

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2022

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, September 26, 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, Attorney Chris Sherer, and Chief Talon Burton. Visitors present: Jan O'Malley, Ben Schwarm (Journal News), and Ellen Christner (Free Press).

VISITORS

Farmer's Oil was not present to address the council.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the September 12, 2022 regular meeting were presented. Commissioner Durbin made a motion to approve the minute as written. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, and Durbin. Voting present, Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Minutes of the September 12, 2022 executive meeting were presented. Commissioner Durbin made a motion to approve the minute as written. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, and Durbin. Voting present, Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Stauder reported the monthly revenue of \$228,255.99. Commissioner Stauder stated the City received full payment of ARPA funds, and Rebuild Illinois funds. Commissioner Stauder added that he will email Justin from Hurst Rosche to put out bids for the project now that we have all the fund.

Commissioner Glenn stated that Ryan Follis building permit needs to be approved, he has spoken to Moran's and as long as the business is in the downtown area it can receive a grant regardless of them paying into business district tax. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the building district grant at the old Miles Ford building for \$6,000. This was not on the agenda so it could not be voted on at this meeting. Commissioner Glenn asked for it to be put on the next agenda for approval.

Commissioner Glenn added that there was not a time scheduled for the PD union meeting at this time.

A brief discussion was had on the dumpster on Main Street, with Commissioner Nash asking to put the trash regulations, parking ordinance that Chris presented on the next agenda for approval.

Commissioner Nash presented the water and wastewater monthly reports to the Council. Commissioner Nash added that the water main project will be going out for bids on November 8, 2022. Commissioner Stauder stated that it had to be put on a daily paper so it was put in the Decatur newspaper.

Commissioner Nash stated that both filters 4 and 5 are back up and going with all repairs finished, and filters 1 and 2 will be back on line tomorrow, with surface rust repairs being complete.

Commissioner Nash stated that the sewer department only has ten more manholes to televise, but the camera is needing repairs right now.

Commissioner Nash stated that the roof at the treatment plant is complete with a price increase due to needing two sheets of plywood.

Commissioner Durbin present the Street Departments monthly report, and added that the Old Ford was needing some work done, with possible injector issues, he will call and see who could get it in for repairs.

Commissioner Durbin asked the council their thoughts on the City Hall sign being done with plywood or possibly metal and vinyl. A brief discussion was had on the price and Commissioner Nash asked to get an estimate for the metal and vinyl. Commissioner Durbin stated that he would call a couple places and get estimates for the next meeting.

Mayor Holliday presented the Council with the Police Department monthly report.

Approval of Bills

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve the monthly bills totaling \$40,179.61, with two corrections to general ledger accounts, the Montgomery County Economies to be taken out of the business district fund not general, and the bridge resurface not to be taken out of MFT. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The Council had a brief discussion on the Animal Control contract, and decided to wait and see what other communities do before making a decision.

The Council had a brief discussion on the administration consultant, with a decision on putting an ad in the paper leaving salary and hours open right now.

All commissioner were in agreeance to keep the Mayor and Commissioners salary the same, no motion needed.

Commissioner Stauder presented the council with a letter he typed up to send for building inspections, he added that if it was ok he would date it and send it out. All commissioner was in agreeance that the letter could be sent out.

Commissioner Stauder began the discussion on the EJ purchase agreement for Coalton water, stating that this was a completely different contract than the one the City sent over to EJ and he would not approve this. Commissioner Stauder added that he would like to see the sewer contract as well as the water before any decisions are made. Commissioner Glenn stated that he would like to compare both contracts, the one the City sent to EJ and the one EJ sent to the City. Mayor Holliday stated that we should table this until we could compare both contracts, and receive a sewer contract.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Stauder let the council know that he would be attending the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Planning meeting to get more information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to enter closed session at 7:44 p.m. to address the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of the employees (5ILCS 120/2 (C) (2) and 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 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 7:56 p.m. Commissioner Nash 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 all nonunion employees, Carol, Rachel, Karri, and Donna a 2.7% raise retroacted to May 1, 2022 and retroact sick leave to match all other employees at 5.3334 per month. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Stauder, Glenn, Nash, and Durbin; and Mayor Holliday. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Stauder added that there is Carbon Capture project which will includes a pipeline and the deep wells for the containment of CO2, and the company has obtained a lease agreement for two partials in Audubon Township in place. Commissioner Stauder stated that the City should send a letter to the County to get more information on this. Commissioner Glenn added that there is just not much information on this out there right now.

Adjournment

Commissioner Durbin made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Commissioner Nash 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