

City of Nokomis
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
March 28, 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 28, 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, Chief Talon Burton, and Attorney Chris Sherer. Visitors present: Tim Chumley (street superintendent), Racheal Ehrhardt, Dan Ehrhardt and children, Ben Schwarm (Journal News) and Ellen Christner (Free Press).

VISITORS

No visitors were present to address the council.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the March 14, 2022 regular 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. Commissioner Stauder abstained. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Minutes of the March 14, 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. Commissioner Stauder abstained. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance

Mayor Holliday presented Officer Racheal Ehrhardt with a certificate of commendation for work done in the Nokomis Police Department.

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve resolution 2022-02 a resolution approving the authorizing the execution and delivery of an intergovernmental agreement with the County of Montgomery regarding use of radio communication equipment. Commissioner Nash stated he hoped the City is covered. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin, and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motioned carried.

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Stauder reported monthly revenues in the amount of \$79,402.68.

Commissioner Nash presented the monthly reports for the Water and Wastewater departments. Commissioner Nash stated that the truck will go to Andy's body shop in April for repairs.

Commissioner Nash stated he had a meeting set up with Adam Fox from Benton's and Associates, John Koontz, and Greg Scoles to discuss the scada system with Brett August from Durkin. Brett will be presenting a quote to the city for the replacement of the system. Commissioner Nash added that he will also be getting a quote from hydro-kinetics that is doing work at the wastewater plant. Commissioner Stauder added that this could be part of the grant the City was just awarded.

Commissioner Nash stated that he would like to get the water and wastewater department tablets for the GIS mapping. He presented a tablet from Dell for \$2,258.85 that was rugged and durable. Commissioner Durbin asked if it was internet capable so they can use it in the field. Commissioner Nash stated it was. Commissioner Stauder asked if it could wait and be put in the next year's budget.

Commissioner Nash stated that Adam Fox and Benton and associates would like to present the wastewater department plan to address the IEPA violations before the next meeting. Commissioner Nash asked if the council was ok with a meeting April 11, 2022 at 5pm before the regular City Council meeting. Commissioner Stauder added that it would have to be set as a special meeting with everyone attending.

Commissioner Nash stated that we have an open case with theft of services and asked Chief Burton if the state's attorney was working on this case. Chief Burton stated that the City's attorney and the state's attorney had spoken about this particular case.

Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve a building permit for a fence at 217 Edwards, and stated that he went by and did not see any issues. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motioned carried.

Commissioner Durbin presented the council with the street department's monthly report. Commissioner Durbin stated that S&H has the truck in for repairs this week and should be done in a week or so. Commissioner Durbin added that Tim would be fixing the broken curb at Trendz this week. Tim Chumley added that the street department will be working on it Thursday and Friday if the rain holds out.

Commissioner Durbin added that Scott Hunt with WHKS will be at city hall Wednesday March 30, 2022 for MFT bid openings at 9am.

Mayor Holliday presented the Police Department monthly report to the council and asked if anyone had questions for Chief Burton. With no questions from the Council, Commissioner Nash wanted to thank Chief Burton and the Police Department for all their hard work the last month.

Approval of Bills

Commissioner Stauder presented the bills with a couple of questions. Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve the monthly bills totaling \$24,658.19. 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

A brief discussion was had in regards to the purchase of a backhoe for the street department. Commissioner Stauder asked if the discussion could be had after the discussion in regards to the budget for next fiscal year.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to approve amending Ordinance 27-7-4 regarding towing and impounding for the police department pending the City attorney's approval. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motioned carried.

Mayor Holliday presented the council with Chief Burton's proposal to establish a Police K-9 program. Commissioner Nash stated that it would be a wonderful idea. Chief Burton added that he sees there being no cost for the City after donations and fundraising. Chief Burton stated that he has a letter ready to go to all the local businesses for support. Commissioner Stauder asked how long the training would be for the officer and K-9, Chief Burton did not have an answer at this time. The Council gave Chief Burton the ok to move forward with the program.

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to open savings accounts at First National Bank of Nokomis for the CURES fund, ARPA fund, CPF grant, and the water main project. All accounts will have City Clerk Rachel Hill, Mayor Mike Holliday, and commissioner of finance Louis Stauder on them with a two signature requirement. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motioned carried.

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to approve City wide clean up days for May 15-22, 2022 pending availability of Randy's Roll off dumpsters. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motioned carried.

Commissioner Stauder asked if we could move the budget discussions to the end of the meeting after executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to enter closed session at 8:08 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 Stauder, Nash, and Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Other Business

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to resume regular session at 8:14 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.

Mayor Holliday asked that the council hire Daniel Marron as a part-time police officer. Commissioner Durbin made a motion to hire Daniel Marron as part-time police officer effective immediately. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

The Council then began a discussion for the 2022-2023 budget, but, with no questions and no motion needed at this time, the council agreed to put in on the next agenda.

Adjournment

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 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, and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karri Smith
Deputy Clerk