

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2024

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, April 22, 2024. Mayor Goldsmith 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 Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Also, present was Attorney Chris Sherer and Chief Burton, Ellen Christener (Pana News) Keith Hancock, Dolan O'Malley, Stevie Guinn, Brain Hayes (Wastewater Operator), Lance Lehnen, Cameron Jones (Benton & Associates) Allen Hard, Gary & Clarann Hulbert, Mike Stombaugh, and Jason Hawksworth (Hawk-Attollo LLC). Ben Schwarm (Journal news) at 7:01 Josh Robison at 7:10

VISITORS

Keith Hancock was present to address the council. Mr. Hancock stated that that after the last meeting the paper printed some misinformation and would like to clear it up. Mr. Hancock stated that in the paper it was stated that he did not help apply for any grants, however Mr. Hancock stated that he did in fact help with a Police Department grant that the Police Department did not submit. Mr. Hancock also stated that he worked the hours he was asked to work and volunteered several hours. He continued to address the council stating that he had asked to come into executive session to discuss the personnel issue. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that during the last meeting Commissioner Stauder told the council that Keith could not come into executive session. Mr. Hancock stated that he just wants to clarify the information so that it is correctly stated in the paper.

Mike Stombaugh addressed the council to let them know that it has been over his 30-day request for a solution on the water well on what he believes to be his property. Mayor Goldsmith stated that the city is still reviewing it. Commissioner Glenn stated that he will check with the surveyor himself. Mike Stombaugh stated that that the City has made thousands of dollars from the water on his property; Mr. Stombaugh stated that he does not want to sound greedy but believes he is entitled to compensation. Mayor Goldsmith stated that we will get in touch with the surveyor.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

Minutes of the April 8, 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, Arkebauer, and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Minutes of the April 16, 2024, special meeting was presented. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve Ordinance 2118, an ordinance amending section 1-2-4 of the revised code of ordinance of Nokomis, Illinois regarding notice of Special Meetings. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve Ordinance 2119, an ordinance amending chapter 23 and chapter 27 of the revised code of ordinance. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve Ordinance 2120, and ordinance authorizing the sale of real property owned by the City of Nokomis. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve a building permit for a garage located at 523 Spruce St. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn reported that the street department has been busy painting power poles downtown and filling potholes. Mr. Glenn stated that they will be going to pick up the dump truck from Montgomery County this week.

Commissioner Arkebauer reported to the council that the Illinois Rural Water came to help locate a water leak. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that it is near the same place as a previous leak that a phone utility company hit last year, and the crew is going to try and get it fixed this week. Commissioner Arkebauer also stated that the manhole located at Franklin St and Walnut will need to be fixed soon, as it is really bad.

Mayor Goldsmith reported the revenues totaling \$124,382.19.

Commissioner Arkebauer made the motion to approve bills totaling \$103,456.24 Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that the Plan Commission will be submitting some plans for the Council to review.

OLD BUSINESS

Jason Hawksworth of Hawk- Attollo LLC was present to answer questions about the Solar Site Agreement. Commissioner Glenn requested that Mr. Hawksworth pull up a chair to the table. Commissioner Glenn asked if he would be able to produce a specimen bond for the city to review. Mr. Hawksworth stated that he could do manage that. Keith Hancock exited the meeting at 7:21 P.M. Discussion carried on the Solar Agreement Contract and the changes to the agreement that City would like to see. Mayor Goldsmith asked if the motion would be sufficient for what Mr. Hawksworth would need to get started. Mr. Hawksworth stated it would not be. Attorney Sherer stated that it will need to be passed as an Ordinance. No motion was made.

Discussion was held on the electric rates. Commissioner Glenn requested additional information and requested the broker information.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve IEPA payment #1 for loan L17-6182 for the wastewater project. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays none. the motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn stated that the employee hours can be discussed at the next meeting. Mayor Goldsmith asked if anyone had any questions about the hours. A small discussion was had with no results.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Morris made a motion to go into executive session during its regular session at 7:36 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 Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to resume regular session at 7:46 P.M. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Other Business

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to terminate Robert Ellis after two no calls/ no shows. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Discussion was held on the 2024-2025 Budget.

Adjournment

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to adjourn at 7:48 P.M. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Cassidy
City Clerk