

City of Nokomis
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
July 25, 2022

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, July 25, 2022. Mayor Holliday called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and the City Clerk called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Also present City Clerk Rachel Hill and Attorney Chris Sherer Visitors present: Jodi Reynolds, Dawn Young, Mike Mckinney; Ellen Christner (Free Press) and Ben Schwarm. Commissioners Stauder and Glenn were absent.

VISITORS

Jodi Reynolds and Dawn Young from the Cross over Ministries were present to address the Council about their project called "The Living Room". Jodi and Dawn went on to describe the mission of the living room stating that it is a facility for people seeking help with mental health and substance abuse. They are currently located above the Farm Bureau building in downtown Hillsboro as they do not have a location yet for a home. They stated that Montgomery County has a need for Mental Health outreach programs stating that our community is under served for mental health needs there is average of two to five weeks to see a counselor. The Living Room project would be a 24/7 365 a day facility with trained staff. Cross Over Ministries hopes to raise money for a facility to serve the county for years to come.

Mike Mckinney was also present to address the Council with a complaint about Officer Ehrhardt, stating he believes that she violated his rights, by not allowing him to make a report that his child was abducted by his ex-wife, he stated that he is supposed to have supervised visits and the other parent is not allowing him to see his child. He stated that he has a pending court case that he had not been formally charged. Mayor Holliday stated that he need to talk to the Chief to make a complaint. Commissioner Durbin stated he believes this sounds like a civil matter and he would need to make a complaint to the Chief. Attorney Sherer stated to Mr. Mckinney that is sounds like he should get an attorney. Mr. Mckinney stated that he could not afford an attorney. Commissioner Durbin stated that there was nothing the Council could do at this time and that he would need to make a formal complaint with the Chief and get an attorney if need be.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the July 11, 2022 regular meeting were presented. Commissioner Durbin made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections to spelling errors. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance

Resolution 2022-03. A resolution by the City of Nokomis, Montgomery County, Illinois authorizing the deferment of discussion and/ or agreement regarding the City of Nokomis's Water System and EJ Water. Was discussed, Commissioner Nash suggested we wait for the full Council, The Mayor agreed to wait.

Reports of City Officers

Mayor Holliday reported monthly revenues in the amount of \$98,463.16

Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve the Business District Application for Melissa Loafman in the amount of \$2,994.50 Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve the Business District Application for Lance Lehnen at Town Pump Bowling in the amount of \$6,000.00. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Nash, Glenn and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Nash stated he would like to wait to make decision on the fence permit at 307 E Front St.

Commissioner Durbin stated that the Street Department has done larva side training through the County and has been contacting business and home owner about any tires or brush that needs to be cleaned up. He also stated that Nokomis has not had any West Nile cases that we know of.

Commissioner Nash addresses the Council to let them know that the Waste water Department has been working on video cameraing the sewer lines.

Commissioner Durbin let the Council know that the street department had been working on ditches and that the dump truck was still being worked on, but should be done soon.

Approval of Bills

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to approve bills in the amount of \$49,526.67. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

With the absence on two of the Commissioners the present Council decided to add the topics of administrative consultant and Montgomery County Animal Control to the next agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Adjournment

With no other business to discuss Commissioner Nash made a motion to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Nash, Durbin and Mayor Holliday. Nays none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Hill
City Clerk