

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
April 27, 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 27, 2026. Mayor Goldsmith called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., and City Clerk Cassidy called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Also, present was Attorney Chris Sherer, Chief Earin Land, Ellen Christner (Pana News) Cameron Jones (Benton Engineering) and Audra Elam.

Visitors

Consent Agenda Items

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the consent agenda Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, O'Malley, Arkebauer and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance, and Communication:

Discussion was held on resolution 2026-05. Mayor Goldsmith stated that there is still some questions that need to be answered, this will be on the next agenda.

Mayor Goldsmith reported that we did not have any bids from the bid opening, Mayor Goldsmith stated that he will reach out to Milanoh and Grunloh to have the project place for bids again. Discussion was held on the need for insurance or bonding.

At 7:07 P.M. the power went out from storms.

Mayor Goldsmith called the meeting back into session at 7:09 P.M. Those present were Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Also, present was Attorney Chris Sherer, Chief Earin Land, Ellen Christner (Pana News) Cameron Jones (Benton Engineering) and Audra Elam.

Cameron Jones from Benton Engineering was present to address the council on work directive #9. Mr. Jones stated that work change directive #9 is for the change in paint color. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement work change directive #9 in the amount of \$562.48. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Morris was absent, but Mayor Goldsmith stated that she had been out to look at areas that had been flooding while it was raining and addressing drainage issues. Discussion was held on jetting culverts.

Commissioner Arkebauer stated that he had a meeting with Kamex to discuss the liquated damages and finish up the wastewater treatment plant. Discussion was held on what needed to be done to finish and close out the wastewater treatment plant project. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that a resident reached out to him about a meter that was on and should have been shut off, because the meter was on it had been leaking resulting in a high water bill, Commissioner Arkebauer stated that the water department was under the impression that it was supposed to be left on, because of the miscommunication Commissioner Arkebauer stated that he agreed to credit half of the bill. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that he has received a bill for sewer work done that the city did not authorize, it was done by the homeowner. The city is not responsible for work done on private property. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that they had repaired a water leak on Spruce St. and hopefully the state can patch the pavement soon.

Commissioner O'Malley reported the revenues in the amount of \$68,770.55

Approval of Bills

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$30,072.85. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Mayor Goldsmith stated that the Return-to-Work Policy is not ready yet.

New Business

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to open a bank account at First National Bank of Nokomis for the Non-Home Rule revenue listed on the account should be Mayor Dylan Goldsmith, Commissioner of Finance Charles O'Malley and City Clerk Rachel Cassidy. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none. The motion carried.

Cameron Jones of Benton Engineering was present with an agreement for Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation Engineering Services. Mr. Jones stated that the grant is due in August. Discussion was held on the collection system and potential upgrades the grant can provide. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation Engineering Agreement with Benton Engineering. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none, the motion carried.

Closed Session

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to enter closed session at 7:34 P.M. for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee of the public body (5ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Collective negotiating matter between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees (5ILCS 120/2(c)(3) Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion in enter regular session at 8:07 P.M. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Other Business

Discussion was held on the on the Public Works Union contract and if we the council wants to move forward with a \$1.00 raise or a percentage. Commissioner Glenn stated that it would probably be better to stay with the percentage.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to hire Marshall Clark to the position of full-time police officer subject to background check and references. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none, the motion carried.

Audra Elam was present to give her report to the council, Ms. Elam, stated that she has been working with the Newkomis housing committee on an action plan and goals. Ms. Elam stated that she has been working with the land bank and IDA. They have done an interior inspection of the nursing home and will be working with the police department on vacant and abandoned structures. Ms. Elam reported that they are working on a promotional video for the small business project and working with Great Rivers and Routes to help promote the project. Ms. Elam reported that she is working on a grant though Newkomis on a grant for daycare, and she attended a TIF seminar in Peoria.

Discussion was held again on the Benton Engineering Collection System grant and what funds the city can use to pay for the engineering fees that are not included in the grant.

Commissioner Arkebauer stated that he would like to have the cameraing of the lines done by the end of May.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that we really need to look at wants vs. needs while reviewing the budget.

Mayor Goldsmith requested a special meeting be held at 6:30 P.M. on the Monday of the next meeting for discussion of the 2026-2027 Budget.

Adjournment

With nothing more to discuss, Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 P.M. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Cassidy,
City Clerk