

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2023

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, February 13, 2023. Mayor Holliday called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and the City Clerk called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Stauder, Nash; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioners Glenn and Durbin was absent. Also present City Clerk Hill, Attorney Chris Sherer and Tim Chumley. Visitors present were, Ellen Christener (Pana News) Ben Schwarm (Journal News), Alan Hard and Janice Robinson.

VISITORS

Resident Janice Robinson was present to ask the council to look into why her water bills is so high. Ms. Robinson expressed her concern to the Council because her bill is not usually this high and she is a widow living alone and does not use that much water. She also let them know that she has had several people over to check her pipes and crawl space. Commissioner Nash explained to Ms. Robinson that if the water department dose a meter exchange and nothing is wrong with the meter then the City will charge her a \$25.00 fee. If there is something wrong with the meter then the City will pay the charge for the meter to be tested. Ms. Robinson agreed to pay the fee if she needs to. Ms. Robinson let the council know she had her toilets checks and there was nothing no leaks. Commissioner Nash let Ms. Robinson know that he will send out the water department to do a meter exchange.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the February 13, 2023 regular meeting were presented. Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Mayor Holliday. Commissioners Glenn and Durbin was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Minutes of the February 13, 2023 executive meeting were presented. Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Mayor Holliday. Commissioners Glenn and Durbin was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve Ordinance 2099. An Ordinance of the City of Nokomis. Montgomery County IL, An Ordinance authorizing advertisement for sale of real property owned by the City of Nokomis. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve the Hurst- Rosche final plans for the Union Street Storm Sewer project. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve the technical service proposal and proposal for a portable generator for the lift stations with Benton and Associates. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Stauder reported monthly revenues of \$96,759.64

Commissioner Nash reported that during the last water break one of the pumps that the crew uses in the pit blew. Commissioner Nash stated that a new pump is \$1449.00 and to get a new motor would be around \$700- \$800.00. Commissioner Nash made a motion to order a new pump not spending more than \$1500.00. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Nash also stated that the roof replacement should get started soon.

Approval of Bills

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve the monthly bills totaling \$91,774.70. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve a Class A liquor license request for 408 E State St. UJ's gas station. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

Discussion was held on citizens against Heartland Greenway and the replacement of the door at the water treatment but with no news the council moved on to new business.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held on the need for a new scanner/ copier in the City Hall office. Commissioner Stauder asked about a maintenance agreement and what the cost would be to purchase a new machine vs. leasing one. City Clerk Hill let Council know the sales person was out of the office but she would get the information and report back.

Mayor Holliday let the present council members know that the Police department has requested to build an 8' X 12' platform at the shooting range. Chief Burton provided a quote for the platform in the amount of \$1,200.00. Mayor Holliday stated that the Street Department will build the platform inside at the street shed and haul it out to the shooting range. Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve the platform build at the shooting range. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

Discussion was held on the police radio dispatch agreement with Montgomery County. Commissioner Nash requested to wait until the next meeting for approval, stating he would like more time to review the contract and have Attorney Sherer review it. Commissioner Stauder would like to review the current copy to compare.

Discussion was then held on the ESDA radio and if ESDA is separate from 911.

Commissioner Nash stated that he would like to place a safe place to trade sign at City Hall that states that City Hall is under twenty- four hour surveillance. Commissioner Nash stated he has received two quote for the sign and they are similar and both for \$85.00. Commissioner Nash made a motion to go with Jorn signs for two signs to be place at City Hall. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

Street Superintendent Tim Chumley asked if the council was going to talk about the purchase of a vac truck. Commissioner Stauder let Mr. Chumley know he had some questions about the truck. Commissioner Stauder asked if the trailer would work on the sewers, what size the tank is and if we can demo the trailer before we decide to purchase one to make sure it will do what we need it to. Mr. Chumley stated he believes it should do everything the City needs it to and will be cheaper than buying a truck and that he will call and see about setting up a demo. Commissioner Stauder stated the City could potentially split the cost between three departments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was needed.

Other Business

Adjournment

Commissioner Nash made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 P.M. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash and Mayor Holliday. Commissioners Glenn and Durbin was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Hill,
City Clerk