

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
November 28, 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 28, 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, Durbin, Nash; and Mayor Holliday. Also present were City Clerk Hill, and Attorney Chris Sherer. Visitors present: Ben Schwarm (Journal News), Chief Burton and Ellen Christner (Free Press).

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the November 14, 2022 regular meeting were presented. Commissioner Durbin made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Stauder abstained. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Minutes of the November 14, 2022 executive meeting were presented. Commissioner Durbin made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Stauder abstained. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance

Brief discussion was held on Resolution 2022-08. The Council was not ready to make a decision and decided to carry it over the topic over to the next Council meeting.

Commissioner Glenn stated he had talked to Scott Hunt from WHKS about the sidewalk replacement. Discussion was held about the Sidewalks, Stairs and a potential hand rail at the church. Commissioner Glenn asked if the City should request a second bid for the work. Commissioner Durbin stated he believed the company that did the work should be the ones to fix it. Commissioner Durbin stated he would reach out to Father and get the original plans. Commissioner Glenn stated he thinks there should be handrails. Commissioner Stauder stated he would like to make sure if handrails are added they are ADA approved and up to code. Mayor Holiday asked if Scott would be doing the plans for handrails. Discussion was held on the need for handrails.

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Stauder reported monthly revenues of \$28,367.76

Commissioner Glenn reported to the Council that he is still working on the business district guidelines.

Commissioner Nash reported on the water and waste water departments. He also reported that Greg Scoles traveled with Benton & Associates to Ohio to tour a pump plant. Mr. Scoles reported that he learned a lot and enjoyed the tour.

Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve a backflow prevention at 500 S Vine in the amount of \$1113.69. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Durbin let the Council know that the truck is back and is running. Mr. Durbin also stated the Street Department is in need of a new snow plow the current plow has been patched and is very out dated. Superintendent Tim Chumley is currently getting bids for a new plow. The new backhoe will be delivered in December. Discussion was then had on the backhoe and when it would be delivered and the cost due at the time of deliver.

Mayor Holliday reported on the Police Department.

Commissioner Stauder asked Commissioner Durbin if the tree removal is coming out of the park fund. Commissioner Durbin stated that if there is not enough in the park district fund then we will use funds from park maintenance or business district. Commissioner Durbin stated that Kneble's tree service had to take down an additional tree, but they are done at the park until spring when they will come back and re- seed if they need to. Commissioner Stauder stated they may need to plant a few more trees.

Approval of Bills

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve the monthly bills totaling \$119,112.95. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

A short discussion was held on the ESDA radio for Joe Gasparich and no news was reported on the siren.

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve the lease agreement with the fire department. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

Discussion was held on the water tower removal. Commissioner Stauder stated that the quote for the water tower removal went up to \$33,000.00 and we are still waiting on another quote.

Mayor Holliday stated that meat and cheese gift boxes for the part time employees would be a good idea, spending no more than \$ 75.00 on each. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to order meat and cheese gift boxes for each part time employee. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

Short discussion was had on the unload ramp at Dollar General and where that water drains to after it rains.

Commissioner Glenn asked about amending section 17 -2-1 of the City code in reference to roll off containers. He would like to see the working changed to just say public and remove private. Discussion was had on charging a fee of \$10.00 for a permit with penalties of a minimum of \$150.00 a permit was not granted. Discussion was then held on who is responsible for applying for the permit and what other safety measures need to be taken. The Council decided on a minimum fine of \$150.00 for a first violation \$250.00 for a second violation and \$ 350.00 for a third violation. With a ninety day infraction.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held on awarding a class A liquor license to 408 E Stated St. The council decided to wait until the new construction at the building was completed before awarding a new license.

Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve the schedule of meeting dates for the City Council meetings for the year of 2023. Commissioner Durbin seconded the meeting. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve the 2023 Closed Holiday schedule. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to enter executive session at 8:13 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 Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Nash made a motion to enter back into regular session at 8:38 P.M. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Other Business

Commissioner Nash made a motion to hire Mitchell Ishmael to the water & waste water department. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

Adjournment

Commissioner Nash made a motion to adjourn at 8:42 P.M. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Hill
City Clerk