

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2024

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, June 24, 2024. Mayor Goldsmith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and Deputy Clerk Smith called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Morris, Glenn, and Arkebauer; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Also, present was Attorney Chris Sherer, Chief Talon Burton, Ellen Christener (Pana News) Ben Schwarm (Journal news) Bret Goldsmith, Adam Fox (Benton and Associates) Roger Nuxoll (Farnsworth Group) Kathy Daniles (Bernardini's) Josh Robison and son Koton.

VISITORS

No visitors were present to address the council.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the May 28, 2024, public meeting was presented. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

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Minutes of the May 28, 2024, executive meeting was presented. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Minutes of the June 10, 2024, regular meeting was presented. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the minutes with one correction to be made. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was 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, was moved to the end of the meeting.

Resolution 2024-03- A resolution of support and commitment of local funds was presented with a brief discussion. Commissioner Morris stated that the amount needed to change to \$82,500.00 with a total of the project costing \$330,000, stating that it will be done in phases. Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve resolution 2024-03 with the amount change of \$82,500. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Ordinance 2124 an ordinance amending section 33-7-4 of the revised code of ordinance of Nokomis, Illinois pertaining to specifications for driveways was presented with Mayor Goldsmith stating that he didn't get a chance to lookover the documents and was not sure what the ordinance request was for. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that this entrance is not off route 16. Mayor Goldsmith added that he would require them to do ADA requirements. Commissioner Arkebauer agreed with Mayor Goldsmith adding that he thinks this is a little too hard, to him it seems a little extreme. Commissioner Arkebauer continued stating that we need guidelines and codes, but to just pick and choose when we are going to use them, he stated that we have other things to worry about other than driveways, with this coming off Union St. and that not being a state road, he is not for it. Commissioner Morris agreed with that. Mayor Goldsmith asked for a motion, with no motion being made the ordinance did not pass.

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Morris stated the only thing she had was the Rebuild Downtown Business District Grant that was already discussed.

Commissioner Glenn gave an update on the Street Departments report by stating that they have been busy with fixing a water break and everyday street department work.

Commissioner Arkebauer stated that phase one of the filters is finished along with the IEPA contingency plan, and that all service has started on the filters and will be back Wednesday to grout and then it will be ready for the media to be put back in. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that Greg at the wastewater plant is doing his daily operations and is available to the street department if they need him. Mayor Goldsmith asked where he was at with the continuation of the lines being cameraed. A brief discussion was held about the replacement of fire hydrants, and the one by the nursing home needing done first.

Mayor Goldsmith reported the revenue totaling \$631,607.88.

Commissioner Arkebauer made the motion to approve bills totaling \$685,665.25. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Morris stated that she is working on setting up a meeting with Moran on the TIF district so Commissioner Arkebauer can attend.

Mayor Goldsmith said there was no update on the animal control agreement.

Roger Nuxoll from Farnsworth Group was present to answer questions pertaining to the air stripper repairs at the water plant. Mayor Goldsmith stated he was not sure what fund Lou wanted to take this out of, but we could approve it and ask him later. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the air stripper repair. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the new driveway at First Baptist Church off East Union. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, and Arkebauer. Mayor Goldsmith abstained. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Adam Fox from Benton and Associates was present to answer any questions pertaining to the water operations contract. Adam stated that this will be in place until John (the water superintendent) can pass the water test. Stating that there is one in February that John wants to take, and John has enough hours at this plant to get his license. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the water operations contract with Benton and Associates with no increase. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

A brief discussion was had on the new business district grant application form, with not everyone having the correct information no motion was had.

Commissioner Stauder was absent so his items of business district funds for economic development, budget preparation, brush pickup policy, and sidewalk policy were skipped.

Kathy Daniels was present to ask the council if Bernardinis could stay open one extra hour on Saturday July 13, 2024, for the Nokomis Homecoming. Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve Bernardini's to stay open one extra hour into July 14, 2024. Commissioner Arkebauer

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

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve IEPA funding request #3 in the amount of \$462,820.25 for the wastewater project. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve disbursement #3 to close out the community project grant in the amount of \$103,252.00. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Morris made a motion to go into executive session during its regular session at 7:35 P.M. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee of the public body (5ILCS 120/2 (C) (1) and discussion of minutes lawfully closed under the Open Meeting Act, for purposes of approval by the body or semi-annual review of the minutes as a mandated by Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act (5ILCS 120/2 (c)(21). Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Other Business

Commissioner Morris made a motion to resume regular session at 7:47 P.M. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the release of executive meeting minutes dated from October 2023 to May 28, 2024. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried. Attorney Sherer mentioned getting a resolution together for the next meeting to make this official.

Mayor Goldsmith started the lengthy discussion on next year's budget with the majority of the discussion revolving around the business district funds, as everyone was in agreement that the other funds are good to go with the corrections from the last meeting. Mayor Goldsmith made corrections and will send them to Commissioner Stauder to look them over for the next meeting.

Adjournment

Commissioner Morris made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 P.M. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karri Smith
Deputy Clerk