

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2026

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Tuesday, May 26, 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, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Also, present was Attorney Chris Sherer, Chief Earin Land at 7:05 P.M., Audra Elam, Alex Strissel. Zach Wieland, Mitchell Ishmael.

Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation

Visitors

Tammy Jo Ackerman was not present

Audra Elam was present to give her monthly report. Ms. Elam stated that she has been busy with the Land Bank, they were able to do an internal inspection at the nursing home and has reached out to a developer. Ms. Elam stated that has been working with Mike Glenn on the Vacant home letters and the property maintenance code and looking into making changes. Ms. Elam stated that she has also been working with Newkomis on the Golden ticket program as a fundraiser. Ms. Elam stated that she has being working on the new business competition for the Hippy Trip building, the Newkomis group is scheduling working days and working on getting the promotional video. Ms. Elam stated that the TIF district Joint Review Board will meet on Thursday. Commissioner O'Malley asked how many parcels were in the TIF District. Ms. Elam responded that there is over 400.

Visitor Mitchell Ishmael was present to ask the council to consider putting a stop sign in at South Maple an East South St. Mr. Ishmael stated that people fly down that road and there is a lot of kids in the neighborhood and the new day care is just down the block. Discussion was held on the stop signs and yield signs in the neighborhood. Mayor Goldsmith stated that they will look into it.

Consent Agenda Items

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

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance, and Communication:

Discussion was held on resolution 2026-06. Discussion was held on page 20 on the list of prices for the different sizes of yards. Discussion was held on the other towns. Commissioner O'Malley asked Attorney Sherer if the other towns had decided. Attorney Sherer stated that not all of the communities have decided yet. Commissioner Glenn asked if the Street department could mow

the yards, discussion was held about mowing the yards and placing liens on the property. No decision was made, resolution 2026-06 will be put on the next agenda.

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve resolution 2026-07 a resolution approving the release of closed session minutes of the city council of the City of Nokomis. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes. Commissioners Glenn and O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Nays none the motion carried. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve resolution 2026-08 a resolution approving the City of Nokomis Return- to- Work Policy. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve Ordinance 2151 and ordinance rescinding Ordinance No. 908 by deleting chapter 37 of the revised code of the City of Nokomis. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, commissioners Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve ordinance 2152 an ordinance authorizing city expenditures and preceding adoption of the annual appropriation Ordinance. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, commissioners Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Nays none, the motion carried. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve ordinance 2153 an ordinance authorizing and approving the acquisition of certain property located at 114 South Pine Street by the City of Nokomis. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Glenn reported that he has been working with Audra and the Police Department on the vacant properties and letters.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve a building permit for a garage at 405 Griffing St. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Commissioner O'Malley reported the revenues in the amount of \$167,376.01

Approval of Bills

Discussion was held on the bills Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$110,885.89. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith reported that he has been reviewing the property maintenance code, and he believes there is a lot of work that needs to be done. Discussion was held on the property maintenance code and the building code.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that the Joint Review Board Meeting will be on Thursday at 10:00 A.M. Discussion was held on the TIF district.

Mayor Goldsmith reported that he had a liquor license for the American Legion. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the liquor license permit for the American Legion. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Nays none, the motion carried. Discussion was held on the event being held at this location and the council requested that the company also turn in their information.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the liquor license permit for the Knights of Columbus for the 2026 Homecoming. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve the contract with LMHM for the April 30, 2026, fiscal year end audit. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve the consulting contract with Pattons and Company for the fiscal year end of April 30, 2026. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith, Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Alex Strissel was present to request the council to consider selling part of the alley at 114 & 110 N Maple St. Mr. Strissel stated that he owns the property on both sides of the alley and people fly up and down the alley. Mr. Strissel stated that he would like to eventually fence off that part for his kids and dogs. Discussion was held on the utilities that run through the alley. Mayor Goldsmith stated that they will look into it and if he is available, they will put it on the next meeting agenda.

Discussion was held on creating the position of Community and Economic Development. Commissioner Glenn stated that he would like to wait until the next meeting when they can have a full council.

Discussion was held on the raffle permit application. Commissioner Glenn suggested waiting until the next meeting.

Closed Session

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to enter closed session at 8:03 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 Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion in enter regular session at 8:24 P.M. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Other Business

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to hire Marshall Clark to the position of part-time police officer. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the collective bargaining agreement with the public works union. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent, Nays none, the motion carried.

Adjournment

With nothing more to discuss, Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to adjourn at 8:26 P.M. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Cassidy,
City Clerk