

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2026

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, June 8, 2026. Mayor 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 Glenn and Morris were absent. Also, Clerk Cassidy present was Attorney Chris Sherer, Chief Earin Land, Tim Chumley, Alex Strissel, Dan Mulch, Ellen Christner (Pana News), Ben Schwarm (Journal News), Jake Leonard, Alan Hard and Cameron Jones (Benton Engineering)

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Goldsmith led the pledge of allegiance.

Invocation: Mayor Goldsmith led the invocation

Visitors

Dan Mulch was present to introduce himself to the council. Mr. Mulch started the Stop the Scholes. Mr. Mulch stated that he has been working on making communities aware of the energy companies looking to build in Montgomery County. Mr. Mulch stated that the state has limited the rules for municipal law up to 1.5 miles around the City. Mr. Mulch stated that one of the wind turbine projects in a neighboring county is a 200 MW project and the one they are considering for Montgomery County would be a 500 MW project which could be 100 to 120 wind turbines. Mr. Mulch stated that he wanted to introduce himself and let the council know his available for questions. Mayor Goldsmith thanked Mr. Mulch for coming.

Consent Agenda Items

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

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance, and Communication:

Discussion was held on resolution 2026-06 a resolution approving an agreement with Randle Lawn Care LLC for Nuisance Weed and Grass Abatement Services. Discussion was held on the prices of services. Mayor Goldsmith reminded the present council that we would only call Randle Lawn on an as needed basis; the city can pick and choose what yards we have him take care of. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-06. 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 to approve Reimbursement #24 in the corrected amount of \$487,683.66. 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 to approve Change Order #2 for the WWTP project. 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 O'Malley made a motion to approve resolution 2026-09 a resolution approving a settlement agreement with Kamex and allowing Mayor Goldsmith to negotiate the agreement. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, commissioner Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Glenn were absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Reports of City Officers

Mayor Goldsmith stated that he had spoken to Commissioner Glenn and the building permit request for 854 Capps Ave can be approved. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the building permit at 854 Capps Ave. 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 reported that EJ Water has taken over Coalton Water. Baily Plumbing did backflow prevention inspection. Discussion was held about putting meters in at the wastewater plant and where they need to be placed. Commissioner Arkebauer stated he would think about what would work best and get back to everyone.

Commissioner O'Malley reported the revenues in the amount of \$41,444.26

Approval of Bills

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$79,394.08. 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.

Commissioner Goldsmith stated that he will get the information together for the property maintenance code review for the next meeting. Mayor Goldsmith stated that the tax bill coming out will all look different this year, but Nokomis will also look different because of the new TIF district.

Unfinished Business

Mayor Goldsmith stated he has spoken with both Commissioners Glenn and Morris and they both agree that they are not interested in selling the property in the alley between 114 & 110 N Maple St. Street Super intendent Chumley stated that the City has a sewer line through that alley. Mayor Goldsmith stated that is the main reason he is not interested in selling that property. Commissioners Arkebauer and O'Malley agreed that with the sewer line going through it would not be in the City's best interest to sell that section.

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve the creation of the new position titled Community & Economic Development Coordinator. 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.

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the request for a raffle permit for the Nokomis Police Department. 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 to approve the request for a raffle permit for the Nokomis Lions Club. 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

Discussion was held on the purchase of a mini excavator with a flail mower. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the purchase of a mini excavator with a flail mower not to exceed \$105,000.00. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris and Glenn were absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Discussion was held on the sidewalk at the curve at Elm St. & Union. Mayor Goldsmith stated that the sidewalk replacement is mark of the MFT plan for this year. Discussion was held on adding the trees on the boulevard at that curve to the tree list. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to post the bid request for the trees in the paper. Commissioner O'Malley seconded motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Glenn were absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Closed Session- No need for Closed Session

Other Business

Discussion was held on the hiring of a part time code enforcement and evidence custodian. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to hire Ben Lomprez for the position of code enforcement and evidence custodian. 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.

Adjournment

With nothing more to discuss, Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to adjourn at 7:44 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Cassidy,
City Clerk