

City of Nokomis
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2022

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, April 11, 2022. 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 were City Clerk Hill, Attorney Chris Sherer, and Chief Talon Burton. Visitors present: Ben Schwarm (Journal News), Ellen Christner (Free Press), Scott Hunt (WHKS), Eric Emmerich (EJ Water), Lisa Deluka and Jaren Bowers.

VISITORS

Eric Emmerich from EJ water was present to address the Council about his upcoming presentation and request to host a special meeting before the next regular Council meeting on April 25, 2022. The Mayor and Commissioners were in agreeance that a special meeting would be fine. They will meet April 25, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. for a Special meeting presentation from EJ Water.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

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

Minutes of the March 31, 2022 special meeting were presented. Commissioner Durbin made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none, the motion carried.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Stauder reported on the monthly revenues in the amount of \$ 147,155.48.

Commissioner Glenn reported to the council that he had tried to contact the home owner at 403 S Maple for their fence permit but could not get ahold of them and requested to add the permit to the next agenda. He then provided a building permit for 200 Sherman, Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the building permit and tree removal. 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 fence permit at 805 Miller. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Nash let the council know that he did not have a current update on the HVAC repairs need in the City Hall building. Additionally he let the Council know that all of the trucks now have backup alarms, the water plant door needs replaced and Water Superintendent John Koontz is interested in taking over the old Police Department explorer. Chief Burton stated that would be fine and that the plates would just need to be changed over. Commissioner Nash asked Chief Burton about the status of the theft of services, Chief Burton let Commissioner Nash and the Council know that the case is at the States Attorney's office and that we may be able to add additional illegal hook up charges. Commissioner Nash stated he has also been in touch with Wareham's security about getting the cameras installed at both Fred B. Johnson and Shane Cole parks. He also had looked into getting a Christmas tree to plant at City Hall for Christmas. Commissioner Glenn and Mayor Holliday both stated they did not think there would be enough room at City Hall to plant a tree.

Commissioner Durbin addressed the council and let them know that the street department has taken the truck in for repairs, the tree is over their budget in the tree fund, but that the trees on Union Street have been taken out and trees on pine had to be taken down because they rotten. He also stated that he had spoke to Tyler Morse, Mr. Morse has been having issues with flooding in his yard and basement he also asked to be put on the sidewalk replacement list. Commissioner Durbin stated unfortunately Mr. Morse lives in a low area but he does have a ditch. Commissioner Durbin also stated that hopefully the street department will be able to get patch to fill holes soon.

Mayor Holliday stated that Chief Burton has provided a list of anticipated costs associated with getting a police K9 and has requested to set up a separate savings account for the funds for the police dog. Chief Burton also stated he will be creating a letter to business owners for fundraising, he also stated that the department could use the DUI funds for the dog. Commissioner Glenn asked if there are any grants available. Chief Burton responded that there is grants available, and that the average cost of a dog is between eight and nine thousand dollars and with training and gear around \$17,000.00 a kennel would not be needed as there is already one in the police bay. Discussion was then had on a time line for funding and when they City could get the dog. Mayor Holliday gave his approval to start fundraising.

Approval of Bills

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve bills in the amount of \$68,056.83 Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve Litchfield Bituminous for group #1 oil and chip for the 2022 MFT program. Commissioner Durbin 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 Louis Marsch for group six and eight of the 2022 MFT program. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Stauder requested to have the budget discussions moved to the end of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve Moran Economic Development to update and amend the business district and the façade program. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

The backflow prevention application at 420 W Hamilton was addressed and asked to be put on the next agenda.

Discussion was held on hiring for summer. Commissioner Nash stated that hiring three people for summer help means more help cameraing the sewer lines and GIS mapping. Commissioner Stauder made a motion to hire three summer help employees. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to enter closed executive session at 7:48 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). As well as collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employee 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, Glenn, Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to enter regular session at 8:12 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 discussed with the council the changes he would like to see made in the budget including projects that can come out the ARPA funds stating that the City will be selecting standard allowance. Commissioner Nash asked about the cameras for the park. Commissioner Stauder let him know that they will raise the budget line item for the park cameras. Commissioner Durbin then asked about Spruce Street and if we are going to still replace it. Commissioner Stauder would like to see the bricks taken out smoothed, tilled, rocked and compacted. Commissioner Stauder also stated that the City may be able to use business district fund to remove the old water tower.

Adjournment

Commissioner Nash made a motion to adjourn at 8:54 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