

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
November 27, 2023

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, November 27, 2023. Mayor Goldsmith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. City Clerk Hill called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Glenn and Morris were absent. Also, present was Attorney Chris Sherer, Ellen Christener (Pana News) Ben Schwarm (Journal News) Allan Hard, Keith Hancock, Jake Lenord, and Donald Huber.

VISITORS

Donald Huber was present to address the council about the alley behind his home located near Union and School Street. Mr. Huber explained that the garbage truck has torn up the alley and there is now a large hole. Mr. Huber stated that this is not the first time and would like to see the council deter the garbage trucks from driving down the alleys. Mayor Goldsmith thanked Mr. Huber for coming and let him know that he will look into getting it fixed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the November 13, 2023, regular meeting was presented. Commissioner Arkebauer requested spelling changes be made on page two line eight. Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Glenn and Morris were absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Minutes of the November 13, 2023, executive meeting was presented. Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Arkebauer, Stauder, and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Glenn and Morris were absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve Ordinance 2109, an Ordinance levying tax for all corporate purposes for the tax levy for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2023 and ending in April 30, 2024. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Glenn and Morris were absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that resolution 2023-12 and 2023-13 are not ready to be decided on and requested to wait on those items.

Reports of City Officers

Commissioners Arkebauer addressed the council to let them know that water well 13 was fixed and they are working on a media issue in the filter, Commissioner Arkebauer also stated that John has been flushing hydrant. He also stated that John is close to completing his hours at the water plant to be able to take the operator's test.

Commissioner Stauder reported the revenues in the amount of \$124,936.37.

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve bills in the amount of \$43,458.86. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Glenn and Morris were absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve the 2024 holidays observed excluding election day. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Glenn and Morris were absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

No information was available for the raw water line replacement.

Discussion was held about the need for easements that need done at the water plant for the EJ water supply agreements. Discussion was held on having a rate study done. Commissioner Stauder suggested having IRWA and Rcap do rate studies to compare.

Discussion was also held on the contract with Beyers land surveying to locate utilities at the water plant.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that bid approval will be discussed at the first meeting in December. Mayor Goldsmith stated that the bid proposal is good for 90 days.

Commissioner Arkebauer stated that he would reach out to Mr. Horseman as a back up wastewater operator.

Commissioner Stauder stated he would like the police department to check of an evening to make sure everything is locked up.

Commissioner Stauder asked about the status of the trailers on front street. Mayor Goldsmith stated that it looks like they are being torn down.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held on whether the City could move some of the funds from the business district into a CD.

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve opening a savings account at first national bank in Nokomis for the lead line grant. Mayor Goldsmith asked if they had to be savings accounts or if they could be checking accounts. Mayor Goldsmith stated that he thinks some of the grants or loans should be checking accounts instead. Clerk Hill suggested that we check with auditors. Mayor Goldsmith agreed to check with the auditor.

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to open a noninterest bearing checking account for the CDBG Grant at First National Bank of Nokomis with Mayor Goldsmith, Commissioner Stauder and Clerk Rachel Hill listed on the account. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Glenn and Morris were absent, Nays none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve an agreement with IDOT for the resurfacing on Spruce Street in the amount of \$7, 475.00. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Glenn and Morris were absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to advertise for bids on the sale of property located off of IL Rt. 16 pending land survey. Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Glenn and Morris were absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to go into executive session during its regular session at 7:23 P.M. to discuss 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), and Minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, for purpose of approval by the body or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06 of the Open Meeting Act (5ILCS 120/2 (c) (21). And the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body (5ILCS 120/2) c) (6). Commissioner Stauder seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Arkebauer; and Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Glenn and Morris were absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to enter back into regular session at 7:35 P.M. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Glenn and Morris were absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Other Business

Mayor Goldsmith stated that there was nothing to report from closed session.

Adjournment

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to adjourn at 7:36 P.M. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Arkebauer; Commissioner Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Stauder and Morris were absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Hill
City Clerk