

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2025

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, February 10, 2025. Mayor Dylan Goldsmith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and City Clerk Cassidy called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Glenn were absent. Also, present were Attorney Chris Sherer, Ellen Christner (Pana News) Ben Schwarm (Journal News), Tim Chumley (street superintendent) and Jake Lenord arrived at 7:42 P.M.

Visitors

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes for January 27, 2025, public hearing meeting was presented. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Glenn were absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

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Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance

Ordinance 2135- An ordinance approving the Nokomis Tax increment Financing Redevelopment plan and Redevelopment Project. Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve Ordinance 2135. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioner O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer voted no. Commissioners Morris and Glenn were absent. The motion failed.

Ordinance 2136- An ordinance designating the Nokomis Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area. Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve Ordinance 2136. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioner O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer voted no. Commissioners Morris and Glenn were absent. The motion failed.

Ordinance 2137- An ordinance adopting tax increment financing. Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve Ordinance 2137. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioner O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer voted no. Commissioners Morris and Glenn were absent. The motion failed.

Reports of City Officers

Mayor Goldsmith stated that the street department has been busy at the wastewater treatment plant, and doing culvert inventory. Discussion was held about having the wastewater foreman do manhole inspection before the city starts oil and chipping this summer. Mayor Goldsmith stated that he would like to see them uncovered, inspected and check to see if maintenance needs to be done.

Commissioner Arkebauer stated that the primary pumps at the wastewater treatment plant need work done. Discussion was held on repairing pump #3 and pump #1 but they cannot guarantee that they can be fixed. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that the excess pump is also down, and they are looking at options.

Commissioner O'Malley reported the revenues in the amount of \$581,132.77

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve bills in the amount of \$583,093.91 Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Glenn were absent, Nays none, the motion carried.

Unfinished business

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2024 Ford truck from Bob Riddings in Taylorville. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Glenn were absent. Nays none. the motion carried.

New business

Mayor Goldsmith stated that he would like to introduce an updated version of the city handbook, mostly language updates and updating our policy based on the new state laws.

Commissioner Arkebauer stated that he would like to request to purchase a pump for the wastewater treatment plant stating that they looked into renting one from Kamadulski, however it was going to cost \$2100.00 a week. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that he would like to recommend purchasing a pump from Altofer CAT, not to exceed \$40,000.00

Discussion was also held on using insulation tape or setting up a portable tent to keep the pump out of the weather to keep it from freezing up.

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the purchase of a portable pump from Altofer CAT not to exceed \$40,000.00. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Glenn were absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Closed Session

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to enter a closed session at 7:17 P.M. for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance of dismissal of a specific employee of the public body (5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion.

Voting yes, Commissioners Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Glenn were absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion enter regular session at 7:41 P.M. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Glenn were absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Other Business

Commissioner Arkebauer stated that he misunderstood the motions for the TIF district ordinances and would like to revisit the motions.

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve ordinance 2135. An ordinance approving the Nokomis Tax increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and Redevelopment Project. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Glenn were absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

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Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve Ordinance 2135. An ordinance 2137 An ordinance adopting tax increment financing. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Glenn were absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Adjournment

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 P.M. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris and Glenn were absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Cassidy
City Clerk