

City of Nokomis
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
March 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, March 14, 2022. Mayor Holliday called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., the City Clerk called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Nash, Durbin, and Mayor Holliday. Commissioners Stauder and Glenn were absent. Also present were City Clerk Hill, Attorney Chris Sherer, Tim Chumley and Chief Talon Burton. Visitors present: Ben Schwarm (Journal News) and Ellen Christner (Free Press).

VISITORS

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the February 28, 2022 regular meeting were presented. Commissioner Durbin made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Nash, and Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Commissioners Stauder and Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Minutes of the February 28, 2022 executive meeting were presented. Commissioner Durbin made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Nash, and Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Commissioners Stauder and Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance

Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve ordinance 2088. An ordinance extending the authorization to Ameren IL Company its successors and assigns to construct, operate and maintain an electric utility system. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holiday. Nays none, the motion carried.

Discussion was had on resolution 2022-02. A resolution approving and authorizing the execution and delivery of an intergovernmental agreement with the county of Montgomery regarding use of the radio communication equipment. Commissioner Nash stated that he does not like that the agreement states that the City would have to pay for any anticipated costs and cost of batteries for the radios. Commissioner Nash stated he doesn't think that the City should have to pay for anything when the new radios are coming from the County and would not be City owned radios. He would like it to be added to the contract. Commissioner Durbin asked Chief Burton what he thought about the radio contract. Chief Burton stated that the City gets the benefit of getting the radios and does not see the problem with having to buy new batteries in a few years. Commissioner Nash disagreed and stated he would not vote on the on the matter. Mayor Holliday asked for it to be put on the next agenda.

Reports of City Officers

Mayor Holliday reported monthly revenues in the amount of \$92, 254.88

Commissioner Durbin addressed the Council and let them know that he has gotten some prices for repairs on the dump truck, he stated that it would be around three to four thousand dollars to repair some of the problems with the truck that cost did not include the cost to have the cylinder repaired. Commissioner Durbin stated that the cost of the truck is only listed around four to five thousand, working trucks the same year are listed around ten thousand. Commissioner Durbin stated that it would still take around two years to get a new truck. Street Superintendent Tim Chumley stated that the truck is a 1994 and isn't sure what shape the motor is in and would hate to put the money into it but they need a working truck. Mayor Holliday stated that we can't afford a new dump truck and a new backhoe, but we need to get the dump truck running.

Mayor Holliday let the Commissioners know that Chief Burton has reported that a lot of good things being done in the Police Department. Chief Burton let the Council know that he has another interview Tuesday March 15, 2022. Commissioner Nash asked how Nathan Smith was doing. Chief Burton stated that he has been doing well and will be starting nights soon.

Approval of Bills

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$83,011.00. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Commissioners Stauder and Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Durbin addressed the Council about the purchase of the backhoe. He let the Council know that he had talked to John Deere about the purchase of a backhoe and they were actually a cheaper price than CAT. Street Superintendent Chumley stated that the backhoe from John Deere was bigger than the one they have. Mayor Holliday requested that he look into stretching the payments out between two years instead of one large payment. Commissioner Durbin then updated the Council on the Union Street Storm Sewer project. Commissioner Durbin stated that four trees on Union Street would need to be removed. He stated he had already talked to the property owners and they had no problem with the trees coming out. Superintendent Chumley asked if this would come out the street department tree fund. Commissioner Durbin stated it would most likely come out of the project funds.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Nash addressed the Council and let them know that the Water Department truck that was hit will go into Andy's Auto body for repairs sometime in April, they had the lowest

estimate for the repairs needed. Commissioner Nash then held discussion on different equipment the City could get rid of.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to enter closed executive session at 7:34 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 Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Commissioners Stauder and Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to enter regular session at 7:37 p.m. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Commissioners Stauder and Glenn was absent, Nays none the motion carried.

Other Business

Commissioner Nash made a motion to hire Greg Scoles to the water and waste water department. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Commissioners Stauder and Glenn was absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Adjournment

Commissioner Nash made a motion to adjourn at 7:49 Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none, the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Hill
City Clerk