

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2024

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, March 25, 2024. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Mayor Pro tem Stauder called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and Deputy Clerk Smith called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Stauder as Mayor Pro Tem. Also, present was Attorney Chris Sherer, Ellen Christener (Pana News) Ben Schwarm (Journal news) Keith Hancock, Tim Chumley (Street Department Superintendent), Dolan O'Malley, Stevie Guinn, Chief Talon Burton, Greg Scoles (Wastewater Superintendent), John Koontz (Water Superintendent), John Murray, and Brain Hayes (Wastewater Operator).

VISITORS

No visitors were present to address the council.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the March 11, 2024, regular meeting was presented. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the minutes with two corrections to be made. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, and Arkebauer; and Mayor Pro tem Stauder. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Minutes of the March 11, 2024, executive meeting was presented. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, and Arkebauer; and Mayor Pro tem Stauder. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance

Ordinance 2112- an ordinance regulating low-speed electric and low-speed gas bicycles in the City of Nokomis was presented. Commissioner Morris stated that her Chief Burton looked over the ordinance and wanted to note that the fee would be \$40 a year with a wave for any resident with a medical condition with a note from their doctor, and a discount fee of \$20 for residence 65 years and older. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve ordinance 2112. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, and Arkebauer; and Mayor Pro tem Stauder. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Ordinance 2118- an ordinance amending section 1-2-4 of the revised code of ordinance of Nokomis, Illinois regarding notice of Special meetings. Commissioner Glenn suggested both an email and hand delivery to the Council be done not just an email, as not everyone checks their emails daily. Commissioner Glenn suggested leaving section A and B and removing section C in 1-2-4. Ordinance 2118 will need to be put on the next agenda.

Ordinance 2119- an ordinance amending chapter 23 and chapter 27 of the revised code of ordinances of Nokomis, Illinois. Commissioner Morris stated that she and Chief Burton had a discussion about tiny homes and campers. Mayor Pro Tem Stauder stated that he and Mayor Goldsmith have not had a chance to look over this and asked for it to be put on the next agenda. Commissioner Glenn stated that he would like the part about the length of time a RV trailer is allowed to be parked at a residential home, as it is stated now that it would only be allowed to park for three days, Commissioner Glenn stated he would like it to be extended to fourteen days.

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve a building permit at 103 W State for an outdoor area for a beer garden that will be fenced in. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, and Arkebauer; and Mayor Pro tem Stauder. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve a building permit at 405 Griffin St. for an addition, she stated that he has started the remodel of the front porch and will be adding siding too. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, and Arkebauer; and Mayor Pro tem Stauder. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the Business District Grant to 320 W Central for a new roof in the amount of \$3,567.17 Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, and Arkebauer; and Mayor Pro tem Stauder. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the Business District Grant at 101 E State for a roof repair in the amount of \$5650.00. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, and Arkebauer; and Mayor Pro tem Stauder. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn stated that the street department has started the mowing season, and he is waiting to hear back on a dump truck. Commissioner Glenn added that the roof work being done at City Hall will begin April 1st weather permitting.

Commissioner Arkebauer stated that the water department moved the water meter at Tim Dewerff's with the help of the street department. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that the

wastewater department is waiting for parts to fix the issues they are having. Commissioner Arkebauer also stated that Korte will be out next week to clean out the detention tank. A brief discussion was had on the possibility of TCI coming out to jet the water line on Front St. to find the leak.

Mayor Pro Tem Stauder asked to move the budget discussion to the end of the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Stauder reported the revenue totaling \$85,116.72.

Mayor Pro Tem Stauder made the motion to approve bills totaling \$34,467.49. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, and Arkebauer; and Mayor Pro tem Stauder. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Pro Tem Stauder began the discussion on the 2024 codification proposal stating that Mayor Goldsmith would like to look into something else. Commissioner Glenn asked if it needed to be done again. Attorney Chris Sherer stated that it was up to the council, but the page count would be less if we went with someone else.

Mayor Pro Tem Stauder stated that there was no update on the solar facility site release agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the Easter Egg hunt at Fred B. Johnson Park March 30, 2023, from 2-4. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, and Arkebauer; and Mayor Pro tem Stauder. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve CPR training for the City Employees. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, and Arkebauer; and Mayor Pro tem Stauder. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Stauder began a brief discussion on the electric rates stating that it was not time to address the rates.

A brief discussion was had on the hiring of a certified water and wastewater treatment plant operator and terminating the current operators. Mayor Pro Tem Stauder stated that he was under the impression that this was supposed to be as a back up plan. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that he would like to see a comparable estimate where they are comparing exactly what is done at both plants.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to go into executive session during its regular session at 7:37 P.M. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee of the public body (5ILCS 120/2 (C) (1). And the purchase or lease of property owned by the public body (5ILCS 120/2) c) (5) Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, and Arkebauer; and Mayor Pro tem Stauder. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Other Business

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to resume regular session at 8:02 P.M. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, and Arkebauer; and Mayor Pro tem Stauder. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Stauder said that there was nothing decided in the executive session.

Mayor Pro Tem Stauder started the lengthy discussion on the next years budget, stating that this was everyone's wish list, and he will be looking at the end numbers for the next meeting. With highlights being on the ARPA fund, MFT budget and lack of funds for culverts, the business district to which Commissioner Glenn would like the contingency line item to be raised to \$25,000, the Wastewater construction loan and loan forgiveness, the pump station grant, and the need to replace vehicles.

Adjournment

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to adjourn at 9:06 P.M. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, and Arkebauer; and Mayor Pro tem Stauder. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karri Smith
Deputy Clerk