

City of Nokomis
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2022

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, August 8, 2022. Mayor Holliday called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and the Deputy Clerk called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Durbin, Nash; and Mayor Holliday. Also present were Deputy Clerk Smith, and Attorney Chris Sherer. Visitors present: Cameron Jones (Benton and Associates), Eric Emmerich and Jake Durbin (EJ water), Andy Hanfland and Roger Nuxoll (Farnsworth Group) Bobbie Dean (CTI) Mayor Tim Taylor of Witt, Landon Collins, Robert Barnstable, Clarann Hulbert, Gary Hulbert, Tisha Morris, Trever Loafman, Nate Smith, Allan Hard, Danita Odle, Carrie Tosetti, Dylan Goldsmith, Ben Schwarm (Journal News) and Ellen Christner (Free Press).

VISITORS

Bobbie Dean was present to address the council on behalf of CTI. Bobbie stated that while doing there fiber easement audit they noticed a portion on the alley between Cedar and Maple Street did not have an agreement with the City. Bobbie stated that the fiber is already in the ground and will not need to be put in. CTI is just needing an easement for utility access. Bobbie stated that their lawyer is drawing up the paperwork and she will get it to the council as soon as he has it ready. Mayor Holliday stated that he doesn't see a problem with it. Commissioner Stauder stated that he doesn't see a problem as long as it doesn't effect the water projects that are in place. Roger from Farnsworth Group stated that the water lines would be on the North side of the alleyway and the fiber is on the South side so he doesn't see a problem with it. Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve the easement pending the approval from Farnsworth Group and the City attorney. With more paperwork needed there was no motion needed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the July 25, 2022 regular meeting were presented. Commissioner Durbin made a motion to approve the minutes with two corrections needing to be made. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Commissioner Stauder and Glenn abstained. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance

Mayor Holliday stated that both resolutions would be moved to the bottom of the agenda for discussion.

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Stauder reported monthly revenues of \$31,976.15.

Commissioner Glenn stated that the Police Department is working on getting some of the nuisance properties cleaned up. He added that he had Spears Title do a search to find the proper owners, with some pending court dates coming up. Commissioner Glenn stated that Chief Burton is doing a great job on getting the properties cleaned up.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve a building permit for Mike Hartwig on School Street for a fence. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve building permit at 307 E Front St. for a fence. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Nash stated that the water department could not get enough for the IRWA golf outing so no motion needed.

Commissioner Durbin presented the monthly street department report, and added that the dump truck is fixed and back at the city shed. Commissioner Durbin stated that the street department will be working on sidewalks this week, with Tim Chumley going to St. Louis Catholic Church to take measurements on the new sidewalk that is going to be poured, with the city paying for the concrete.

Commissioner Durbin stated that he received a complaint from Paul Blazich about the ditches in the City needing to be done. Commissioner Durbin stated that he couldn't send the boys out to do all the ditches, but if someone was needing one done to call city hall and they would address it.

Mayor Holliday presented the police department's monthly report, stating they had 169 calls for July. Mayor Holliday added that Chief Burton received a donation from the crime stoppers for \$2,500 for the active shooter training to take place in September. Mayor Holliday added that the K-9 fund has over \$6,000 in donations at this point. Commissioner Durbin added that the t-shirt fundraisers deadline is next Monday.

Commissioner Stauder stated that there is a grant request in for the weather siren and a radio for ESDA for \$35,000 in which the City will pay forty percent, and ESDA put in a grant for two transfer switches to be put in at the parish center for emergency shelter if needed with the cost being \$6,625 for material and labor for both switches.

Approval of Bills

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve the monthly bills totaling \$86,730.03. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Stauder added that the council should have the treasurer report for June and July.

Commissioner Stauder mentioned some work will need to be done on the flow meter at the wastewater plant.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Glenn asked for the Administrative Consultant and Montgomery County Animal Control Agreement to be put on the next agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Nash stated after reviewing the backflow prevention application it does not state that two bids are required, so this is not an issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to enter closed session at 7:22 p.m. to discuss 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 Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Other Business

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to resume regular session at 7:40 p.m. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Mayor Holliday began the discussion presenting resolution 2022-4. Commissioner Glenn asked about hearing visitors as he thought we always heard visitors. Mayor Holliday stated that he asked if anyone else would like to speak at the beginning of the meeting. Commissioner Glenn then asked where this resolution came from, if the city attorney drew it up. Commissioner Stauder stated that the attorney has seen it, but did not draw it up. Commissioner Glenn stated that this is hard to even fathom, asking if EJ was supposed to sign a contract regarding Coalton, with the back and forth between the city and EJ and the city had it paused at a meeting to see if we would go with EJ. Commissioner Glenn added that he thought it was going back and forth between our city attorney and EJ. Mayor Holliday stated that this pertains to the Village of

Coalton, and we have not seen any contracts for sewer or water from EJ. Commissioner Glenn stated that he thought this was paused to see if it would work out for the city and EJ to merge, he thought there was a meeting way back when. Commissioner Glenn asked if there was no contract purposed to EJ. Commissioner Stauder added that there was a contract purposed to EJ that was sent to them and may have got paused when a pre-assessment was going to be done, and it's still hanging out there and it has been six months and my question to you Commissioner Glenn is if we would go with EJ water today what happens. Commissioner Glenn stated I'm trying to figure out procedurally, Commissioner Stauder broke in, ok Mike the first thing is we need to protect the City. Commissioner Glenn asked Commissioner Stauder if he drew up the resolution to which Commissioner Stauder stated no he did not draw it up, why would he draw it up. Commissioner Glenn asked if you didn't draw it up and the city attorney looked it over who drew it up. Commissioner Stauder stated that Roger (Farnsworth Group) drew it up. Roger stated yes it was him that drew it up. Commissioner Stauder added yes he did the resolution. Commissioner Glenn stated that this is ludicrous, talking about notice of negligence if you are trying to get a contract signed that has been floating around, Commissioner Stauder broke in because no one has heard an answer back. Commissioner Stauder stated that his recollection was we sent a contract even though it paused we never heard anything back, Commissioner Glenn broke in in agreeance that yes it did pause, Commissioner Stauder continued but how long has it been paused. Commissioner Stauder stated for everyone protection don't you think it would be best if we put a contract in action to cover every body. Commissioner Glenn stated that his point is that you are trying to slander a company with the word negligence, if you are trying to get a contract signed that is in limbo that has been paused and now you say that pause is up, Commissioner Stauder broke in and stated in other meetings we have asked where that contract was. Commissioner Glenn stated you can't slander a company and use the word negligence when you are just trying to get a contract signed. Commissioner Stauder addressed Commissioner Glenn if I was you I would watch what I was saying about slandering a company right now. Commissioner Glenn stated that he is just warning that this is not proper language, I don't think the city attorney drew this up, and Commissioner Stauder stated he didn't draw it up but he approved it or reviewed it, Roger said he drew it up. Commissioner Glenn stated that he has never seen anything like this, if you want to get a contract signed ask the representative where we are at with the one that has been proposed and get the contract done. Commissioner Stauder stated that it was proposed to them and never returned. Eric (EJ water) stated that there is already a water agreement in place with the Village of Coalton, and as EJ and Caolton merged EJ acquired that contract back last year in August, and that the city sign something stating that the city was aware that EJ now has those in place. Commissioner Stauder stated that we said no we wanted new contracts as these were out dated, and was done in the 1950's. Eric added that the water one was expired, but the wastewater still had like twenty years left on it. Commissioner Stauder stated that a lot of things had changed and the city needs to protect itself and what they supply and how much legally a lot of things has changed and that all that we was trying to do, make it good for a year of two years, but for everyone's protection it is something that needs to be done. Eric stated that this was proposed back in February or March of last year and paused, and he was under the impression that it was not moving forward with that, Commissioner Stauder broke in and stated that he thought we had asked about it several times after that.

Commissioner Glenn asked if it was appropriate for EJ's attorney to look over the agreement to see if anything needs changed or if EJ wants to stick with the existing one they have in place. Commissioner Stauder made a motion to not accept the contract, for our own protection. Commissioner Glenn stated that it was a resolution that was on the floor that was declaring negligence. Commissioner Glenn continued stating that the resolution just needs to be pulled, we don't need that. Trever Loafman spoke up from the visitors and asked if water quality meant nothing. Commissioner Stauder asked if there was a problem with the water quality now. Commissioner Glenn broke in and stated that we are talking about a resolution now, and he would like to stick with the resolution that's on the floor right now. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to pull resolution 2022-4 and not move forward with it. Mayor Holliday stated that the motion died with lack of a second. Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve resolution 2022-4. Commissioner Durbin asked Farnsworth Group to summarize resolution 2022-04. Roger gave a description on the resolution. Andy with Farnsworth group added that it is just asking for action on the agreement. Mayor Holliday stated that the motion died with lack of a second.

Commissioner Glenn asked about why his resolution was not put on the agenda. Mayor Holliday stated that he asked her to put it on the next agenda so it would not get mixed up with the two resolutions already on the agenda. Commissioner Glenn asked when he had to start asking something to be put on the agenda with the mayor. Mayor Holliday stated that is how it has always been. Commissioner Glenn added that he was not aware that it was not going to be on the agenda until he seen a comment on Facebook. Commissioner Stauder asked who put a resolution on Facebook. Commissioner Glenn stated that he did in hopes of getting his resolution passed, I don't agree with this, while I was out with COVID a resolution comes up to differ any conversations with EJ water. Commissioner Nash added that the resolution was tabled at that meeting so it would come before a full council. Commissioner Glenn stated that he wants to have a full and fair public hearing with EJ water, so the public can get involved in that. Commissioner Durbin added it is full and fair, that's why we waited until this meeting so everyone was here. Commissioner Glenn stated he was talking about a public meeting where we notify the citizens so they could come and have input on the subject. Commissioner Durbin stated that we have been waiting on information that changes every time it is brought up, because we have had three different engineers putting numbers together for the council, and every time two would get there one would have an issue because it's not how their numbers are set up. Commissioner Durbin continues, so that made everyone have to go back but this resolution is because we have engineers that have spent time trying to get these numbers to us and putting all our other projects on hold. Commissioner Glenn added that we have three engineer firms working for us seems like we have way too many engineers working for us being a small city. Commissioner Stauder asked, we all sat at that special meeting where we asked Benton and Associates, Farnsworth Group, and EJ water to put together everything they had and send it to the city, and we would look at it and assemble it and send it back to everyone to look at, and from there we would review it and put together information to have a public meeting. Commissioner Stauder continued, we got information form two firms and never got the third one. Mayor Holliday stated in fact the third one wanted to see what the other two firms came up with before he had his in. Commissioner Glenn asked, you are saying you never

got any information. Commissioner Stauder stated not from EJ not from the last time. Commissioner Glenn asked Eric from EJ water to step up to the mic. Eric stated that EJ's numbers have not changed from the proposal. Commissioner Stauder stated that they had to change due to the 1000 gallons being included, and the difference in the number of customers. Eric continued with stating the rates have not changed from our original proposal. Commissioner Glenn stated that's a ten year guarantee right there. Eric stated the only difference was that your numbers did not include 1000 gallons and our numbers did, our rates have not changed in six months. Commissioner Stauder asked if they gave the council a time line of projects. Eric stated yes it was in the proposal. Commissioner Stauder asked if it specifically stated what those projects are. Eric stated yes it did back in February or March when they did the proposal. Commissioner Glenn added his position was that we need to have a public hearing, with the public being notified so they know what is going on, let them all have input and explain it all to them, so the citizens are informed and then we do what we need to do. Commissioner Stauder added that he was in favor of the public hearing also, but wanted everyone to be on the same playing field and not geared to one more than the other. Landon Collins spoke from the visitors and asked, we are fixing the water issues correct, and do we have a grant for this at all to fix the pipes and water issues. Commissioner Durbin stated yes it's in the works. Landon continues by saying, what would EJ bring in now that we are already fixing the issues correct. Mayor Holliday stated that's a good question, if you go with EJ water it will be on their timeline not ours, so the work may not get done when we want it to get done. Landon asked, if we was doing it soon. Mayor Holliday added, that if the City would sign with EJ water we would not get water from EJ for two to three years, so signing to him know is stupid, we got projects now that we are doing at the water plant and water mains, we need to do those. Landon asked if this would affect our grant at all with EJ trying to come in. Mayor Holliday stated no the grant and the loans are in the City of Nokomis' name. Commissioner Glenn asked Eric from EJ if he could speak to any of this, Eric stated no he couldn't. Commissioner Stauder asked if they can't acquire the loan till after the project is complete. Eric stated somewhat yes, but with USDA. Commissioner Stauder broke in but this is not the USDA this is the IEPA. Trever Loafman from the visitors asked how long the water plant has been in disrepair, how long have you been running on two filters. Commissioner Stauder stated yes and we are in the process of getting that fixed now, the bids are out. Trever asked how long have you been down to two filters is my question. Commissioner Stauder stated a month maybe. Landon added all the numbers at the plant are fine. Mr. Loafman stated that the water plant has been nickel and diming the City and has not been repaired correctly. Mayor Holliday agrees with that, and states that's what we are trying to do fix thing correctly. Mr. Loafman asked why now, why are you going to fix it correctly now. Commissioner Durbin stated that we have a new council sitting at this table, different council and different employees. Mr. Loafman stated he understands that, but in the past they promised the same thing what makes you think I will believe that you are going to do it now. Commissioner Durbin stated it is going on now we have everything in place. Mayor Holliday added that the contract has been signed all we are waiting on the IEPA to approve it and then all four filters at the water plant will be redone. Mr. Loafman asked how our wells and water supply are. Mayor Holliday stated that our wells are doing well. Mr. Loafman asked and the quality. Commissioner Stauder stated that we are meeting all the requirements that we have to with the IEPA. Commissioner Durbin offers him the water report

with all the numbers on it, to which he didn't take. Tisha Morris spoke from the visitors, stating just because your water is not coming our brown that doesn't mean that it is not happening. Commissioner Stauder stated he didn't say it is not happening, all he is saying is EJ says they can furnish water to the city for XX amount and I want to compare it to the expenses so I could say we are producing water for XX. Commissioner Stauder said he just wants to compare the numbers so we can see what the differences are. Tisha added that the citizens just want clean water. Commissioner Stauder stated yes and we are working on that. Commissioner Durbin stated that we are currently doing what EJ would be doing if we were to sign them in today, we are replacing the main line from the plant to the water tower, it will be all the main trunk lines to the businesses, we are replacing all the filters at the plant, we have a lot of things in play, the problem is we had all this in place and then COVID hit and that kind of pumped that breaks on the projects, we was supposed to have the 300 block of Spruce Street redone also. Commissioner Glenn added that they have good intentions, but we don't have enough qualified personnel to get the job done, because we are running a small sewer plant and small water plant things don't get maintained like they should and if you go with a co-operative, which he believe is the trend of the future. Commissioner Glenn stated that it is not cost effective to run a small plant if you could partner up with a co-op, granted it could take two years or more, but he thinks we should talk to them and work towards this goal even though we are putting band aids on the issues trying to keep it operating for the time being until we can get this better quality water, that's why he wants to put this before the citizens so we can see. Commissioner Glenn continues and with EJ giving us a ten year guarantee that will lower the cost right away, the first year we will be saving, and the city put a 20% increase on water rates in May and will do another 20% in September that's not even the sewer rates that just water rates, so how long can you keep increasing the rates without doubling everyone's bills. Commissioner Glenn continues my stating he thinks we are at about 50% poverty rate with half the town on fixed income and they just can't do the increase. Commissioner Glenn added he thinks we should do the smart thing and go with EJ, they have the City of Centralia, Montgomery County water, and 30-50 more communities that they service with 3600 miles of water line, and we just can't keep qualified personal, like Woodard and Curran a couple years ago that failed with getting charged a lot of money without getting anything out of it. Commissioner Glenn continued by stating the IEPA sent two guys down twelve years ago saying you better start looking where you are going to pipe water in from your aquafer is not good. Commissioner Glenn continued saying that the water has a lot of contaminates in it, you can say it's safe for you and me, but it's not good water, with a lot of people buying bottle water, and so I think the smart thing to do would be trying to do a more economical approach and go with a non for profit co-op and keep exploring this and have discussions on this. Mayor Holliday said I think you are right whenever they get that ten inch water main put in south of town I think that would be a good time to start talking, but right now I don't see why we should interrupt what we have going on right now as we are trying to get better water quality. Commissioner Glenn asked if Eric wanted to speak to any of that. Trevor Loafman spoke up by saying that this is the same discussion that was had when Woodard and Curran came in and nothing happened. Commissioner Durbin stated that we have contracts signed to move forward. Commissioner Stauder added that's what we are working on right now, but it doesn't happen overnight. Mr. Loafman stated he is a licensed plumber for 22 years, and went on about how passionate he is about clean water and what happen in Flint

Michigan, with Andy from Farnsworth Group saying it was due to switching water sources. Mr. Loafman continued with water quality is worth way more than that. Commissioner Durbin stated the thing about EJ is if we were to sign with them tonight, addressing Eric when can you get water to us. Eric stated in the last couple of weeks EJ has received a couple of grants with one being the ten inch main the Mayor spoke about, getting it here in 2024, and one grant to double out water plant. Commissioner Stauder asked why EJ needed to double the water plant. Eric stated it was because we have a lot of communities. Commissioner Stauder, so you got your grant because you think you will have new communities coming on. Commissioner Stauder added that EJ is not furnishing water to Montgomery County that's part of that grant. Eric stated that Montgomery County is buying water from Litchfield and Hillsboro right now. Commissioner Stauder asked what his thoughts where on the quality of that water. Eric stated not very well they flush a lot of water, we flush about \$50,000 of water a year, because the water from Litchfield and Hillsboro are not up to EJ standards. Commissioner Stauder asked if that was just Litchfield or both Litchfield and Hillsboro. Eric stated both until we get our water line in place. Eric continued by stating they will have the City of Witt on in three months, the City of Coffeen next three or four months. Commissioner Stauder asked if they would have a water line to them in the next three months. Eric stated that Montgomery water system is already hooked to them. Commissioner Stauder asked if EJ would be hooked to Montgomery county water with the ten inch line in the next three months. Eric stated not to the ten inch line, but to the existing line. Eric continued speaking about the grants and USDA loans that they are receiving to do the ten inch line. Commissioner Stauder asked if this was going to be in EJ's name only and Eric stated yes it is. Commissioner Stauder spoke about the wastewater project and grants that the City has received, and raising the sewer rates because our income was not enough. Commissioner Glenn broke in by stating the city has not been able to camera the sewer lines because we don't have qualified staff. Commissioner Nash broke in and asked Commissioner Glenn what he meant by not having qualified staff. Mayor Holliday stated that they are videoing the sewer, Landon Collins spoke up and said they are just about done with it. Commissioner Glenn stated he thought there had to be a certification to camera the lines. Commissioner Nash asked Cameron from Benton and Associates if a certification was needed, to which Cameron stated not required but helpful with grading the lines. Commissioner Durbin addressed the room and stated that going in with EJ is not as easy as the city would be losing five employees two water, two wastewater, and the Deputy Clerk, and supervisor spots, and with the city not getting income from the water and wastewater that would affect a lot, because some of the income to the street depart comes from that. Commissioner Glenn stated that he thought only water and sewer funds could be used for water and sewer projects. Commissioner Stauder stated that they are, but if the street department works on a water leak they get reimbursed by the water department. Commissioner Glenn went on to say that he was not sure about the water plant but with the wastewater plant the engineers talked about only needing someone there for a few hours a month or week, so it sounds like we will lose employees there. Dylan Goldsmith spoke up by stating someone still has to be there and that there is a difference between qualified and certified employees, stating you can be a qualified person to run the plant and not be certified. Commissioner Glenn stated we will lose the need at the wastewater plant if we have an efficient plant. Commissioner Durbin stated that the city would still own the water and sewer plants. Commissioner Glenn stated that it was his

understanding that EJ would hire the two water employees, so in terms of losing employees they would take the two water boys. Commissioner Durbin stated that they wanted the ones with licenses, but that is just a verbal agreement that's not for sure, I'm worried about our five employees that could not have a job, that quit their past jobs to take a city job and the simple fact is if we sign with EJ it's a lifetime agreement, there is no backing out of it. Commissioner Stauder added if I was a city employee and the city sign with EJ I would be gone the next day looking for a new job, so EJ is going to have to have someone here the next day, so does that mean EJ comes in and takes over everything that next day because no one came to work. Commissioner Glenn asked if Eric wanted to speak to any of this. The Mayor of Witt Tim Taylor asked if he could speak. Mayor Taylor spoke to the ongoing process with partnering with EJ, he stated that EJ would step up and take over if needed. Mayor Taylor added that he was just saying let them give you numbers. Mayor Holliday asked Andy from Farnsworth Group to speak. Andy asked Commissioner Durbin if there was a resolution on the table, to which he stated yes. Andy asked what questions Commissioner Durbin had about it, to which Commissioner Durbin stated he wanted to know the difference between 2022-3 and 2022-4. Andy stated that number three was because we are going in on a loan with the IEPA, and they have been jumping through hoops left and right to get the bids for the filters done. Andy continued by stating that Roger has been on the phone with people from DC to Springfield trying to get this done, things that would normally take three to four months are only taking a few days, and with two million in principle forgiveness sitting on this loan with the IEPA, to which the IEPA will not let you turn around and transfer to EJ. Andy continued by stating with the resolution to differ discussions until the loan is done so you don't piss off the IEPA, and lose your two million dollars. Andy stated it was for the betterment of the community to secure that two million dollars and not have that lost and keep the IEPA working with the city to get the loans going, that was the intention. Andy stated it was not meant to stop all discussions, but before the IEPA hears about EJ and retracts the two millions dollar principle forgiveness. Commissioner Stauder added the reason behind the second resolution was the interpretation of the first resolution is there could not be any discussion with EJ, and the City still needed to talk to them about Coalton, and the water tower, and that's why we started with number four. Commissioner Stauder continued with, we still needed to keep discussions open about Coalton and the contracts and also the water tower. Commissioner Stauder stated that the resolution does not prohibit one or even two Commissioners talking to EJ it just prohibits the Council as a group. Roger from Farnsworth Group added that the IEPA gave us a loan for the filters for \$80,000 with a \$40,000 in principle forgiveness. Andy stated that the IEPA has already given \$40,000 while Roger hustled the phones. Commissioner Glenn asked Eric to speak about getting cross ways with the IEPA if we were in discussion with EJ. Eric stated from the regulation side of the IEPA as long as you are working towards the positive then that's all they care about, it takes time and money and with COVID pausing everything as long as you are moving forward. Commissioner Glenn stated that his point is if he understand the resolution properly they are asking us to defer any communications with EJ pending this two year completion of the construction, and isn't it wiser to continue discussions with EJ water if we are going to consider partnering with them and keep working towards that possibility while we continue to own the plant, but it's not that we are slapping the IEPA in the face or anything else we are just discussing the possibility and what that could hold for us. Commissioner Glenn asked Eric if it

was feasible for EJ to take over our loans at this point. Eric state with the grants that EJ has received and projects that are about to start there is a time table on it, with the size of trunk line coming needing to be 8, 10, or 12 inch to get water over here depending on how much is needed, but after it's in the ground it's in the ground. Commissioners Glenn and Stauder had a brief discussion on the specifics on the resolution. Andy commented to Commissioner Glenn by stating if he wanted to drag things out he could, but the process Roger just got through that usually takes three or four months he got done in less than a week, but if Commissioner Glenn wants to drag stuff out and spit in the IEPA eye then he can do that, but the intention of the resolution is to continue the process with the IEPA to be kind and courteous to them for what they have done for the city. Commissioner Glenn stated assuming that you're not transferring ownership or make an agreement with someone you're not doing anything to spit in the eye of the IEPA, they want people to get things done. Dylan Goldsmith asked to speak, he began by stating that he has been to a number of meetings and it's the same thing and he is getting very frustrated as a citizen of the community when Commissioner Glenn him haw and him haw around while there are projects on the table that need to be done, and all he is doing it is delaying that. Dylan continued by stating that they are not asking for anything to be suspended all they are asking are that the projects to get done and then move on, not saying in the future we don't go with EJ, he is not opposed to EJ coming in. Commissioner Glenn stated that he is not trying to delay the project, Dylan broke in by saying that is hard to believe that because I have been to five or six of these meetings and every time it's the same round about talk, and we need to get these projects done, and if that puts off EJ coming in here for a few years than that's what needs to be done. Dylan continues, but in the spirt of what was on the agenda and the resolution I think that resolution needs to be done. Commissioner Stauder stated that this resolution doesn't keep anyone from talking to EJ as an individual that process can still be on going, just can't be as a full council. Commissioner Glenn stated that he thinks we should not differ discussions, but we could differ agreements.

Mayor Holliday asked to move on with resolution 2022-3 as it was getting late. Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve resolution 2022-3. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes Commissioners Stauder, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Nays, Commissioner Glenn. The motion carried.

Adjournment

Commissioner Nash made a motion to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. Commissioner Durbin seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karri Smith
Deputy Clerk