

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2022

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, December 12, 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, and Attorney Chris Sherer. Visitors present: Ben Schwarm (Journal News), Ellen Christner (Free Press) and Alan Hard.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the November 28, 2022 regular meeting were presented. Commissioner Durbin made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Minutes of the November 28, 2022 executive meeting were presented. Commissioner Durbin made a motion to approve the minutes with one correction on the price on line 5 it should be .33 cents. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance

Council held discussion on a City recommendation for the Nokomis- Witt Ambulance board. Mayor Holliday suggested we wait to make a decision. Commissioner Nash stated that Trevor is outside on City limits and that if someone in town is interested then it should go to whomever lives in town. The City gets one representative and Nokomis Township gets one. Commissioner Stauder stated that he also believes it will be a good idea to wait to make decision as a couple of new people have shown interest.

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve ordinance 2095. An Ordinance amending ordinance 2024, establishing the Nokomis Business District approving a business district plan within such business district and approving certain actions in connection with the establishment of such business district. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

Ordinance 2096 an ordinance amending Chapter 17 of the revised code of ordinance of the City of Nokomis, Illinois regarding dumpsters and roll –off containers was discussed. Commissioner Durbin questioned section 17-2-2 and the need for lights, Mayor Holliday stated that cones and reflective tape would be sufficient. Commissioner Nash asked about dumpsters near

intersections and if we (the council) should add something in there so that dumpsters are not parked to close to the intersection. Discussion was then held on who and what department would be in charge of following through with the rules of the dumpsters.

Discussion was then held on the sidewalks at the Catholic Church. Commissioner Durbin stated he has spoken with Scott of WHKS. He also stated he spoke with Father and Father gave him a copy of the original plans, the plans do show that they were supposed to be ADA compliant. Commissioner Durbin stated that he thinks we should have Attorney Chris Sherer write a letter to JohnCo. Commissioner Durbin stated that Scott suggested we don't do the handrails as that puts the City at risk. Commissioner Glenn states that he is just worried about the fall risk. Commissioner Durbin suggests we have JohnCo come up with new plans to fix the concrete and have Scott approve them.

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Stauder reported monthly revenues of \$82,492.68

Commissioner Stauder reported that there is a discrepancy in the physical meter readings at the waste water plant and the electronic readings. Commissioner Stauder stated that Brian and Karri are doing daily comparisons now. Commissioner Glenn asks what Commissioner Stauder's recommendation is. Commissioner Stauder recommended to the council that we continue to do daily readings and potentially make billing changes.

Commissioner Glenn stated that he is working with Chris on Ordinance revisions. He also stated that someone has bought the trailer park area on Front Street. Commissioner Durbin stated that several other houses in town have sold recently.

Commissioner Nash let the Council know that the camera are officially up and working at Shane Cole Park.

Commissioner Durbin let the Council know that he would like to see a thank you put in the paper for the Christmas tree donation. He went on to let the Council know that the new backhoe will be delivered soon. Discussion was then carried about the new backhoe. Commissioner Durbin also stated that the Street Superintendent has also requested a new snow plow, he stated that they have come up with a few quotes and it will cost around eight to ten thousand dollars and about two weeks for delivery.

Commissioner Stauder asks about the work in the Police Department. Commissioner Nash let the Council know that the street department has done the drywall work. Now that the drywall is done the HVAC crew will come back and apply the duct work. Commissioner Stauder also asked what the extra keys are on the bill report. Commissioner Nash stated that they are for the waste water plant and the electric box at the park for the cameras.

Approval of Bills

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$45, 219.50. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Stauder stated we have received two quoted for the roof replacement at the water plant. One from HD Exteriors and One from Jason Chenoweth. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the lowest bid at \$9,800.00 for the roof replacement to Jason Chenoweth. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioner Stauder, Glenn, Nash; Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

Discussion was held on the door replacement at the water plant and the need for a specific type of door. Commissioner Nash stated that the door is rusted.

Commissioner Glenn stated he has some typed up notes for changes he would like to see made to the business district grant application. Commissioner Glenn went over the list of changes he would like to see made. Including having applicants that run their business out of their home show that more than fifty percent of their income is made from their in home business to be eligible to apply for a business district grant. Discussion was then held on how changing the application process could help improve the overall look of the business district area of town. And the potential use of business district funds to clean up nuisance properties that are located in the business district.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve the annual Blue Cross Blue Shield renewal. 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 7:56 P.M. for 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 Stauder, Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to enter back into regular session at 8:07 P.M. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Other Business

Commissioner Stauder asked in Attorney Chris Sherer would make a statement on the behalf of the City. Attorney Sherer addresses the public to stated that in July of 2020 the City received a IEPA violation, the City entered into an agreement with the EPA April 21, 2021 to clear up violations within the next year, however because the City was unable to get all of the violations cleared up on time on November 7, 2022 the City received a notice of intent to pursue legal action. On December 5, 2022 the City has a teleconference with the IEPA and their attorney, to review the history of violations and procedures going forward. The EPA representatives on the call thought our plan sounded reasonable.

Adjournment

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to adjourn at 8:14 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