

**City of Nokomis**  
**City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**September 9, 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, September 9, 2024. Mayor Goldsmith 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 Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Also, present was Attorney Chris Sherer, Ellen Christener (Pana News) Ben Schwarm (Journal news) Allen Hard, Mike Stombaugh, Tyler Johnson, and Lance Lehen.

**VISITORS**

Mike Stombaugh was present to address the council regarding the well that is partially on his property. Mr. Stombaugh gave each commissioner a letter that he typed up stating that he would like the City to purchase a 50x30 area south of the well for \$10,000 or remove it from his property. Mayor Goldsmith asked if he had it surveyed, Mike stated that he did, Mayor Goldsmith asked for a copy of the survey. A brief discussion was held on the possibility of the City already owning it, with Mayor Goldsmith saying he wants to review the survey.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the August 26, 2024, regular meeting was presented with no one having copies, it will be put on the next agenda.

Minutes of the August 30, 2024, special meeting was presented. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the minutes with a couple spelling errors needing corrected. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, and Morris; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

**Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance**

A brief discussion was held on ordinance 2126 and what it could be spent on. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve ordinance 2126, an ordinance implementing a non-home rule municipal retailers' occupation tax and a non-home rule municipal service occupation tax for the City of Nokomis. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, and Morris; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve Ordinance 2127, an ordinance implementing a municipal grocery retailers' occupational tax and a municipal grocery service occupation tax for the City of Nokomis. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, and Morris. Mayor Goldsmith voted No. Commissioner Stauder was absent. The motion carried.

## Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Morris presented a building permit at 522 Young Street for a garage stating that it met all the boundary requirements. Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the building permit at 522 Young Street. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, and Morris; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried. A brief discussion was held on the owner's previous fence permit that was already approved.

Commissioner Glenn started the discussion on the disposal of the mobile home at 511 ½ S Spruce Street that the City purchased. Commissioner Glenn stated that Jo Cervi is willing to clean up the property for \$2,000 and he get the lot, or he will clean it up for \$4,400 with the City keeping ownership. Commissioner Glenn stated that he would suggest that we go with a quick claim deed to the lot, and have Jo clean it up for \$2,000, all agreed that the City doesn't need that lot. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to do a quick deed to Jo Cervi and pay \$2,000 to get the lot cleaned up. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, and Morris; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn stated that he is getting quotes on resurfacing the City Hall parking lot, with someone coming on 9-10-2024.

Commissioner Glenn stated that the street department took down a tree at Shance Cole Park, and they have been busy getting the town ready for the Train to come into town.

A discussion was had on the fire hydrants and the need to get this done. Mayor Arkebauer stated that he called two companies, and they will not rebuild hydrants. Mayor Goldsmith stated that he would make this a priority this week and get with Chief Smalley to get it all lined out. Commissioner Arkebauer will reach out to the Street crew.

Commissioner Arkebauer stated that Korte was finished with the air stripper with the housing and fan needing to be worked on to get it up and running. Work was done at the wastewater plant on the primary pump. Commissioner Arkebauer would like to take pictures of the wastewater project to put on the City website and Facebook to show the residence what the rate increase is going towards, he will take them and send them to City Hall to be uploaded.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that the Community rummage sale is being held on October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, with permits needing to be filled out at City Hall. Mayor Goldsmith added that the Trunk or Treat Day is set for October 26, 2024, with no time set as of now. Mayor Goldsmith added that the K-9 and car show is this weekend. Mayor Goldsmith stated that he had been in contact with Montgomery County and the City of Witt to help clean up the deep ditches with both having meetings after our meeting they will both discuss and will be in touch with the City.

Mayor Goldsmith reported the revenue totaling \$987,544.27 with the majority of it coming from the IEPA disbursement.

Mayor Goldsmith asked about WHKS invoice that was on the bills to be paid, he asked deputy clerk Smith to investigate it and leave it off the total. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to

approve the bill totaling \$120,534.63 leaving off the WHKS invoice. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, and Morris; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

With the fire hydrant already discussed the council moved to the City Hall complex wall replacement. Tyler Johson was present to present the council with an estimate not a quote as he did not get up and look in depth. With no decision made the council thanked him for the estimate and will let him know.

Commissioner Glenn began the discussion on amending ordinance 2125 stating that he wants sections 5 through 8 in both the agreement and program itself. Attorney Sherer will work it up and get a copy to council.

A brief discussion was held on amending chapter 17 pertaining to garbage. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve chapter 17 of the revised code pertaining to garbage. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, and Arkebauer; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Commissioner Morris voted no. The motion carried.

Deputy Clerk Smith started the discussion on the draft ordinance amending portions of chapter 38 of the revised code of ordinances regarding delinquency. She stated that she was working on a water audit and sent out collection letters and was needing guidelines on procedures and processes of outstanding water bills. Mayor Goldsmith stated we could have a meeting and get something in place.

With the council just receiving the IRWA rate study it will be added to the next agenda for discussion.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve pay application #1 for the Air Stripper at the water plant for \$20,261.70 to Korte. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, and Morris; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the City Trick or Treating hours for October 30 and 31<sup>st</sup> from 5-8. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, and Morris; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

A brief discussion was held on the roof completion and what needed to be done either to finish it by just removing the board or putting up gable trim at additional charges. Commissioner Glenn asked for a five-minute recess to make a phone call to Youngs roofing at 8:12 P.M.

Back in regular session at 8:17 P.M. with Commissioner Glenn stating that Youngs will remove the board and finish the project.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No executive session was needed.

## **Adjournment**

Commissioner Morris made a motion to adjourn at 8:18 P.M. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, and Morris; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karri Smith  
Deputy Clerk