

**City of Nokomis**  
**City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**March 27, 2023**

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The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, March 27, 2023. Mayor Holliday called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., the City Clerk called the roll. Those present were Commissioners, Stauder, Glenn, Nash; Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Also present City Clerk Hill, Attorney Chris Sherer; Ellen Christener (Pana News) Ben Schwarm (Journal News) Joe Gasparich, Alan Hard, Scott Hunt (WHKS), and unknown male.

**VISITORS**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

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

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

**Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance**

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve resolution 2023-01. A resolution disapproving carbon dioxide pipelines in Nokomis Township. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash; Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to approve the 2023 Motor Fuel Tax program. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash; Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn introduced Ordinance 2100. Commissioner Glenn stated he has been working on Ordinance 2100. An Ordinance amending Chapter 6, article V of the Nokomis revised code of ordinances to establish regulations governing the maintenance, security, and monitoring of properties. Discussion was held on what the proposed requirements and fees should be for permits on vacant properties. Discussion was also held on who decides what properties need to be looked at. The Council decided that it would be at the discretion of the code enforcement officer. Commissioner Durbin asked if rental properties would be included.

Commissioner Glenn stated yes, all properties would be included. Discussion was held on different situations on different properties. Commissioner Glenn stated that sixty consecutive day's vacant or cease of business as stated on page 4 of the proposed ordinance. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve Ordinance 2100. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash; Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Ordinance 2101. An Ordinance approving the Sale of Surplus property of the City of Nokomis. A list of items to be sold still needs to be prepared for Exhibit A for Ordinance 2101. The Council decided to wait until the next meeting.

### **Reports of City Officers**

Commissioner Stauder stated that Clerk Hill will be attending a Zoom meeting for the County Flood plain meeting on March 28, 2023. Visitor, Gasparich stated that the City of Nokomis will not be included in the flood plain mapping at this time but the Hazard mitigation team is trying to get as many people involved as they can.

Commissioner Stauder stated that he would like to have the funds for the Spruce Street repaving taken out of the general fund.

Commissioner Stauder reported monthly revenues in the amount of \$93, 355.78

Commissioner Glenn reported to the Council that he would like the City to prepare a letter to County to encourage them to levy a tax for the animal control. Commissioner Glenn stated that none of communities want to pay out of pocket for Animal control when they don't pick up most animals. Commissioner Glenn stated most Counties levy a tax for animal control. Commissioner Glenn stated that he will compose a letter for to send to the County board.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve a building permit at 323 S Spruce for a 16X 48 structure that will then have a concrete base. It will be approximately 800 square feet, and will cost about fifty thousand dollars. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash; Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve a business district grant at 117 E State St. for a roof replacement in the amount of \$6,000.00. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Stauder voted against the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn also added that he would like to add the discussion of fire hydrant replacements back on the next agenda. Discussion then carried on the fire hydrant replacement. Commissioner Glenn stated at one time there discussion on creating a priority list of hydrants that needed to be replaced.



Discussion was held on what lab to use to process water samples. Commissioner Stauder stated that PACE labs has raised their pick up fees but an employee would have to drive to Springfield to deliver water samples if the City would use the IEPA for water sampling. Mayor Holliday added that he believes that the City used EPA in the past and switched to PACE because the EPA lab was a lot slower and cost more to process.

Commissioner Nash addressed the Council to let everyone know that the water main project is moving along really well. Next they will start connecting to businesses. Mayor Holliday stated that one of the water main breaks last week was because the line that was connected to the car wash, was higher than it was supposed to be.

Commissioner Nash stated that the medicine drop box has been installed at City Hall.

Commissioner Nash also updated the Council on the cameras at Fred B. Johnson Park letting them know that the cameras are ready to be installed weather permitting.

Commissioner Nash also let the Council know that the City is getting a store in the old Mexican restaurant.

Discussion was held on the need for purchase order forms.

Commissioner Durbin reported to the Council on the Street Department monthly report. He also let the Council know that there is a building in the business district that is losing bricks from the front. Commissioner Durbin stated that the Street Department did block off the front of the building but someone keeps moving the barricades. Commissioner Durbin stated this is a high risk area. Commissioner Glenn stated that he will speak to Chief Burton about the building next week.

Mayor Holliday reported the monthly Police Department report. And reported that both new squad cars are in patrol.

### **Approval of Bills**

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$38,953.33. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash; Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none, the motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

With no news on the EJ water or waste water contract with Coalton, Police department contract with Coalton, the license agreement with C & K communications for the antenna tower, or the purchase of a vacuum truck or trailer, the Council decided to carry those discussions to the next agenda.

Commissioner Glenn stated he would speak with Chief Burton on the Coalton Police department contract.

Mayor Holliday stated that the trailer is nice and worked well during the demo, it made no mess during the pot holing demo and he doesn't think we need a truck, stating we don't have anywhere to store it. Commissioner Stauder stated he doesn't want to make a decision tonight.

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to hire Mark Sowarsh to help with the lead line project for \$90.00 an hour. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash; Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

Discussion was held on signing Aumann Auctions contract for the online auction of the Cities sale of surplus vehicles. Commissioner Stauder asked about the four wheeler that was included. Mayor Holliday stated that he did not think the City had the title. Attorney Sherer stated that he would look into it.

Discussion was held on the ARPA funds Montgomery County has allocated for the City of Nokomis for new tornado siren. Commissioner Stauder stated that at the previous meeting someone had questions on the 60/40 split. Commissioner Stauder stated that the County will pay 60% of the Cost and the City is responsible for 40%, we send our \$14,000. And the City should get back whatever we don't use. Mr. Gasparich stated he will get updated quotes for the siren. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the intergovernmental agreement with Montgomery County for the purchase of a tornado siren. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash; Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

Discussion was held on potentially using the lot the City purchased at 425 S Maple as a designated trailer park. Discussion was also held on the size of the lot and easement the City will need to keep for the storm sewer located at the back of the property. Commissioner Nash stated he would look into getting some proposals for the demolition of the property.

No decisions were made on the purchase of a new copier/ printer or computers for City Hall, it was requested to be put on the next agenda.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

No decision was made on the purchase of new lawn mowers for the Street Department and it was requested to be put on the next agenda.

Mayor Holliday let the Council know that the Catholic School Parents Club has requested a one day event liquor license for a fundraiser at the Parish Center. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the liquor license application. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash; Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.



Discussion was held on the city clean up days, the electronic cleanup day is scheduled for May 13, 2023 and the council would like to have the dumpsters the following week. Commissioner Durbin stated he would look into getting the dumpsters for those dates.

Discussion was held on the quote from Gardner Glass to replace the weather stripping and adjustments on all of the doors for all of the City Complex doors. Commissioner Glenn asked why the quote for the water plant doors was so high if those doors are already to be replaced. Commissioner Durbin added that the price is probably for the other doors at the plant, not all of the doors are being replaced just the main front doors. Commissioner Nash let the Council know that he will ask about the quote and requested the decision to be added to the next agenda. Visitor Scott Hunt stated the doors for the plant may be higher because of the chlorine room.

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve the advertisement in the 2023 homecoming advertisement. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioner Stauder, Glenn, Nash; Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Stauder stated that the water and waste water rates need to be discussed, stating that the City could raise the rates 2% or at the CPI rate, however, he let council know that he wants to look into a few things first and requested to put the rate increase on the next agenda.

Commissioner Nash addressed the council to let them know we have a few cameras at City Hall that need to be replaced and Chief Burton has requested to add a camera on the west side of the building and a new hall camera that will be for the Police Department door and the new med drop box. Commissioner Nash stated he is waiting to get prices and would like the topic on the next agenda.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to enter executive session at 8:22 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 Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash; Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to enter back into regular session at 8:48 P.M. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

#### **Other Business**

Commissioner Stauder held a discussion on the upcoming 2023-2024 budget. During the discussion Commissioner Stauder stated that the purchase of the mowers will be on the next budget, along with the purchase of either the Van truck or trailer, and he would like to see a cost comparison. Mayor Holliday stated that we could also trade in our current mowers. Commissioner Stauder stated that the fire hydrant replacement has been in the budget but that with the water main project all of the fire hydrants downtown will be new. Mayor Holliday added that we still haven't received the money from the grant we got from Rodney Davis's office.

#### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Nash made a motion to adjourn at 8:54 P.M. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Hill  
City Clerk