

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2023

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, September 11, 2023. Mayor Goldsmith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and the City Clerk Hill called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Stauder were absent. Also, present was Attorney Chris Sherer, and Chief Talon Burton; Ellen Christener (Pana News) Ben Schwarm (Journal News) Allan Hard, Keith Hancock, Mike Young, Dale Stewert, Matt Blankenship

VISITORS

Matt Blankenship, a Union representative, was present to explain what a Project Labor Agreement is. Mr. Blankenship explained what a PLA is and how it would be beneficial to the city. Mr. Blankenship stated that a PLA streamlines the prevailing wage and helps local laborers and apprentices work on local jobs and helps keep that money local. Discussion was held on the use of a PLA and other communities that have used a Project Labor Agreement. Commissioner Glenn requested that the city hold a special meeting to approve the Project Labor Agreement. Discussion was held on setting up a Special Meeting, the present council decided to hold a special meeting on Thursday September 14, 2023. Visitor Alan Hard asked Mayor Goldsmith about the EJ Water contracts. Mr. Goldsmith stated that he hoped to get some answers on the EJ water contracts for supplying water and wastewater to the Village of Coalton later in the week.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the August 28, 2023, regular meeting was presented. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, and Arkebauer; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Stauder were absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Glenn addressed the council to let them know that the street department has been busy working project. Mr. Glenn stated that the new vac trailer has arrived, and the street department has started using it on projects.

Commissioner Arkebauer stated that the sewer department needed to order new filters for the influent filters, letting the council know that he told Greg to order six so that he had a couple on hand. He also let the council know that the lift station pump has been replaced. Adding to that the water department has been working on replacing meters and meter pits.

City Administrator Keith Hancock stated that the preconstruction has started on the S. Union Street, however Kote Lutijohn is waiting for a manhole.

Mayor Goldsmith addressed the council to inform them that he has found the old construction plans for the Coalton water line after the leak they had at the Coalton meter. Discussion was held on the leak and the replacement of the meter lid.

Mayor Goldsmith reported on the revenues in the amount of \$183,466.09

Mayor Goldsmith addressed the council to let them know that all the bills are now scanned in and shared to the H drive for their review if they choose to.

Approval of Bills

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the bill's totaling 95,001.56 Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, and Arkebauer; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Stauder were absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Goldsmith stated he would like to start planning for next year's budget and get a list of proposed projects.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that he is hoping to meet with someone from EJ Water later this week for the EJ water supply contracts.

Discussion was held on the police department's request to start a lease program for the police department cars and the interest rate for the lease program. Mayor Goldsmith also added that the Chief would like to start looking into getting new body cameras. Discussion was held on the life span on body cameras and cameras for the cars. Commissioner Glenns stated he would like to see some comparisons. City Administrator Keith Hancock stated that some of the public works trucks are over thirteen years old and will also need to be replaced. Mayor Goldsmith stated he would like to see the purchase spread out. Commissioner Arkebauer asked how County does their cars. Mr. Hancock stated that he thinks at one time they were on a lease program but that he is not sure if they still are. Mr. Hancock stated you may want to check to see if there is a maintenance program along with the lease program, adding that sometimes a lease program only allows you to take the cars to a specific location for regular maintenance.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held on whether there was a need for separate water and wastewater checking accounts. Mayor Goldsmith stated that although it sounds good in theory it would work out well with our system, but that he would like to see separate accounts for the loans and grants. Commissioner Glenn asked attorney Sherer how other communities have their accounts. Attorney Sherer stated that he is not sure.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve IEPA pay application 6 loan L17-6229 in the amount of \$21,173.15 Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve IEPA pay application 3 loan L17-6047 in the amount of \$11,160.00. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none, the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to go into executive session during its regular session at 7:36 p.m. to discuss the matters of the 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 Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Stauder were absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to resume the regular session at 8:03 p.m. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Stauder were absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Adjournment

With no news to report. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Hill
City Clerk