

City of Nokomis
City Council Special Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2022

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held a Special Meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Thursday June 2, 2022. Mayor Holliday called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and City Clerk Hill called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Also present were City Clerk Rachel Hill and Deputy Clerk Karri Smith. Visitors present were Andy Hanfland and Roger Nuxoll of Farnsworth group, and Adam Fox and Cameron Jones of Benton and Associates.

Mayor Holliday introduced Benton and Associates, Cameron Jones addressed the Council and presented six scenarios for the wastewater rate change. Mr. Jones started off by saying this is a working meeting and if anyone had questions just ask. Cameron began the discussion by stating the City would need a revenue income of \$615,000 with a current revenue income of \$400,000 with an increase of \$215,000 needed. Cameron began giving brief highlights on all six scenarios. Starting with highlights of scenario one EJ proposal, which is a 7% increase per year and will not meet the 2025 needs. Scenario two is a 50/50 split with the City and Coalton sharing of treatment loan and operating cost. Cameron stated that Coalton makes up 23% of the City's income. Scenario two will increase by \$10.95 which would be shared with Coalton by the year 2025 which is \$4.75 going directly to the loan and \$6.25 would be going to operating and maintenance cost. Cameron stated that scenario one, two, and three don't in count for water lose deductions, and after 2025 it will increase 3% for inflation. Andy Hanfland and Roger Nuxoll of Farnsworth Group left the meeting at 4:06 p.m. Commissioner Glenn asked Cameron if the city would go with EJ, Cameron stated that there was no options for EJ and Coalton to leave Nokomis for wastewater purpose's. Cameron continued on with scenario three, with an increase to our minimum and maintaining the existing per gallon with Coalton sharing of the treatment loan and operating cost. Cameron stated that he had to rework the numbers due to the number of meters being off initially. Cameron continued with scenario four with a 50/50 split between Coalton and the City to share the treatment loan and operating cost with reduced usage meeting the \$615,000 needed for fiscal year 2025. Scenario five the City shares all per thousand with Coalton to share the treatment loan and operating cost. Cameron stated that the non-grant eligible cost is covered in the rates, and all scenarios are eligible. Mayor Holliday asked if this included the lift stations as well, to which Cameron stated no they are working on a separate grant for that and its due in October and hopefully hear back by January or February with a full operational lift stations by 2024. Scenario six would set minimum rate with variable per thousand. Cameron added that the City has 800 customers that are using under 4,000 gallons per month with a City meter count of 1033. Mayor Holliday asked which scenario he

would suggest. Cameron stated that he would suggest either option four or six. Commissioner Nash asked what 3,000 gallons would be with option four Cameron said for both water and sewer would be roughly \$90.00. Mr. Jones stated that he went over EJ proposal and couldn't find where they are finding funding for some on the projects they are purposing. Commissioner Stauder stated that the City needed more clarification on what they plan to do and what projects will get done. Cameron stated that he didn't see the cameraing in their proposal anywhere. There was a brief discussion on the loss of water and infiltration on the sewer. Commissioner Stauder mentioned the CCCS and the amount of lead lines that we could possibly have, and it still needs to be looked into. Followed by a brief discussion on water lines. With no other questions about the scenario proposal, Mayor Holliday stated he would go with option four as he thinks Coalton should pay their share. Commissioner Stauder added we don't need a contract with EJ for water or sewer we are under the gun and this all needs to be done, the City can't stop what is already in the works. Commissioner Glenn suggest we wait till the next meeting to make a motion, and possible get the community's opinion. Commissioner Nash agreed, but voiced it's a waste of time as no one comes to the meetings anyway. All was in agreement to have Attorney Chris Sherer draw up a resolution with a three year time frame with option four.

With no motions needed Commissioner Durbin made a motion to adjourn at 5:05 p.m. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioner Stauder, Glenn, Nash, Durbin, and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karri Smith
Deputy Clerk