

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
December 22, 2025

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, December 22, 2025. Commissioner O'Malley called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., and Deputy Clerk Smith called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith was in at 7:01 P.M. Also, present were Chris Sherer (City Attorney) Ellen Christner (Pana News), Ben Schwarm (Journal News), Audra Elam, Officer James Sands, Earin Land, and Cameron Jones (Benton engineer) after closed session.

VISITORS

No visitors were present to address the council.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of December 8, 2025, regular meeting were presented. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and O'Malley. Nays, none. The motion carried.

The minutes of December 8, 2025, executive meeting were presented. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and O'Malley. Nays, none. The motion carried.

The minutes of December 17, 2025, special meeting were presented. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and O'Malley. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve Ordinance 2146- an ordinance superseding ordinance no. 2107 and replacing in its entirety the "Nokomis Neighborhood Preservation code" contained within article V, Chapter 6 of the revised code or ordinances to provide for registration and maintenance of certain real property within the city by mortgagees and owners of vacant properties after a brief discussion. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Arkebauer, O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Glenn abstained. Nays, none. The motion carried.

The appointment of the position of Chief of police was moved to after closed session.

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the wastewater system improvement IEPA funding request #21 in the amount of \$173,955.62. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the

motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the lift station improvement payment request #4 in the amount of \$229,828.45. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Morris had nothing to comment on but wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Commissioner Morris asked to wait on the advertising for part time employee for the Street Department.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the fence permit at 403 N. Pine St. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Arkebauer stated that Korte was almost finished with the downtown meters that was freezing. Mayor Goldsmith added that he sat in on the last pay progress meeting and the wastewater plant is on track and they are demolishing the primary building. The new plant is up and running, with the ammonia issue coming from Coaltons discharge. They will be working on a letter to present EJ water to address the issue.

Commissioner O'Malley reported the revenues at \$163,509.62

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$381,271.67. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that Snowkomis was a big success and thanked the Police Department and Street Department for all their help.

Mayor Goldsmith added that he and Audra met with the Land Bank today to work on the vacant homes in town.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the employee holiday bonus day. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried. Mayor Goldsmith stated that he would like to also offer to pay for the City employees' membership at the gym but would like to see who would be interested in the membership to determine if it would be paid in full or discount.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Morris made a motion to go into closed session at 7:18 to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee of the Public Body (5 ILCS 120/ 2 (c) (1). And 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 Meeting Act (5ILCS 120/2) (c) (21). Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Adjournment

Commissioner Morris made a motion to resume regular session at 8:05 P.M. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the appointment of police chief to Earin Land with a salary of \$73,000, with a signed affidavit to waive the medical insurance the City offers and asked for his personnel files to be returned. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to adjourn at 8:09 P.M. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karri Smith
Deputy Clerk