

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
March 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, March 13, 2023. Mayor Holliday called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., the City Clerk called the roll. Those present were Commissioners, Durbin, Nash; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioners Stauder and Glenn was absent. Also present City Clerk Hill, Attorney Chris Sherer; Ellen Christener (Pana News) Ben Schwarm (Journal News) Keith Hancock, Steven Guinn, Tim Chumley, Chris Coss, and Roger Nuxoll (Farnsworth).

VISITORS

Steven Guinn was present to speak with the Council on behalf of John Compton. Mr. Guinn explained that Mr. Compton had approached him to ask if the City would be interested in helping get a volunteer group together for cleaning up trash in the ditches and boulevards. Mr. Guinn asked if the City would be able to furnish trash bags. And maybe help get the schools and Churches involved. At 7:01 p.m. John Compton came in to the meeting. Mayor Holliday stated that he thinks the volunteer group is a good idea and offers for the City to pay for the dumpster or they could use the dumpster they City already has. Mr. Compton stated that the leaves and ditches are a mess and that "the City looks like crap for most of the year" Keith Hancock added that the problem with the ditches is that people rake their leaves into the ditches. Mayor Holliday stated he thinks it would be a good idea. We could come up with a sign up list John's name and contact number. Mr. Compton also stated that there is a trailer in town that has trash outside that needs cleaned up. Commissioner Nash stated that the Police Department and City Council is working on it. Mr. Compton stated that he knows of someone who would clean it up if the property owner was interested. Discussion was held on if insurance would be needed for the removal of the trailer. Mr. Hancock stated that if the City was responsible for the removal of the trailer then yes the City would want to make sure they company responsible for the removal of the trailer would have to be insured. Commissioner Nash stated he will look into it with the Chief.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the February 27, 2023 regular meeting were presented. Commissioner Durbin made a motion to approve the minutes with one spelling error. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Nash, Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioners Glenn and Stauder were absent Nays, none. The motion carried.

Minutes of the February 27, 2023 executive meeting minutes were presented. Commissioner Durbin questioned page numbers given in the executive minutes. Commissioner Nash let him know that was fixed and the dates were correct. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance

Roger Nuxoll of Farnsworth group was present to explain the process of the first round of pay applications for IEPA Loan L17-6229 and L17-6047. Mr. Nuxoll explained that water main project is going well. He also stated that they are working to replace remote meters where they can and the crew has already replace two or three lead lines and plan to replace seven or eight more. He also let the Council know that we are still waiting for the work on the cost share waiver for the \$120,000.00

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to approve pay application 1 and loan disbursement 1 for the IEPA loan L17-6229 for \$ 849,864.66. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. Commissioners Stauder and Glenn were absent. The motion carried.

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to approve pay application 1 and loan disbursement 1 for the IEPA loan L17-6047 for the amount of \$55,164.50. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. Commissioners Stauder and Glenn were absent. The Motion carried.

Reports of City Officers

Mayor Holliday reported monthly revenues of \$81, 924.26

Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve a park permit for the Nokomis Woman's Club for the Community Easter Egg Hunt on April 8, 2023 at Fred B. Johnson Park. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve a building permit for a ramp at 501 W South St. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none, the motion carried.

Approval of Bills

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$81,570.09. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none, the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion was held on surplus vehicles. Commissioner Durbin stated he like the idea on an online auction, but that he did not have a list yet, Commissioner Nash also stated that he did not have a list ready either.

Discussion was held on the water and waste water agreements with EJ water for Coalton. During the discussion Attorney Sherer stated that he had spoken with Commissioner Stauder and he had expressed some language he would like to see changed. Attorney Sherer stated that he will have revised copies for the next meeting and then if the Council is ready the City can reach out to EJ water.

Attorney Sherer also addressed the Coalton Police Department Agreement to let the Council know that he has been working with Chief Burton. Attorney Sherer stated he was waiting for the Chief to answer a few questions.

Discussion was held on the weather siren agreement with Montgomery County. During the discussion it was stated that the County treasurer will hold the funds in an escrow account from both the City and the County ARPA funds, after the funds are collected then County will purchase the new tornado siren.

Discussion was held on the antenna tower agreement with Chris Coss. Chris was present to let the Council know that he would like to renew his contract, he also stated he would like move some of the antennas around that are on the tower and run some new cable. He also stated that some antenna can be removed from the tower. He also let the council know he believes the old police department radios could be given to the street department if the City wanted to. Mayor Holliday requested that Attorney Sherer prepare a new contract for the next meeting.

Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve LED light replacement through Ameren and Green Edison for the remaining lights that need replaced at all of the City buildings. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held on ordering an Inmar medicine drop box. Commissioner Nash stated he has spoken to Chief Burton who suggested the drop box. Commissioner Nash let the Council know that the box will be located in City Hall and will have to be mounted to the floor, it is at no cost to the City.

Commissioner Nash stated Jason Chenoweth is ready to do the roof replacement at the old recycling building as soon as the weather warms up.

Discussion was held on hiring Mark Sowarsh to finish the lead line verifications and replacements. Roger Nuxoll with Farnsworth stated that he and Commissioner Stauder has met with Mr. Sowarsh. Mr. Nuxoll let the Council know that we had been hoping to work with 120 Water but they are taking too long. Mr. Nuxoll stated that Mr. Sowarsh already knew of about 20-30 potential locations of lead lines. After that the City would just need to coordinate with the homeowners to allow Mr. Sowarsh access to their property. This would be for line

verification only not for replacement. Mr. Nuxoll stated they have been through about 100 services so far and have only located eleven lead lines.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to enter executive session at 7:38 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), The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body (5ILCS 120/2 (c) (5))The Setting of a price for sale or lease of real property owned by the public body (5ILCS 120/2 (C) (6). And the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or removal of the public occupant of a public office. (5ILCS 120/2 (c) (3)). Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Commissioners Stauder and Glenn were absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to enter back into regular session at 8:18 P.M. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Nash, Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioners Stauder and Glenn were absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Other Business

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to approve the Police Department Union Contract. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Nash stated that Mitchell Ishmael will also be working at the Street Department starting Monday March 20, 2023.

Adjournment

Commissioner Nash made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 P.M. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Nash, Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioners Stauder and Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Hill
City Clerk