

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2023

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, June 12, 2023. Mayor Goldsmith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and the Deputy Clerk called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Stauder; and Mayor Goldsmith. Also present Deputy Clerk Smith, Attorney Chris Sherer; Ellen Christener (Pana News) Ben Schwarm (Journal News) Terra Mills, Scott Hunt (WHKS), Jeremy Conners (Hurst-Rosche), Allen Hard, Roger Nuxoll (Farnsworth Group), Josh Robison, and John and Nikki Murray.

VISITORS

Terra Mills was present to address the council in regards to tickets she received for ordinance violations. Terra is requesting more information on the tickets, as they are not very descriptive. She voiced her frustration with the whole process. Commissioner Glenn took her information and will be setting up a meeting with Chief Burton, Terra, and himself.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the May 22, 2023 public hearing meeting were presented. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the minutes with as written. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Stauder; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Minutes of the May 22, 2023 regular meeting were presented. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the minutes with two corrections needing to be made. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Stauder; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Minutes of the May 22, 2023 executive meeting were presented. Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the minutes with as written. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Stauder; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the 2023 MFT program group #1 (oil and chip) in the amount of \$26,730.88 to Litchfield Bituminous Group. Commissioner Morris seconded

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

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the 2023 MFT program group #6 in the amount of \$87.00 per ton for the bituminous premix to Louis Marsh at the loading point. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Stauder; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Jeremy Conners from Hurst- Rosche was present to address any question for the construction engineering services for the Union Street storm sewer. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the resolution for the construction engineering services with Hurst-Rosche for the Union Street storm sewer. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Stauder; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Roger Nuxoll was present to give an update on the water main project, and ask for the next pay application. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve application #4 IEPA loan L17-6229 in the amount of \$370,556.63. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Stauder; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve pay application Task C for the EPA loan L17-6229 to Farnsworth Group in the amount of \$43,805.79. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Stauder; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve Ordinance 2104 approving and authorizing the executive of an agreement to purchase real estate on Front Street in the City of Nokomis. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Stauder; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

A brief discussion was had on ordinance 2105 amending section 4-1-2 of the city code pertaining to the residency of members of the plan commission. Mayor Goldsmith stated that the changes made was to have five resident in city limits, with the possibility of two within 1.5 miles of Nokomis. Commissioner Glenn stated that he would like those two resident that live outside of city limit to have a business inside city limits. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve ordinance 2105 with the one correction, with a lack of second his motion died. Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve 2105 as written. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Arkebauer; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, Commissioners Glenn and Stauder. The motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that he met with Mayor Havera and Resolution 2023-04 will be for three years at \$6,000 a year. Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve resolution 2023-04 approving and authorizing the execution and delivery of an intergovernmental

agreement with the Village of Caolton. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Stauder; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the building permit at 119 S Maple St. for a deck. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Stauder; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the building permit at 328 Monroe St. for a fence. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Stauder; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Morris voiced her concerns about spraying for mosquitos. Commissioner Glenn stated that the Street department will be taking a class to do granules. Commissioner Glenn stated that spraying is just not that effective and with no one able to pass the test, the granules will be a better option. The suggestion was made that we post something on Facebook letting the community know that is the step we took.

Commissioner Glenn gave an update on the street department, stating that they are working on ditches and sidewalks. Commissioner Glenn also stated that he would be having a meeting with Woody's in regards to the snow plow attachment.

A brief discussion was had on ordinance 2100. Commissioner Glenn stated that ordinance 2100 was not ready for approval and needed to be put back on the next agenda.

Commissioner Arkebauer stated that he would like to set up a training day for the locator system for utility locates. All was in agreeance that was a good idea.

Commissioner Glenn added that he would like to see all the departments hold down on the miscellaneous spending.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that he has made up a form to be filled out by all Superintendents daily and to be turned in with each payroll with work performed and to be performed.

Commissioner Stauder reported monthly revenues of \$422,187.80. Commissioner Stauder stated that we should be receiving our grant for \$400,000 within sixty days.

Approval of Bills

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the bill's totaling \$105,842.61. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Stauder; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

No update on the EJ water supply agreement.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that he spoke with Chris Coss, and the agreement is not ready to be signed and will need to be put on the next agenda.

A brief discussion was had on the items listed for the surplus sale. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the list with the removal of the dump truck and red bricks in lots of 100. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Stauder; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn started the conversation about the purchase of two new lawn mowers for the Street department. Commissioner Stauder asked if the lawn mowers we had were bad. Commissioner Glenn stated that they are using them now. Commissioner Glenn stated that he would like to shop around and get quotes from other places.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Goldsmith started the conversation on the City getting a website, stating that there was no timeframe on how long you have to get all the necessary information on the site. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve Municipal Impact to create the City's webpage. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Stauder; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

A brief discussion was had on Archive Social to archive all of the City's social media output. With a no from all stating it was too expensive, there was no vote.

John and Nikki Murray were present to address the council with a liquor license application for 101 E State St, they stated that they want to leave the event center in the front and put gaming in the back left corner with the possibility of apartments upstairs in the future. Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve the liquor license for 101 E State St. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Stauder; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn stated that he received the insurance information for the fireworks with one million in coverage. Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve the firework application for the Nokomis Homecoming. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Stauder; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Morris made a motion for a special event liquor license to the Knights of Columbus #2189 for the Nokomis Homecoming. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, and Arkebauer; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder abstained from vote. Nays, none. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Morris made a motion to go into executive session during its regular session at 8:23 p.m. to speak about the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of employees of the Public Body (5 ILCS120/2 (c) (1). 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). Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Stauder; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Other Business

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to resume regular session at 8:55 p.m. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Stauder; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve a raise for Talon Burton to \$33.50 effective May 1, 2023. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Stauder; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve a raise for Rachel Hill to \$22.25 effective May 1, 2023. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Stauder; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve a raise for Carol Gomez to \$19.80 effective May 1, 2023. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Stauder; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve a raise for Karri Smith to \$20.35 effective May 1, 2023. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Stauder; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve a raise for Donna Wieneke to \$14.75 effective May 1, 2023. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Stauder; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Adjournment

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to adjourn at 8:58 P.M. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissions Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Stauder; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karri Smith
Deputy Clerk