

**City of Nokomis**  
**City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**July 22, 2024**

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The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, July 22, 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, Arkebauer, and Stauder; and Mayor Goldsmith. Also, present was Attorney Chris Sherer, Ellen Christener (Pana News) Ben Schwarm (Journal news) Adam Fox (Benton and Associates) Andy Handfland (Farnsworth Group) Josh Robison, Seth Johnson, Allen Hard, Chris Coss, and a local labor hall representative.

**VISITORS**

Chris Coss was present to let the council know that he has vacated the tower site, and the only thing left on the tower is 911 communications. Commissioner Arkebauer asked if there was yearly maintenance that would need to be done. Chris stated that the tower will need to be serviced once a year. Mayor Goldsmith thanked him for everything that he did for the City.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the July 8, 2024, regular meeting was presented. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the minutes with a couple spelling errors needing corrected. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, and Stauder; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris abstained. 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 2024-05 a resolution adopting the City of Nokomis business district grant program and other documents related thereto was presented. Mayor Goldsmith stated that everyone should have the new documents to go with the resolution with lean information on it. Attorney Sherer suggested that the lean portion be more specific by stating what kind of lean. Commissioner Glenn asked about what would happen if the owner sold the property, Mayor Goldsmith stated that it was in section 7. Commissioner Glenn stated that it should be in section 5 also. Commissioner Glenn added that page two references zoning but the City does not have zoning. With those corrections needing to be made, Commissioner Morris will reach out to Jake at Moran's with the corrections. Commissioner Glenn suggested that Attorney Sherer look over them before the next meeting.

**Reports of City Officers**

Commissioner Morris presented a building permit at 316 Albert St. for a fence, stating that she went over there and spoke to the resident. Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the fence permit at 316 Albert. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes,

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

Commissioner Morris stated that the downtown grant has been submitted with letters of support from the community. Commissioner Stauder asked if the council could get a copy of what was submitted.

Commissioner Glenn gave an update on the Street Departments report by stating that they have been doing summer work, and they oiled and chipped the streets today. Commissioner Glenn asked about the fire hydrant at the nursing home, Mayor Goldsmith stated it was on the agenda to be discussed later.

Commissioner Arkebauer stated that Durkin was done with phase one of the control panel and will be back to work on phase two to connect to the filters. Commissioner Arkebauer continued that filters three and four are back up and functioning. Commissioner Arkebauer added that a sump pump had to be replaced at the wastewater plant. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that he would like to set up interviews for the position, Mayor Goldsmith stated that he could just set them up and if he is available, he will be there.

Commissioner Stauder reported the revenue totaling \$246,456.77.

Commissioner Stauder made the motion to approve bills totaling \$154,330.34 with a couple questions being addressed. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Stauder; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Stauder stated that he put a copy of the treasurer's report in everyone's boxes.

Mayor Goldsmith would like to thank the Street Department and Police Department for all the work they did at the Homecoming.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

A brief discussion was held on the TIF district with both Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer stating that Moran's would like to see both business district and TIF district to be passed together. Commissioner Glenn asked what the price of this will be, Commissioner Morris reached out to Jake from Moran's with him stating \$20,000 to \$25,000. Commissioner Stauder asked if this had been sent over to the attorney.

A quote from Korte was presented for the replacement of the fire hydrant by the nursing home at a cost of \$16,450 and would be using a line stop. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that he would like to see a quote with a hot tap instead. It was suggested to get quotes from MCO, Korte, and KAMAX to compare. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that with a hot tap the City Street Department could do the installation. Commissioner Glenn asked who would be calling to get the quotes, Commissioner Arkebauer stated that he would reach out and get quotes.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve IEPA loan L17-6229 pay application #8 for \$173,550.30. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Stauder; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve change order#2 for work to be done on filters 3 & 4 as part if the IEPA loan L17-6229. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Stauder; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Andy Handfland from Farnsworth Group presented a capital improvement plan. A brief discussion was had with Mayor Goldsmith stating that this would give a history of the infrastructure, a forecast of what would need to be done, and a savings plan for the upcoming projects. Commissioner Stauder asked if the storm sewers could be added to the plan. Andy said yes that will not be a problem. Commissioner Arkebauer asked what the cost would be to get this done, Andy stated without the storm sewer information it would be \$6,000. Mayor Goldsmith asked Andy to add the storm sewers to it and get a price to the council for that.

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the CPF grant disbursement #4 to close out the grant at \$19,101.27. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Stauder; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

A bid from Kauffman's Mobile Pressure Washing was presented to pressure wash the water tower. With a bid coming in of \$5,000. Commissioner Morris stated that she reached out to Seth Johnson with powerhouse washing in Nokomis to give a bid. The bid from powerhouse washing came in at \$4,400. Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the bid to powerhouse washing at \$4,400, but with this being specifically stated on the agenda as Kauffman's Mobile Pressure Washing it could not be passed at this meeting.

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the authorization to advertise for bids for the lift station improvement project to Benton and Associates. 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 work change directive #1. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Stauder; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve wastewater system improvements IEPA funding request #4 at \$344,786.30. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Stauder; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No executive session was needed.

### **Other Business**

A discussion was had on ordinance 2121 an ordinance making appropriations for expenses for the City of Nokomis, Illinois for the fiscal year end April 30, 2025. Commissioner Morris would like the description on the business district to be changed to grant application expenses instead of commitment fund for RBD grant. Commissioner Morris stated that she has also been in contact with a mural painter from Kansas, stating that she would like to secure a spot for 2025 by putting 25% down. Commissioner Morris continued stating that she would like to reach out to M&M services to possibly put the mural on the grain elevators. It was asked how much this would cost. Commissioner Morris stated that she was not sure of the dimensions yet, she would reach out to Shawn Murry to get dimensions. Commissioner Morris went on by stating the mural that she had seen on her page that was done in Kansas was \$134,000 for supplies, paint, and lift rental. Commissioner Morris would like to put 25% in this year's budget to secure a spot for 2025. Mayor Goldsmith asked if it was worth spending \$100,000 on a mural. Commissioner Stauder added that it would be on something that the City doesn't own. Commissioner Morris stated that she believes it would bring people to the town. Commissioner Stauder asked what she was taking out of the budget, Commissioner Morris stated water line relocation and sidewalks as we will be getting a grant for the sidewalks. Commissioner Stauder suggested that she get the price and we could amend the budget.

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve ordinance 2121 stating I would like to go on record stating that the budget being passed tonight is based on the recommendation of a majority of the members of the council. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, and Arkebauer; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, Commissioner Stauder. The motion carried.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Morris made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 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