

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
February 27, 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 27, 2023. 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 Deputy Clerk Smith, Attorney Chris Sherer; Ellen Christener (Pana News) Ben Schwarm (Journal News) Paige Drane (Globe Life – Family Heritage) Keith Hancock, and Allen Hard.

VISITORS

Paige Drane was present to offer the council her services as the local Globe Life representative. She stated that this is an accident policy similar to an AFLAC policy. She went on to state that it is a policy per individual and is based on age. Paige left information for the council to look over.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the February 13, 2023 regular meeting were presented. Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve the minutes with three corrections needing to be made. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder and Nash; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Durbin abstained from vote. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance

Commissioner Stauder stated that the name was corrected on the Temporary Construction Easement needed for the Union Street Storm Sewer and is ready to move forward. With no vote needed Commissioner Nash stated that he would make contact with the homeowner and deliver contract.

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Stauder reported monthly revenues of \$95,885.23.

Commissioner Nash reported on the water and wastewater departments, stating that the water main improvement was going well. He added that well 13 went down today due to a power outage. Commissioner Nash added that both plants are having some lighting issues and he has reached out to get quotes on LED lighting like we did at the City complex. Commissioner Stauder mentioned that this might be part of the grant improvements and Commissioner Nash needed to speak to Roger or Cameron to make sure lighting was not part of the agreement. Commissioner Nash stated that the cameras at Fred B Johnson park are being worked on and

will hopefully be up and going soon. Commissioner Nash added that both the front cameras at City Hall and one in the back are not working properly and he reached out to Wendy at Wareham's to get a quote. Commissioner Nash went on and stated that the water department replace and tested Janice Robertson's meter and she has a leak. Commissioner Nash added that the City needs to start with the meter replacements as we have funds to replace 100 meters a year. Commissioner Stauder stated that he would like to wait until the next fiscal year before ordering them. Commissioner Nash stated that he had a park permit application for an Easter Egg hunt for March 26, 2023 from 9 – 12 and would like the whole park at Fred B Johnson park. Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve the park permit for the Easter egg hunt. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried. Commissioner Nash presented the council with a purchase request form that he stated he thinks needs to be put in place, and all credit cards will need to be brought to the city office. Commissioner Nash added that there has been some needless spending and it needs to stop. Mayor Holliday stated that he didn't see the need to take the credit cards away from everyone as they are needed for purchasing such as fuel. A brief discussion was had on implementing the form but putting an amount on the purchases, Commissioner Nash asked to have this put on the next agenda for more time to look over.

Commissioner Durbin present the monthly street department report, and added that the street department has been helping with the water main project and locating lines for the water and wastewater departments. Commissioner Nash added that the contractor stated that Tim has been a big help.

Commissioner Nash asked that the council if they would like to put together an online auction with the help of Aumann's Auction to sell the City's surplus vehicles. Commissioner Nash added that Aumann's would receive 10% of sales. A brief discussion was had on whether the City could hold an online auction, with Attorney Sherer stating that he would look into it, Commissioner Durbin stated that other communities have done this. Commissioner Nash stated that he would get a list together.

Mayor Holliday present the Council with the Police Departments monthly report and stated that they have been busy and are doing an amazing job.

Approval of Bills

Commissioner Stauder stated that everyone should have the monthly report. Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve the bill's totaling \$100,164.13 with the new Police Departments car in that total, also would like to see Benton and Associate's statement to make sure it came out of the correct fund. 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

Commissioner Stauder stated that he had two corrections to the EJ water supply agreement that Attorney Sherer will address, and no update on the emergency interconnect.

Commissioner Durbin stated that there was no update on the fire department sign at this time.

Mayor Holliday stated that there was two bids for the manhole replacement. Commissioner Nash stated one was from Kenny contracting for \$32,500 and one from Blades plumbing for \$14,900.00. Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve Blades plumbing for \$14,900.00. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Nash stated that we have two bids for the water treatment door replacement, one from Korte for \$10,355 and the other from Gardner out of Taylorville for \$6,757.50. Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve Gardner L&M glass for \$6,757.50 to replace the water treatment plant door. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve the police department dispatch agreement after Attorney Sherer looked over. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Stauder stated that the county is setting up an Escrow account for the weather siren, where they will put the 60% funds needed and the City will put in the 40% of funds needed and will be paid out of this account. Commissioner Stauder added that we will need an agreement for approval and will need to be put on the next agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

A brief discussion was had on the Montgomery County Tourism Grant, with the association/group having to apply for this grant.

Keith Hancock mention the police department putting in for a grant for \$55,000 which is a 60-40 grant.

Commissioner Stauder mentioned the lead water line grant program the City is receiving for \$40,000 to come in and see how many lead lines the City has. Commissioner Stauder mentioned getting someone local possibly Mark Sowarsh.

Commissioner Nash stated that Jason Chenoweth will look at the old recycling building for a roof replacement as we have lost singles in the last storm. Keith mention maybe looking into insurance due to storm damage.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to enter executive session at 7:47 P.M. for 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, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to enter back into regular session at 8:25 P.M. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Other Business

Mayor Holliday stated that there was nothing to report from executive session.

Commissioner Stauder mentioned the hartland greenwood new map that he received, and asked Attorney Sherer to prepare a statement because the new map goes by well 13 and through our aquafer. Attorney Sherer stated that the City could do a resolution to send to the county.

Adjournment

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to adjourn at 8:27 P.M. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karri Smith
Deputy Clerk