

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2023

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, April 24, 2023. Mayor Holliday called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and the Deputy Clerk called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Durbin, and Nash; and Mayor Holliday. Also present Deputy Clerk Smith, Attorney Chris Sherer; Ellen Christener (Pana News) Ben Schwarm (Journal News) Clar Ann Hulbert, Gary Hulbert, Scott Arkebauer, and Jessica Durbin.

VISITORS

Jessica Durbin was present to ask the council for permission to block off the road from Cake it on to the alley for a pet adoption. She is asking to block it off from 8 am to 2 pm. Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve the road being blocked off. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, and Nash; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Durbin abstained from vote. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the April 10, 2023 regular meeting were presented. Commissioner Durbin made a motion to approve the minutes with one corrections needing to be made. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Nash abstained from vote. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance

Ordinance 2101 an ordinance amending section 21-2-7 of the revised code increasing the number of class "A" liquor licenses from seven to ten was presented. Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve ordinance 2101 amending the class "A" liquor licenses. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Stauder reported monthly revenues of \$116,803.20.

Commissioner Glenn stated that he did some research on the party wall agreement between Scott Robinson and S.A.D. building and the Chief is drafting a letter to both owners. Commissioner Stauder asked who made the complaint about the buildings. Commissioner Glenn added that he has not talked to the owner of S.A.D. build. Commissioner Durbin added that the City has not received a grant application from Mr. Robinson at this time.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the business district grant application at 103 W State for \$6,000. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the business district grant application at 102 S Pine for \$6,000 when work is complete and receipts are received. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn stated that the verbiage still needed to be fixed on ordinance 2100 and is not ready.

Commissioner Glenn stated that he would like to add to the next agenda, the possibility of obtaining an empty lot.

Commissioner Nash stated that the construction crew have started service lines and all is going well. Commissioner Nash presented the water monthly report to the council.

Commissioner Durbin stated that Tim ordered water fittings today for water breaks, Mayor Holliday added that Tim should not be the one ordering those, it should be the Water superintendent.

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to approve class "A" liquor license at 102 S Pine. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Approval of Bills

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve the bill's totaling \$36,726.44. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Glenn stated that there was no update from EJ water and they have thirty days to respond to the City's agreement.

Commissioner Glenn added that he had spoken to the Mayor of Coalton, and he will talk to the village board about the police agreement.

Commissioner Glenn asked to have Chris Coss come to the next meeting to go over the C&K Communications agreement, as he has questions.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the tornado siren for \$30,000 from Craig. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Stauder asked to have the budget moved to the last item on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Stauder added that 120 Water proposal will not work as the City would be doing a lot of the work. Roger (Farnsworth Group) did some more research and suggested to not go with 120 water.

Mayor Holliday opened the sealed bids for the demolition of 425 S Maple, with the first bid coming in from Scott Lynch in the amount of \$6,750 and having the City remove the concrete. The Second bid coming in from Nokomis Excavating & Trucking at \$6,350 and they will remove the concrete. Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve Nokomis Excavating & Trucking at \$6,350. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Stauder asked to have the attorney retainer and bond bill on the next agenda.

Commissioner Stauder began a lengthy discussion on the 2023-2024 budget. With highlights on all funds, with Commissioner Stauder stating that the ARPA funds have changed on what it could be spent on, with maybe the funds being used for the vac truck. Commissioner Stauder added that the police department is asking for new body and car cameras. Commissioner Stauder added that the siren and generators are both in grant monies from the State, which was granted \$400,000 and the rest to be spent on the Water plant. Commissioner Glenn asking to raise the business district grant monies to \$85,000 or more. Commissioner Stauder added that we will put \$100,000 sidewalks fund. Commissioner Stauder continued with going over Rebuild IL funds, MFT funds, and the general fund revenues coming in with the library moving and no revenue coming from that. Commissioner Stauder added that a new vac truck could be split three ways. Commissioner Stauder said that the City Hall is needing new PC and a copier that will be put in the budget. Commissioner Stauder asked Commissioner Nash how much the new lighting for all City complexes was, Commissioner Nash stated that for all facility's it was \$4,800. Commissioner Stauder added that there are upcoming projects that need to be put in; door at water plant, man hole, roof at the water plant, door at recycling building. Commissioner Stauder added that the street department would be selling or trading in all the lawn mowers and will be receiving two new ones. A discussion was had on whether or not the street department needs the snow plow attachments. Commissioner Stauder mentioned the need for booster pumps. Commissioner Stauder would like the new incoming council to go over the budget before it is passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was needed.

Adjournment

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to adjourn at 8:59 P.M. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karri Smith
Deputy Clerk