

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Rescheduled Regular Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2026

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its rescheduled regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Tuesday, January 27, 2026. Mayor Goldsmith called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., and Deputy Clerk Smith called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Morris, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Also, present were Chris Sherer (City Attorney) Chief Earin Land, Tim Chumley (Street Forman), Dolan O'Malley (Street department), Rich Hooper (LMHN), Roger Clymer, Dave Hadley, Noran Rupert, and Josh Robison.

VISITORS

Noran Rupert was present to address her concerns about her property next to Shane Cole Park. Noran stated that she has seen an increase in people using the park and it is disturbing her peace, she asked for the City to put up a privacy fence. Mayor Goldsmith stated that if she was concerned, she needed to put up a privacy fence on her property.

Dave Hadley and Roger Clymer were present representing the Fire Department. Mr. Hadley stated that they are working on next year's budget and was wondering what the City's thoughts are on the sale of the training ground. Mr. Hadley said he was thinking about \$9,500, with the Fire Department already paying \$30,000 for the rock. Mayor Goldsmith stated that the survey was completed today and will be sent to county for new parcel numbers, as soon as the county is done, Joe will be out to pin the section out, and it can move forward. Roger asked about the water line running under that part of the ground, Mayor Goldsmith stated that the line is EJ water line and they would have to reach out to EJ water for the easements. Mayor Goldsmith stated that we should have something by the next meeting to disuse with the Fire department.

Rich Hooper with LMHN was present to go over the audit for April 2025. Rich stated that everything looked good, it was a clean audit. Rich briefly went over the expenditures and revenues for the general fund, water fund, and sewer fund, stating that all accounts are in overall good shape, he suggested keeping an eye on the water and sewer rates, but with the City working with Farnsworth and Benton's, they usually keep this up to date. Rich stated that he had filed the audit with the State, Gata, and federal clearing house. Rich added that the only thing he would mention would be separation of duties, but being a small community this would be hard to accomplish, as most of his small communities are the same way.

Consent Agenda Items

The minutes of January 12, 2026, regular and special meetings, and the Bi-annual water audit were presented on the consent agenda. Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance

Resolution 2026-01: a resolution authorizing intergovernmental collaboration in the procurement of nuisance weed and grass abatement services was presented, with Commissioner Morris stating she still needs to look over it. Commissioner O'Malley asked Attorney Sherer if any other communities have passed the resolution, Attorney Sherer stated that Hillsboro passed it at Monday's meeting, and Witt will have it on their Friday meetings agenda, with Coffeen having their meeting next Monday.

Resolution 2026-03: A resolution approving the release of certain closed session minutes of the City Council of the City of Nokomis was presented. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve resolution 2026-03. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

A brief discussion was held on the lack of bids for the front façade, with Commissioner Arkebauer stating that he would reach out to Commissioner Glenn to see what the next steps would be with this being the second bidding with no bids.

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Morris stated that the street shed has been winterized and all equipment put in the garage. Commissioner Morris stated that the street department worked hard on getting all the snow cleaned up, Tim Chumley stated that this was the first snow that Dylan Cloe helped with and he did an amazing job.

A brief discussion was held on the MOU for the general Forman with Mayor Goldsmith stating that he would like some changes made. Mayor Goldsmith stated that the City will make the changes and send it back to the union for approval.

Commissioner Glenn was absent.

Commissioner Arkebauer stated that he received a diagram for the placement of new meters downtown from Benton's to prevent freezing meters. Commissioner Arkebauer asked that this should be put on file if anyone replaces meters in the sidewalks, this is the way it needs to be put back.

Commissioner Arkebauer stated that he received a phone call about sewer back up at 420 W Hamilton, with the sewer damaging drywall, trim, and flooring. Tim Chumley stated that the Franklin lift station was having issues to cause the backup. With 420 W Hamilton already having a backflow prevention device in place, with Sowarsh Plumbing having inspected the device stating that all was in working condition. Mayor Goldsmith asked for more information on what happened to allow the backup, before any decisions are made.

Commissioner O'Malley reported the revenues at \$96,448.19

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$268,312.23. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Arkebauer,

and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that the Newkomis group will be holding their yearend event on 1-28-2026 and encouraged everyone to join and see what they have been doing this past year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Montgomery County Animal Control Contract was present with a brief discussion Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve the animal control contract. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Business district grant for 117 E. State St. was present for the Pana Hospital new facilities, Mayor Goldsmith stated that the total project is in the \$700,000 range so he would suggest the full \$25,000 with the completion being in the next fiscal year. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the business district grant to 117 E State St. for \$25,000. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Building permit for 603 School was present with Commissioner Morris making a motion to approve the building permit. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was needed.

Adjournment

With nothing more to discuss, Commissioner Morris made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 P.M. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karri Smith
Deputy Clerk