Joletta Hill asking for the City to provide a letter of support for her to be on the next ambulance board at the next term, as this was not on the agenda it will need to be added to the next agenda for discussion.

Adjournment

Commissioner Nash made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 P.M. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karri Smith
Deputy Clerk