

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2024

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, January 8, 2024. Mayor Goldsmith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., City Clerk Hill called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Morris, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Glenn and Stauder were absent. Also, present were Ellen Christener (Pana News), Ben Schwarm (Journal News), and Alan Hard.

VISITORS

Alan Hard expressed his concern to the council about the utility billings, Mr. Hard stated that he believes that in the past the first 1000 gallons were included in the base rate. Mayor Goldsmith asked Mr. Hard to make the changes to the copy he has of the ordinance to review. Mr. Hard also stated that he can see the council has been working to clean up the city.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of January 8, 2024, regular meeting was presented. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Arkebauer, and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Stauder and Glenn were absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance, and Communications:

Discussion was held on Resolution 2023-16. Mayor Goldsmith stated that we will wait until the next meeting to decide on which bank to deposit the funds.

Discussion was held on Ordinance 2112. An ordinance regulating low- speed electric and low speed gas bicycles in the city. Commissioner Morris stated that she has been working on updating the ordinance. Mayor Goldsmith suggested we wait until the next meeting for approval to allow for more time to review the ordinance.

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Arkebauer stated that the raw water line has been fixed and everything seems to be operating good. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that the wastewater plant had a pump go down but that it was able to be fixed in the same day.

Mayor Goldsmith reported the revenues in the amount of \$40,467.98

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve bills in the amount of \$46,762.24. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Glenn and Stauder were absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that general funds are low and to consider that as we finish out the year with that in mind. Mayor Goldsmith also stated that we will be starting budget discussions for the upcoming year.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Goldsmith stated that the building at 119 W State has been cleaned out and the owner of building has had several people interested in buying the building. Mayor Goldsmith stated that he has spoken to Scott Robinson who has verbally agreed to take on the other side of the wall if the city will help pay to repair it. Commissioner Morris stated that she does not see an issue in helping pay for the repairs because that is what the business district funds are for, but she would like to see the business district grant revised. And does not want all of the business to think that the city will just pay for all of the repairs. Commissioner Morris stated that she would like to see the business open and provide a service or business to the city. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that he would also like to see a business open, not just a building that is being used as a warehouse but is not opposed to doing half and half.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the 2024 MFT Program with WHKS. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Glenn and Stauder were absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Other Business

Adjournment

Commissioner Morris made a motion to adjourn at 7:17 P.M. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Glenn and Stauder were absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Hill
City Clerk