

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
December 26, 2023

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, December 26, 2023. Mayor Goldsmith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., City Clerk Hill called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Also, present was Attorney Chris Sherer, Chief Burton, Ellen Christener (Pana News) Ben Schwarm (Journal News), Keith Hancock and Ed Chausse.

VISITORS

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the December 11, 2023, regular meeting was presented. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the minutes with a spelling correction. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder abstained. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Minutes of the December 11, 2023, executive meeting were presented. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder abstained. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance, and Communications:

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve resolution 2023-13, a resolution authorizing and approving signatories for the renewal of the certificate of deposit ending in 7245 at Security National Bank. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve resolution 2023-14, a resolution authorizing and approving signatories for the renewal of the certificate of deposit ending in 7246 at Security National Bank. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve resolution 2023-15, a resolution authorizing and approving signatories for the renewal of the certificate of deposit ending in 7247 at

Security National Bank. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Glenn addressed the council to let them know the street department has been busy working on water issues and pot holing service lines and replacing street signs. Commissioner Glenn also stated that Mitchell Ishmael has put in his two weeks' notice.

Commissioner Stauder asked Commissioner Glenn what his tree budget looked like. Discussion was held on the tree budget. Discussion was held about a tree on Stevens St that needs to be trimmed.

Commissioner Arkebauer addressed the council to let them know that Korte should be ready to start work on the raw water line next Tuesday. He also stated that he is waiting for Hoursman to provide a quote for services. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that there has been some issue with a lift station pump and Sowarsh plumbing is supposed to look at it. Discussion was held on replacing the water meter at the laundry mat, Commissioner Arkebauer stated that Tim Chumley priced the replacement at \$5,000.00. Mayor Goldsmith asked if the line had been tested for lead lines. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that part of it was replaced but not sure when or how much. Discussion was held in the timeline for the portable generator.

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$152,920.14. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith addressed the council to let them know that he would like the council to start reviewing the city code book. He stated that he would like to start by reviewing one chapter at a time. Mayor Goldsmith also stated that he had also met with the owner of three-point ink. Discussion was held on trying to find a solution for the adjoining wall. Mayor Goldsmith stated he would like the City to help resolve the issue, so that it may be easier for the owner to sell the building to someone who will put a business in there. Mayor Goldsmith stated that the previous renters have not paid rent in over a year. Commissioner Stauder stated that he believes the city should stay out of it and let the building owners handle it. Commissioner Arkebauer agreed that the city did not need to get involved. Discussion was held on the building, business owners; and how to make it fair. Discussion then continued about the brick walls in the downtown area. Discussion was also held on offering a low interest loan instead of a grant.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to change the working hours for the public works department from 6:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. to be 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. starting January 2, 2024. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn and Stauder. Commissioner Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith voted no. Commissioner Morris was absent, The motion failed.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that he is supposed to be meeting with Joseph Beyers on Thursday. Discussion was held on the easement at the water plant. Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve the contract with Beyers land surveying for a waterline easement estimate in the amount of \$1500.00. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that there were a couple typos in the public works union contract. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to modify the dates from 2025 to 2026 and update appendix A to reflect the employee changes. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent, Nays none. The motion carried. Mayor Goldsmith stated that the Union just requested copies of the changes.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held on hiring two new part-time employees for the police department.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to hire Dalton King as a part time officer and Nathan Brookshire as a part time code enforcement officer, with usual contracts for both. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith asked the council to consider agreeing to a partnership with Discover Downstate Illinois. Mayor Goldsmith stated that Discover Downstate is a tourism board that focuses on downstate and rural communities. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve a partnership with Discover Downstate Illinois. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

none

Other Business

Commissioner Stauder asked if we wanted to put an ad in the paper for employment. Mayor Goldsmith said yes, we should get an ad out. Discussion was then held on the water/wastewater position that is available.

Adjournment

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to adjourn at 8:04 P.M. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Hill
City Clerk