

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

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held a Special Meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday April 11, 2022. Mayor Holliday called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and City Clerk Hill called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Also present was City Clerk Rachel Hill. Visitors present were Ellen Christener (Free Press) Brian Hayes, John Koontz, Andy Hanfland & Roger Nuxoll (Farnsworth) Eric Emmerich (EJ Water) and Adam Fox and Cameron Jones or Benton and Associates.

Mayor Holliday introduced Benton and Associates. Cameron Jones of Benton and Associates addressed the Council and presented options for waste water treatment plant upgrades, required for prior IEPA violations with a detailed power point presentation. Discussion topics included waste water treatment plant history, a virtual site tour of the plant, regulations reviews for the NPDES permit, alternative plant reviews, cost and funding, and Schedule and implementation of the plan. Mr. Jones stated that the most recent violation was given in 2020 for the ammonia limits. In 2021 the City agreed with IEPA to perform tasks to meet full compliance. Options that were given included. 1. Rehabilitation of the existing facility. 2. Build a new lagoon treatment plant. 3. Build a new activated sludge treatment plant. During the presentation it was discussed that option two could actually be two different options 2a) being a covered aerated lagoon. And Option 2b) being an aerated lagoon and aerated rock filter. With costs being similar. Mr. Jones also briefly touched on the Cities need to update the collection system but did not go into a lot of detail as it was not part of the presentation. Mr. Jones also discussed funding options. Commissioner Glenn asked if the lift stations were included in the proposal and Mr. Jones let him know that the presentation only included the waste water treatment plant upgrade, and that the lift stations would be more like a phase two. Commissioner Glenn then asked if the work that needs to be done on the generator is immediate. Commissioner Stauder responded that the City could potentially use ARPA funds for the generator, and the sanitary sewer is not included in the plans. Commissioner Stauder also stated that camera work needs done, scored, mapped out, and then cameraed every five years. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to authorize Benton and Associates to move forward with plans for a non-covered aerated lagoon & aerated rock filter system for the waste water plant. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none, the motion carried. Mayor Holliday asked if there were any other questions. With no other questions Mayor Holliday requested a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Durbin made a motion to adjourn at 6:21 P.M. Commissioner Nash seconded the

motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Hill
City Clerk