

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2025

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, March 10, 2025. Mayor Goldsmith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and Deputy Clerk Smith called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Morris, Glenn, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Also, present were Attorney Chris Sherer, Roger Nuxoll (Farmsworth Group), Ben Schwarm (Journal news), Ellen Christener (Pana News), Stevie Guinn, Tim Chumley (street foreman), and Josh Robinson.

VISITORS

No visitors were present to address the council.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of February 10, 2025, regular meeting were presented. Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Glenn abstained. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

The minutes of February 10, 2025, executive meeting were presented. Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Glenn abstained. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

The minutes of February 24, 2025, regular meeting were presented. Mayor Goldsmith asked Attorney Sherer if the minutes were needed as we did not have a meeting, and that's what the minutes said. Attorney Sherer stated that there was no meeting, so there will be no need for minutes.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance

No resolutions, petitions, ordinances, are on the agenda.

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Morris stated that there was no update on the DCEO grant.

Commissioner Glenn stated that the street department has been working on alleys, pumps, and water meters.

Commissioner Glenn added that the repair work on the roof was performed, and Tim will be going up tomorrow to inspect the work.

Commissioner Glenn briefly talked about the fire hydrants and the need to get them done.

Commissioner Arkebauer was absent, so Mayor Goldsmith stated that Capps lift station had a light on with Greg calling out Easterday Electrical not finding any issues on their side, Greg called out to get the pump issue inspected.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that Milano and Grunloh presented the City with the facade improvements for City Hall, he asked the council if they were ok with him putting it out there at the Newkomis block party to get the town's feedback. All were ok with that.

Mayor Goldsmith spoke briefly about Western Illinois University economic development and the possibility of getting another full-time employee that would deal directly with the grants with the cost of the employee being \$25,000 with \$15,000 being taken off, so the City could potentially get a full-time employee for \$10,000 annually. Mayor Goldsmith stated that he will be meeting with them on Monday March 24, 2025.

Commissioner O'Malley reported the revenues at \$357,414.71

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$371,621.38. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Goldsmith stated that he would like everyone to take a couple more weeks and look at the handbook to make sure no one had any questions or concerns. Commissioner O'Malley stated he looked over it and didn't see any issues.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve wastewater system improvements IEPA funding request #11 in the amount of \$486,927.94. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Roger Nuxoll was present to answer any questions about the filter 2 rehab needing to be done. Roger stated that this is the same issue with the welding as the last two filters, and he is suggesting that we go with National Rural Water's 3% loan to get the filter fixed now rather than waiting for the IEPA which could take a year before funding would be approved. Commissioner Glenn asked how much the project would cost. Roger stated between \$86,000 and \$90,000. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the project and funding from National Rural Water. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

A brief discussion was had on the closing of 2024 MFT with Commissioner Glenn making a motion to close out MFT for 2024. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Roger Nuxoll with Farnsworth Group was also present to answer any questions regarding the MFT 2025 funding. Roger stated that they will be focusing on more sidewalks, culverts, ditches and curbing instead of equipment usage. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the 2025 MFT resolution, maintenance cost, and engineering. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that ordinance 2134-A was the corrected map needed for ordinance 2134. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve ordinance no. 2134-A as a supplement to the annexation ordinance. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

A brief discussion was held on which power washer to purchase, with Commissioner Glenn making a motion to approve the purchase of a power washer for \$5,299 from Sloan's pending the removal of freight cost. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

A Business district application from Ryan Follis at 107 S Spruce Street to install a commercial kitchen was presented with funds requested for \$7,500. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the business district application in the amount of \$7,500. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve the advertisement of bids for surplus property owned by the City, with bid ending on April 10, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. and bid opening at April 11, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Morris made a motion to enter closed session for The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body. (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), and Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of the employees (5ILCS 120/2 (c)(2) at 7:36 p.m. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Adjournment

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to resume regular session at 8:19 P.M. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

With nothing to report after closed session Commissioner Glenn made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 P.M. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karri Smith
Deputy Clerk