

**City of Nokomis**  
**City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**May 13, 2024**

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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, April 13, 2024. Mayor Goldsmith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and City Clerk Cassidy called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Glenn, Stauder, and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Also, present was Attorney Chris Sherer, Ellen Christener (Pana News) Stevie Guinn, Brian Hayes (Wastewater Operator) Brian Hays, Scott Hunt, and Katie Bohrman (WHKS) and Chief Talon Burton.

**VISITORS**

Brian Hays of 301 S Cedar was present to address the council with his concerns about his storm sewer. Mr. Hays stated that years ago he believed it was disconnected, he stated that it has not always been a problem, and only once has it backed up into his home causing him to lose appliances in this basement, however in the last few years it has been backing up more often. Discussion was held on how it currently drains. Commissioner Glenn state that he will get with the Street Superintendent and meet him to discuss what they can do to help.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the April 22, 2024, regular meeting was presented. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Stauder, and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Minutes of the April 22, 2024, executive meeting was presented. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Stauder, and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Minutes of the April 25, 2024, special meeting was presented. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes Commissioners Glenn, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

**Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance**

Ordinance 2121 an Ordinance making appropriations for expenses of the City of Nokomis, Illinois for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2025. Commissioner Glenn suggested we wait to pass the budget ordinance until Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer can be present. The council decided to move Ordinance 2121 & 2121- A to the end of the meeting.

Ordinance 2122 Solar site agreement was discussed. Commissioner Glenn discussed the changes he requested to be made. At the time the council did not have enough present council members to pass this ordinance with a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote. The council decided to revisit the ordinance later in the meeting.

### **Reports of City Officers**

Commissioner Glenn reported on the Street Departments report by stating that they have been painting poles weather permitting and working on water breaks and replacing a fire hydrant weather permitting. Commissioner Glenn stated that he is not sure we have it in the budget to hire summer help. Commissioner Stauder questioned the Street Department report. Commissioner Stauder stated that he is working to get a better detailed report. Discussion was held on picking up branches. Commissioner Glenn stated that the general public needs to know that they are responsible for hauling their own limbs to the city burn pile and that the city will only pick up limbs that have fallen from storm damage.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve a building permit located at 508 W Union. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Nays none, the motion carried. Mayor Goldsmith stated that summer help would be nice to have so that the street department can work on the bigger projects. Discussion was held on water leaks and storm sewer problems.

Commissioner Stauder reported the revenues in the amount of \$102,226.02.

Commissioner Stauder made the motion to approve bills totaling \$245,661.89. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Stauder, and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that the Plan Commission is excited to help and is planning to approach the council with some ideas when they have everything together.

Commissioner Glenn stated that he is looking for a grant writer to look into some projects for the city.

Mayor Goldsmith requested to move ahead to the MFT items listed under new business. Visitor Scott Hunt of WHKS was present to discuss the 2024 MFT Program. Scott introduced Katie Bohrman and let the council know that she will be helping on future MFT programs. Mr. Hunt

stated that the city received bids on Groups 1,3 and 5. Mr. Hunt recommended the city approve the bid for Groups 1 & 3 to Litchfield Bituminous. And Group #5 to Louis Marsch Inc.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the 2024 MFT program, Group #1 to Litchfield Bituminous. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Nays none. the motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the 2024 MFT program, Group #3 to Litchfield Bituminous. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Nays none. the motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the 2024 MFT program, Group #5 to Louis Marsch Inc. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Nays none. the motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion was held on hiring a certified water / wastewater operator. There was no new information on the topic. Brian Hayes was present to let the council know that he has spoken to the EPA and the City is not required to have a backup operator if he was to leave to go on vacation.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to appoint Rachel Cassidy as City Clerk. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to appoint Talon Burton as Chief of Police. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to appoint Joe Gasparich the ESDA director. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Nays none. the motion carried.

Discussion was held on hiring part time summer help and part time at City Hall. The Council decided to advertise for the water/ wastewater department, part time summer help and part time help at City Hall.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the maintenance contract with Altorfer for the generac generator. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent, Nays none. The motion carried.

Discussion has held on creating a TIF district. The discussion will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the fireworks permit for the Nokomis Homecoming Association. Commissioner Stauder second the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Gleen, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Nays none. the motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the Downtown Nokomis Association request to hold a vendor fair and close spruce street from Stated St. to Central St. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the liquor license for the St. Louis Church Parents Club. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Discussion was held on the liquor license for the Knights of Columbus for the Nokomis Homecoming Association.

Discussion was held on applying for a rebuild downtown grant. Mayor Goldsmith stated that Commissioner Morris has been in contact with a few different engineering firms to get quotes for engineering fees. Discussion was held on at least looking into the grant and cost.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to go into executive session during its regular session at 7:52 P.M. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee of the public body (5ILCS 120/2 (C) (1). Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Stauder, and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Arkebauer entered the executive session at 8:01 P.M.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to resume regular session at 8:05 P.M. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

### **Other Business**

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve Ordinance 2122 and Ordinance approving the Solar Site Agreement. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn addressed the council to let them know that he has been in contact with the First Baptist Church. Commissioner Glenn stated that they are wanting to put in a new parking lot entrance. Mayor Goldsmith stated that part of the problem is that where they are wanting to put the entrance is too close to the stop sign. Discussion was held on the requirements and grade at which the entrance will need to be.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the liquor license for the Knights of Columbus for the Nokomis Homecoming. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder abstained. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays none. the motion carried.

Discussion was held on Ordinance 2121 an Ordinance making appropriations for expenses of the City of Nokomis, Illinois for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2024, Commissioner Glenn stated that he would like to wait to pass the budget ordinance until there can be a full council.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve Ordinance 2121- A. An Ordinance authorizing city expenditures and preceding adoption of annual appropriation ordinance. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Discussion was held on the budget. A New Public Hearing will be held before the regular meeting on Tuesday May 28, 2024 for the 2024-2025 Budget.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to adjourn at 8:23 P.M. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Cassidy  
City Clerk