

City of Nokomis
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2022

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, May 23, 2022. Mayor Holliday called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and the City Clerk called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Durbin, Nash; and Mayor Holliday. Also present were, Chief Talon Burton, Visitors present: Adam Fox and Cameron Jones (Benton and Associates) Ben Schwarm (Journal News) and Ellen Christner (Free Press).

VISITORS

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the May 9, 2022 regular meeting were presented. Commissioner Durbin made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Minutes of the May 9, 2022 executive meeting were presented. Commissioner Durbin made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections in the third paragraph. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to pass Ordinance 2088 for the annual budget for the City of Nokomis fiscal year May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023. Commissioner Glenn seconds the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve the agreement for engineering services with Benton and Associates for the wastewater treatment plant. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Stauder reported monthly revenues in the amount of \$102,879.77

Commissioner Glenn let the Council know that he had spoken with Melissa Engleman about a complaint on a neighboring property.

Commissioner Nash addressed the Council to let them know the water department truck would be going in for repairs.

Commissioner Durbin reported that to the Council that the Street Department dump truck had some setbacks for the repairs.

Mayor Holliday reported to the Commissioners of the Police Department monthly report and letting the Council know the donations for the Police Department K9 are going well.

Approval of Bills Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve bills in the amount of \$102,879.77. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Glenn stated he had spoken with Eric Emmerich from EJ Water about the removal of the old water tower, he let the Council know that Eric had spoken to City Attorney Chris Sherer about the demolition of the water tower and has asked him to prepare a letter of understanding. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve EJ water to pay for the demolition of the water tower using the company Isler at no cost or reimbursement from the City pending Chris Sharer's review of a contract of understanding between the City and EJ water. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion will Chris's approval. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Stauder voted no. The motion carried with majority vote.

Cameron Jones from Benton and Associates requested to have the discussion on the sewer rates and the DCEO grant for the lift stations because the DCEO changed the requirements just days before the meeting based on the most recent census. Commissioner Glenn stated he would like to see a ten year rate plan. Mr. Jones let the council know that he would need more information and how the council would like to proceed with future projects. Discussion was then had on if they would have enough time to get the information ready by the June 2, 2022 special meeting. Commissioner Glenn did not believe that would be enough time and thinks cancelling the special meeting would be best but thinks the discussion on the sewer rates is special enough for a special meeting. Mayor Holliday requested to cancel the special meeting for June 2, 2022 for the public at the park house and schedule a special meeting at City Hall for June 2, 2022 for Benton's and Associates to present a plan for sewer rates.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Glenn addressed the Council about abatement of nuisance properties around town, stating there are multiple issues that need to be addressed. Commissioner Stauder mentioned there is a problem with large animals within City limits. Commissioner Nash stated the property in question has received several citation in the past and they just keep paying the fees or pay with a payment plan. Commissioner Nash stated he thinks the fees need to be

higher in order to pay the attorney fees. Chief Burton added that the Police Department is working on issuing more citation but the courts only handle citation maybe once a month.

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve the annual Homecoming Agreement for 2022. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Stauder stated after the registration opens for the IML Conference and have a potential cost, then we will decide on going to the IML Conference this year.

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve Patton's & Company for the 2021-2022 fiscal year audit. 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 session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of the employees (5ILCS 120/2 (c) (2)). The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of the employees (5ILCS 120/2 (C) (2)). Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, for purposes of approval by the body or semi- annual review of the minutes as mandated by section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act (5ILCS 120/2 (c)(21)). Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Other Business

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to hire Jake Watson, Landon Engelman, and Nolan Taylor for summer help starting June 1, 2022 at minimum wage. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to purchase tablets for the water & wastewater plants. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners, Stauder, Glenn, Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none, the motion carried.

Adjournment

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Hill
City Clerk