

City of Nokomis
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
February 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, February 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 Stauder, Durbin, Nash, and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Also present were Deputy Clerk Smith and Attorney Chris Sherer. Visitors present: Dan Koski, Nathan Smith, Ben Schwarm (Journal News) and Ellen Christner (Free Press).

VISITORS

Dan Koski was present to address the council with his concerns with dogs running loose in Nokomis. Dan stated that he regularly walked around town about 2 to 8 miles, and he is concerned with the frequency of dogs not being on leashes. He stated that he has been to the county board and to Montgomery County Animal control to see what he should do when he comes across a loose dog. Dan stated that they suggested he come to a City Council meeting with his concerns. Dan offered to give his time and volunteer to write tickets to the residents who did not have their dogs on a leash. Mr. Koski stated that he has made several reports with the Nokomis Police Department and was just unsure of the process and if the residents got cited. Commissioner Stauder stated that, legally, everything falls under the county for vicious dogs and it is their responsibility. Mayor Holliday added that we don't have the extra manpower in the Police Department to have someone work solely on the dog issue, but he will have the Police Department knock on the residence door and talk to the pet owner to make them aware of the leash law.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the January 24, 2022 regular meeting were presented. Commissioner Stauder stated that there was one correction that needed to be made in the first paragraph. Commissioner Durbin made a motion to approve the minutes with that correction being made. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

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

Minutes of the January 27, 2022 special meeting were presented. Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Minutes of the January 27, 2022 special executive meeting were presented. Commissioner Durbin made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve Ordinance 2086, an ordinance annexing certain land to the city of Nokomis, Illinois (sewage treatment plant). Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Mayor Holliday introduced Ordinance 2087, an ordinance regarding the hours of work for the city chief of police and amending section 30-2-31 of the revised code of ordinances of the city of Nokomis, Illinois. Mayor Holliday stated the only change was to remove the stated working hours of 8-4 Monday thru Friday to create more flexibility so the Chief can provide coverage at different times. Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve Ordinance 2087. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Mayor Holliday introduced Resolution 2022-01 a resolution approving and authorizing the execution and delivery of a settlement agreement with a member of the Nokomis Police Department and the Illinois council of police. Commissioner Nash asked if this would clear everything up. Mayor Holliday stated yes, this is everything. Commissioner Durbin made a motion approve Resolution 2022-01. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Stauder reported monthly revenues in the amount of \$135,357.74.

Commissioner Nash complimented all City employees for their work one the recent snow removal.

Commissioner Nash stated that the City employees are due to renew their CPR class. Deputy Clerk Smith added that they expire in March and the employees are just wanting permission to renew their certifications. She added that she spoke with Travis Hocq of the Nokomis Witt ambulance service and they are willing to set something up to recertify the employees.

Commissioner Durbin stated that the Street Department was asked to clear off the snow from the helipad, and he was wondering about the liability of the street department and the City by doing this on a regular basis to help out. Commissioner Durbin stated he is waiting on the

insurance company to call him back to let him know who would be liable if someone would get hurt.

Commissioner Durbin stated that he was approached by a member of the First Baptist Church to possibly add another entrance to the parking lot off of East Union. Mayor Holliday stated that it was a curb and gutter on East Union. Commissioner Stauder added that there was also a sidewalk and it would need to be ADA approved and they would need plans drawn up first. Commissioner Stauder suggested for them to call David Lipe with Lipe Architecture for the design. Commissioners Stauder and Durbin both agreed that, as long as they get the plans drawn up and it is ADA approved, they don't see an issue with it.

There was a brief discussion on the City's surplus equipment and vehicles. Commissioner Durbin stated he is working on getting a list together of all unused vehicles of the City.

Approval of Bills

Commissioner Stauder presented the bills with a couple of questions regarding the three phase heater at the sewage plant along with the six kerosene heaters. Commissioner Nash stated he was unsure and would ask about this purchase. Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve the monthly bills totaling \$55,900.33. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business to report on.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve the Hydro-Kinetics company to install the SCADA monitoring at the Franklin lift station. This monitoring system will insure the lift station is working properly. Commissioner Stauder added that this does not include the electrical work that will need to be done. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried. Mayor Holliday asked if this would be monitored on a cell phone. Commissioner Nash stated that it would be up to five devices. Commissioner Stauder added that the first year of cell service monitoring is free and after that there will be an annual fee of \$694.80.

Mayor Holliday brought a liquor license application to the council for consideration. Demi's Diner is wanting a liquor license to be able to put gaming machines in the back. Mayor Holliday added that they are wanting to close off the back area and put in gaming machines, and they must have a liquor license to do so. Commissioner Stauder asked if the City had a limit on the number of liquor licenses the City could issue. Mayor Holliday stated yes and there was an open

license available due to the corner bar closing. Commissioner Nash asked what we would do if Dollar General would want one. Mayor Holliday added that we can always add another liquor license if the City needs one. Dan Koski asked the council if they had a time frame for the opening of the new store. Commissioner Nash stated that he had talked with the construction crew and they will turn it over to Dollar General by March 17, 2022 and they plan to open in two weeks after that. Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve the liquor license for Demi's Dinner. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to enter closed session at 7:44 p.m. to address the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or the dismissal of the specific employee of the public body (5_ILCS 120/2(c)(1)). Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Adjournment

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to resume regular session at 7:52 p.m. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Mayor Holliday stated that the council agreed to hire Nathan Smith as a fulltime police officer. With no questions for Officer Smith Mayor Holliday asked when he was available to start, Officer Smith said anytime. Mayor Holliday told Officer Smith to come in tomorrow to fill out paperwork and order uniforms. Commissioner Durbin made a motion to hire Officer Nathan Smith effective immediately. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karri Smith
Deputy Clerk