

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2024

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, May 28, 2024. Mayor Goldsmith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and City Clerk Cassidy called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder, and Mayor Goldsmith. Also, present was Attorney Chris Sherer, Brian Hayes, Alan Hard, Josh Robison, Cameron Jones (Benton & Associates), Roger Nuxoll (Farnsworth). Ryan Follis was in at 7:01 P.M.

Commissioner Glenn requested a moment of silence to honor our fallen military.

VISITORS

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the May 13, 2024, public hearing meetings was presented. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris abstained. Nays none. The motion carried.

Minutes of the May 13, 2024, regular meeting was presented. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder, and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris abstained. Nays none. The motion carried.

Minutes of the May 13, 2024, executive meeting was presented. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder, and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris abstained. Nays none. The motion carried.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance, and Communication:

Ordinance 2121 an Ordinance making appropriations for expenses of the City of Nokomis, Illinois for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2025. Was requested to be moved to the end of the agenda. Commissioner Stauder stated he would not approve the budget as is.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve resolution 2024-02. A resolution regarding as addendum to a lease with the Nokomis Fire Protection District. Commissioner Arkebauer

seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none. The motion carried.

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve a business district grant application for Bernardinis in the amount of \$9,000.00 for tuck pointing. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none. the motion carried.

Commissioner Morris stated to the council that the poles downtown look really good and wanted to thank everyone that helped. Commissioner Glenn wanted to give thanks to everyone who made donations.

Commissioner Glenn addressed the council on the street department. Commissioner Glenn stated that the poles look good, the department has been busy mowing and doing repairs at the water and wastewater departments. Commissioner Glenn stated that hopefully they can get started on city hall beautification, staining the building, putting up the sign and cleaning up the bushes. Commissioner Glenn stated that he is also hoping they can replace a couple hydrants and Brian Hays storm sewer. Commissioner Glenn stated that he is working with Tim Chumley to get a better report from the street department. Commissioner Morris asked if they would be able to take thirty minutes at the end of the day to fill in the report on the computer.

Discussion was held on using left over paint to paint the tornado siren. Mayor Goldsmith stated that he has spoken with Tim Chumley and there should be about 4 gallons left over that can be used to paint the siren tower.

Commissioner Arkebauer addressed the council to let them know that they are looking into getting a service leak fixed. Discussion was held on the water and wastewater departments. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that Burdick Plumbing will be back in town later this week to do work at the water department.

Commissioner Stauder reported the revenues in the amount of \$721,497.97.

Commissioner Stauder made the motion to approve bills totaling \$130,962.01. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder, and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none. The motion carried.

Discussion was held on asking rural water to come back to help locate a possible leak. Discussion was held on the size of the water line. Roger Nuxoll (Farnsworth) stated that the machine they use listens in the ground for potential leaks and has been used to find leaks in the past.

Roger Nuxoll (Farnsworth) addressed the council to let them know that Burdick Plumbing should be in town on Thursday to start taking out the bases of the filter at the water plant.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that Osage Equities has pulled the application for development. The city will send a letter officially voiding the bid. Mayor Goldsmith stated that he spoke to a representative from Great Rivers and Routes and will set up a meeting later this summer to see if there is anything they can do to help the city with tourism.

Mayor Goldsmith reported that Kamadulski fixed a water leak at the wastewater department that was caused by heavy equipment. Discussion was held on water leaks and valves.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion was held on hiring a certified water/ wastewater operator. The council decided to remove the discussion from the next agenda.

No discussion was held on employee hours and the council decided to remove the discussion from the next agenda.

Discussion was held on the request to put in a secondary entrance into the parking lot at First Baptist Church. Pastor Ryan Follis was present to discuss his application. Commissioner Stauder expressed his concern over the slope and grade over the entrance. Pastor Follis questioned what and who would he turn this information into and who would be checking. Discussion was held on the slope of the driveway and who is responsible for finding out that information in the city has no policy in place. Commissioner Stauder suggested to Pastor Follis that he submit plans that meet current IDOT and ADA design policies, standards and construction specifications. Discussion was held on making changes to the current City policy.

Discussion was held on creating a TIF district. Mayor Goldsmith asked if anyone had questions. Commissioner Glenn stated that he has a lot of questions and would like someone from Moran's to come and speak to the council. Commissioner Morris stated that she has a meeting with Jake from Moran's on Thursday. Discussion was held on the school boards position on TIF districts. Mayor Goldsmith stated that we would like to move quickly on this because it could take six months to implement.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held on the rebuild downtown grant. Commissioner Morris made a motion to hire Tonya Flannery for \$2500.00 to write a grant to apply for the Rebuild Downtown Grant. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder abstained. Nays none. the motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that he will find out more information about the Montgomery County Animal Control contracts at the next mayor's meeting.

Discussion was held on the required repairs for the air stripper at the water plant. Roger Nuxoll (Farnsworth) was present to let the council know that Korte- Lutijohn has submitted a proposal for repairs. Mr. Nuxoll stated that the EPA requires two air strippers for our plant, and we are currently operating with one. The estimated cost for repairs is \$24,673.00. Discussion was held on the repairs, the council requested to add it to the next meeting agenda.

Mr. Nuxoll presented the IEPA request to increase loan L17-6229 to include filter rehab for filters #3 & #4. Mr. Nuxoll stated that he has been in contact with the EPA and they are willing to increase the loan to include that project. Discussion was held on the use of APRA funds.

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the increase of IEPA loan L17-6229 to include the cost of the filter rehab. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the engineering services from Farnsworth Group for the filters 3 & 4 rehab. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve IEPA pay request #2 in the amount of \$456,705.21 for the wastewater project. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none, the motion carried.

Camerson Jones (Benton & Associates) addressed the council to give them an update on the wastewater plant project. Stating that the sludge has all been removed, the footings are being poured and the footings for the blower building should be poured soon, weather permitting. Repairs had to be done to the trickling filter arm. The DCEO has made changes to the condition of the lift station improvement grant, but they are hoping to still hoping to advertise for bids next month.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Morris made a motion to go into executive session during its regular session at 8:18 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 Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder, and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to resume regular session at 8:21 P.M. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none. The motion carried.

Other Business

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve a 4% raise for Chief Talon Burton and City Clerk Rachel Cassidy. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none. the motion carried.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve a \$2.00 pay raise for Jonathan Albright. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Stauder stated that he would like to have a defined budget person. Discussion was held on the budget in length, by department and each individual line item. Commissioner Stauder stated that he needs to clear up some things on the water department loan. Discussion was held on business district fund.

Adjournment

Commissioner Morris made a motion to adjourn at 10:22 P.M. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Cassidy
City Clerk