

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2026

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, January 12, 2026. Mayor Goldsmith called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., and City Clerk Cassidy called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Morris, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Glenn and Arkebauer were absent. Also, present were Chris Sherer (City Attorney) Alan Hard, Tim Chumley (Street Superintendent), Dolan O'Malley, Audra Elam, Dave Schwitzer, Jarred German, Chief of Police Earin Land, Brianna Wolf, Suzie Michael, Cameron Jones (Benton Engineering) Joe & Philipe (KC Home Solutions) Ellen Christner (Pana News) Jake Lenord entered at 7:38 P.M.

VISITORS

Dave Schwitzer was present from the Nokomis- Witt ambulance to address and let the council know that because the council has not approved to appoint someone from the city to the board that they will be appointing Jolotta Hill to the ambulance board.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Goldsmith stated that this is the first time the City has used a consent agenda. Listed on the consent agenda is the meeting minutes for the December 22 regular meeting, the December 22 closed meeting, the December 30, 2025, Special meeting and the January 5, 2026, Special meeting.

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

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance and Communication:

Cameron Jones from Benton Engineering was present to update the council on the wastewater treatment plant project. Mr. Jones stated that the new plant is operational but not complete. Discussion was held on getting and extension until June, to finish up and get the sludge from the old sludge pit removed and the ammonia testing done. Mr. Jones stated that after pay request number 22 the project is 97% done.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve IEPA reimbursement number 22 in the amount of \$159,863.67. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none, the motion carried. Commissioners Glenn and Arkebauer were absent.

Mr. Jones was also present to give an update on the Lift Station Project Mr. Jones stated that with the exception of a couple electrical issues at the Capps St. Lift station everything has gone well with this project. Mr. Jones stated that E: Pruitt is hoping to have the Pine St, Franklin, and the water plant online by the 22nd or 23rd of the month.

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve pay request number 5 in the amount \$516,454.42. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none, the motion carried. Commissioner Glenn and Arkebauer were absent.

Mayor Goldsmith asked for Attorney Chris Sherer to explain what Resolution 2026-01 is. Attorney Sherer stated that this is a resolution he has put together with the city and neighboring communities in mind for grass, weeds and other nuisances. Discussion was held on the proposed resolution 2026-01. Commissioner Morris requested more time to review the proposed resolution and requested to put the resolution on the next agenda.

Joe and Philipe from KC Homes solutions were present to answer questions on resolution 2026-02. Joe stated that he and Philipe have been construction for over 10 years and have worked with code enforcement for the last few years. Discussion was held on the housing survey that the Newkomis community committee sent out, Mayor Goldsmith stated that housing was the number one thing the community wanted to see changes made with the nuance and empty houses. Mayor Goldsmith stated that they could come down once a month for eight hours. Audra Elam stated that there are currently six houses they are looking at, four are rehab candidates and two would be eligible for demolition. Visitor Alan Hard asked how they would be getting paid. Mayor Goldsmith stated that they would be under contract. Mr. Hard asked if any of the houses are owned by Medicare. Mayor Goldsmith stated, no most of the houses are privately owned, locally owned or semi- locally owned, a lot of them were inherited, then the family just never did anything with them. Audra Elam stated we currently have fifty vacant houses in Nokomis. Joe from KC home solutions stated that Nokomis is currently the farthest south they go.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-02 a resolution authorizing a professional services agreement with Equity Enterprises LLC in regard to compliance with local property maintenance and building code requirements. Working 8 hours a month. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Glenn and Arkebauer were absent. Nays non the motion carried.

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner O'Malley reported the revenues in the amount of \$ 117,684.62

Approval of Bills

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve bills in the amount of \$74,107.73. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, O'Malley and Morris and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Glenn and Arkebauer were absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith reported that the water department is still chasing down the leak at State and Front Street.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that Judy Bowlby will be in town at The Depot this week, Ms. Bowlby is running against Mary Miller in the next election.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- nothing to discuss

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Morris stated that she has four quotes for utility truck beds for the new truck. The lowest bid for everything they are wanting is with Woodys Municipal. Commissioner Morris recommended going with the lowest bid. Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the purchase of the utility truck bed from Woodys to be split three ways for the total amount of \$26,250.00. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Glenn and Arkebauer were absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith entertained a motion to approve the Business District Grant for Brianna Wold Photography to put new flooring in her side of the building in the amount of \$ 4,670.00. Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve the business district grant application for Brianna Wolf in the amount of \$4,670.00. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Commissioner Glenn and Arkebauer were absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith entertained a motion to approve a Building Permit at 117 E State St. for the Pana Medical Group. Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve the building permit for 117 E State St. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting, yes. Commissioners Morris, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Glenn and Arkebauer were absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Morris made a motion to enter closed session at 7:41 P.M. for the Discussion of minutes of meeting lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, for purposes of approval by the body or semi- annual review of the minutes as mandated by section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act (5ILCS 120/2 (c) (21) Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Glenn and Arkebauer were absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Morris made a motion in enter regular session at 7:46 P.M. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Glenn and Arkebauer were absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Other Business

Discussion was held on animal control. Mayor Goldsmith requested the proposed animal control contract be put on the next agenda.

Adjournment

With nothing to report Commissioner Morris made a motion adjourn at 7:57 P.M. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Glenn and Arkebauer were absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Cassidy
City Clerk