

**City of Nokomis**  
**City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**October 15, 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 Tuesday, October 15, 2024. Mayor Pro tem Louis Stauder called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and City Clerk Cassidy called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Stauder. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Also, present was Ellen Christener (Pana News), Josh Robison, Cameron Jones (Benton and Associates) and Chief Burton.

**VISITORS**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the September 23, 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, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Stauder. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Minutes of the September 23, 2024, closed meeting was presented. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Stauder and Arkebauer. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

**Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance**

Ordinance 2129 an ordinance amending ordinance 2125 and the façade site improvements, and sign grant assistance program in the amending business district for the City of Nokomis. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve Ordinance 2129. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer and Stauder. Commissioner Morris abstained. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. The motion carried.

Resolution 2024-02 a resolution providing for a feasibility study in the designation of areas as redevelopment project areas. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve resolution 2024-02. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer and Stauder. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

**Reports of City Officers**

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve a fencer permit located at 316 Albert. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer and Stauder. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays none. the motion carried.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve a building permit at 123 S Elm. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer and Stauder. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays none the motion carried.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the business district grant application for 107 W State St. for the amount of \$8,000.00. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer and Stauder. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Morris reported that the next mapping meeting will be on October 28<sup>th</sup> at Aumann Auctions Tractor Museum.

Commissioner Morris reported that the flags downtown will come down this fall and be put in storage for the winter for protection.

Commissioner Morris reported that Tom Spears of Nokomis Gift and Garden dropped off flowers at City Hall, and they are perennials so they should come back next year. Commissioner Stauder stated that he thought we were waiting to do the flowers. Commissioner Morris stated that we will cover the plants.

Commissioner Glenn stated that the street department has been busy with water problems, getting the mower fixed. They are still waiting for a date to replace the fire hydrant, might only get to one hydrant this year.

Commissioner Arkebauer stated that it has been business as usual but the leak on N Spruce was leaking from the valve and EL Pruitt will be in town to fix it.

Commissioner Stauder reported the revenue of \$623,585.46

Discussion was held about the purchase of culverts from Menards. Commissioners Arkebauer and Glenn both stated that they would look into why they were purchased from Menards and why they were coded to come out of the Wastewater department and if they met IDOT specs.

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$622,326.10. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Stauder. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Glenn provided at the meeting a quote from Joe Cervi in the amount of \$4,400.00 to demo and haul away the trailer located at 511 ½ S. Spruce. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the quote as proposed. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer and Stauder. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Cameron Jones of Benton and Associates was present to answer any questions from the council of public on awarding the bid for the Lift Station Grant project. Mr. Jones stated that he would recommend E. L Pruitt for the project, they came in with the lowest bid. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to award E. L Pruitt for the Lift Station Improvement Grant project. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer and Stauder. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Mr. Jones let the council know that they notice to proceed will got out and he will have a pre-construction meeting in the next week.

Discussion was held on amending chapter 38 of the revised code of ordinance regarding delinquencies. Commissioner Glenn stated that he believes Karri should move forward with submitting the highlighted customers on her list to the state. Commissioner Arkebauer agreed she should proceed. Clerk Cassidy stated that now is the time to request any changes to made to the proposed ordinance, as it will be place on the next agenda with an ordinance number.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve reimbursement request #7 for the Wastewater treatment project. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer and Stauder. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve city hall to schedule flu shots for the city employees. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer and Stauder. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the schedule of council meetings for 2025. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer and Stauder. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the 2025 holiday schedule. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer and Stauder. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Morris stated that we are just waiting for a resolution for the road closure for Snokomis, and hopefully we can get that approved soon.

Discussion was held on whether a closed session was needed or not.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to go into executive session during its regular session at 7:25 P.M. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee of the public body (5ILCS 120/2 (C) (1). Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer and Stauder. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to resume the regular session at 7:31 P.M. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Stauder. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

### **Other Business**

## **Adjournment**

Commissioner Morris made a motion to adjourn at 7:31 P.M. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Stauder. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Cassidy  
City Clerk