

**City of Nokomis**  
**City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**July 8, 2024**

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The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, July 8, 2024. Mayor Goldsmith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and City Clerk Cassidy called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Also, present was Attorney Chris Sherer, Chief Talon Burton, Ellen Christener (Pana News) Ben Schwarm (Journal news) Dolan O'Malley and Donald Baxter.

**VISITORS**

Donald Baxter was present to voice his concerns to the council about the intersection of Franklin and Cedar stating the limbs need to be trimmed. Discussion was held on the limbs. Mr. Baxter also questioned the \$6.00 charge on the water bill. Discussion was held on the \$6.00 charge and what its purpose is. Mr. Baxter stated that he did not believe that the residents should still be charged the \$6.00. Discussion was held on the water/ sewer rates. Mr. Baxter stated that he does not think his meter has been read and believes he is not being correctly billed. Mayor Goldsmith thanked Mr. Baxter for coming and stated that Scott would look into the meter.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the June 24, 2024, regular meeting was presented. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Minutes of the June 24, 2024, executive meeting was presented. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

**Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance**

Ordinance 2121- An Ordinance making appropriations for expenses of the City of Nokomis, Illinois for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2025, was moved to the end of the meeting.

Discussion was held on Ordinance 2124, an ordinance amending section 33-7-4 of the revised code of ordinance of Nokomis, Illinois pertaining to specifications for driveways. Commissioner

Stauder explained the proposed ordinance to the council. Commissioner Glenn stated that he did not understand how it could cover all the sidewalks in the city. Discussion continued on sidewalks and IDOT standards. Commissioner Glenn stated that he would not vote for the ordinance.

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve Ordinance 2124 an ordinance amending section 23-7-4 of the revised code of ordinance pertaining to specifications for driveways. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Glenn voted nay, and Commissioner Morris was absent. The motion carried.

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve resolution 2024-04. a resolution approving the release of certain closed session minutes of the city council of the City of Nokomis. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent, Nays none. The motion carried.

Discussion was held on resolution 2024-05. A resolution adopting the City of Nokomis Business District grant program and other documents related thereto. Commissioner Stauder had several questions and suggestions. Commissioner Glenn stated that because Commissioner Morris has been working on this, he would like to wait for her to be present to vote on it. Mayor Goldsmith stated that he has been present at the meetings with Moran and would be more than happy to answer any questions he had. Discussion was held on section 5 of the grant agreement. Commissioner Glenn suggested putting a secondary lean on the property that applies for the grant. Discussion was held on prorating that lean over five-year time period. Discussion was held on the TIF district. Discussion was held on getting the changes made and putting resolution 2024-05 on the next agenda.

### **Reports of City Officers**

Commissioner Glenn stated that the street department has been busy with preparing for Homecoming. Discussion was held on the fire hydrant that needs to be replaced near the nursing home and what the best options are for putting in a new hydrant. Commissioner Glenn stated that Tim Chumley is looking into getting a quote from Korte- Lutijhon to do a hot tap replacement. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that he would also reach out to Roger from Farnsworth.

Commissioner Arkebauer stated that Durkin will be at the water plant Tuesday. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that he asked Greg about doing camera work on the sewer lines and he believes it will take two people. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that he would really like to get someone hired and would like to have John and Greg sit in on those interviews.

Commissioner Stauder reported on revenues in the amount of \$20,240.29.

Discussion was held on the bills. Commissioner Stauder stated that he would like to approve the NPDES payment but that he would like us to hold it until closer to the due date in August. Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve bills in the amount of \$54,459.83. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that he was present at the homecoming committee meeting. and it was suggested to make Waren St. a one- way street from Cedar to Walnut St. during homecoming. Because it is a narrow street, and cars usually park on one side.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Goldsmith asked if anyone had questions on the TIF district. Commissioner Glenn asked what the cost would be. Mayor Goldsmith stated that it would cost less than 30K.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that there was no news on the Animal Control agreement.

No discussion was held on adopting the new business district grant application or business district funds for economic development.

Commissioner Stauder stated that next year the budget needs to be prepared differently.

Discussion was held on brush pick up. Commissioner Stauder stated that he thinks the city crew can get it picked up but not the cut limbs. Discussion was held on whether they should have a scheduled day of the week or month. Street department employee Dolan O'Malley stated that there is no gaining on it. We will go out one day and the next day someone else will put more out. Commissioner Stauder addressed Mr. O'Malley to let him know he appreciates the work they do and to just keep doing what they can.

Discussion was held on the sidewalk policy. Commissioner Stauder stated that he thinks the new sidewalks need to be poured at 5ft wide. Commissioner Glenn stated that Mr. Sullivan on the northside of town would like to rip put his sidewalk and just put in grass because the sidewalk is rough shape and there is no other sidewalk on that block.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No executive session was needed.

### **Other Business**

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to hire Kadynn Petty as the part time summer help. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays none. the motion carried.

Discussion was held on the budget with changes to be made. Commissioner Glenn requested we wait to pass the budget until Commissioner Morris can be present. Discussion was held on the need to have a full council at the next meeting to pass the budget.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to adjourn at 8:48 P.M. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Cassidy  
City Clerk