

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2026

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, April 13, 2026. Mayor Goldsmith called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M., and City Clerk Cassidy called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Also, present was Chris Sherer (City Attorney) Chief Earin Land, Ellen Christner (Pana News), Randy Herzog, Officer James Sands and Street Forman Tim Chumley.

Visitors

Resident Randy Herzog was present to request his water service line be moved, Mr. Herzog stated that he recently had a leak in his line that had to be fixed but his meter is down the block. MR. Herzog stated that he did not think it was fair that he had to pay to fix the leak when his line runs down the block. Mr. Herzog then stated that he also would like the stop sign put back up between Starr and Herman because people always speed down that road. Mr. Herzog stated that there used to be a 25 mph stop sign on that block and it has been gone for some time but believes it needs to be put back up. Street Forman Chumley stated he has a sign and can get it put back up.

Consent Agenda Items

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve the minutes of March 23, 2026, special meeting and the minutes of March 23, 2026, regular meeting. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris abstained. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance, and Communication:

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve resolution 2026-04 a resolution of the City of Nokomis acting in the capacity of the plan commission and recommending approval of the preliminary plat of subdivision plat of Nokomis Industrial First Addition. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Discussion was held on resolution 2026-05. Mayor Goldsmith stated that he has received and email with a list of questions from a local resident. Mayor Goldsmith stated that the plans need updated, to include utilities and recently vacated roadways before approval.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the 2026 MFT program with Farnsworth Group. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Morris reported that the Street Department has been busy. Commissioner Glenn asked about the sidewalk at Bernadini's that had been damaged last year when Bernadini's had construction going on. Mayor Goldsmith stated that he remembers that being her responsibility to fix. Discussion was held on sidewalks. Commissioner Glenn asked if you can add that to the list of sidewalks to be fixed. Discussion was held on sidewalks around town and what funds we can use to replace or repair sidewalks.

Commissioner Glenn stated that he went to a land bank meeting with Audra and it was a good meeting.

Commissioner Arkebauer was absent, however Mayor Goldsmith stated that the City has sent a letter of liquidated damages to Kamex and they plan to meet April 22nd.

Commissioner O'Malley stated that he went to the nursing home meeting with county. Commissioner O'Malley stated that the county was willing to reduce their property taxes by 10% but not by the amount the nursing home was initially requesting. Commissioner O'Malley stated that the attorney for the nursing home was late for the meeting so is not sure what was discussed after he left. Discussion was held on the nursing home and the shape of the building.

Commissioner O'Malley reported the revenues in the amount of \$579,045.90.

Approval of Bills

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$430,048.27. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, and Mayor Pro Tem O'Malley. Mayor Goldsmith and Commissioner Morris were absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business to discuss.

New Business

Discussion was held on the business district grant applications. Commissioner Glenn stated that he has spoken to Mike Smalley and has a couple hydrants in mind that will need to be looked at and possibly replaced.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the business district grant for 107 W State in the amount of \$10,870.00. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve a business district grant application for 102 S Pine in the amount of \$25,000.00. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Glenn abstained. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays none the motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that he has spoken with business owners on challenges they are facing with business improvements. Discussion was held on possibly creating different types of grant programs, and grants that could help business owners who may not own their building. Mayor

Goldsmith also stated that although grants are one per year, he wants to encourage businesses to ask for more help if they need more help than the regular grant provides.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the opening of an account at First National Bank of Nokomis for the FY26 Law Enforcement Camera Grant with City Clerk Rachel Cassidy, Commissioner of Finance Charles O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith on the account. Commissioner Morris seconded the account. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Discussion was held on putting tree removal out for bids, Commissioner Glenn suggested requesting estimates instead.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve Benton Engineering to move forward with applying for a DCEO Grant. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent, Nays none, the motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Return-to-Work Policy and what was proposed last year.

Closed Session

No executive session was needed.

Other Business

Discussion was held on retaining Audra and creating a position for her after her internship is completed. Mayor Goldsmith stated that he will reach out to Moran Economic Development to help create the position description. Discussion was also held on the need to replace the flags downtown and potentially working with Newkomis for new welcome to Nokomis signs.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that the city has placed the City Hall remodel project out for bids a third time. Mayor Goldsmith stated that we did not receive any bids for the project the last two times it was advertised.

Discussion was then held on the TIF program and creating a budget.

Discussion was held on creating a separate bank account for the Non- Home Rule revenue.

Adjournment

With nothing more to discuss, Commissioner Morris made a motion to adjourn at 8:18 P.M. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Cassidy,
City Clerk