

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Special Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2026

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held a Special Meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, March 23, 2026. Mayor Pro Tem O'Malley called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. and Deputy Clerk Smith called roll. Those present were Commissioners Glenn and Arkebauer; and Mayor Pro Tem O'Malley. Commissioner Morris and Mayor Goldsmith were absent. Also, present Deputy Clerk Smith. Visitors present Ellen Christner (Pana News) Cameron Jones (Benton Engineering) at 6:49, Lou Stauder at 6:52, Randy Herzog at 6:53, Audra Elam at 6:58, Earin Land at 6:58, Chris Sherer in late.

The Council met to begin the discussion on the budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. Commissioner Glenn began the discussion starting with the business district. A brief discussion was had on how much they should budget for the business district grants, with mention of the winner of the Hippy Trip business competition possibly getting \$50,000, but this could possibly be split between two fiscal years, and the pay out to the Pana Hospital for their new medical office building in the amount of \$25,000. Mayor Pro Tem O'Malley mentioned the revenue is approximately \$125,000, so he would like to keep the grant money at \$125,000. Commissioner Arkebauer agreed that we should cap it at, or around \$125,000. Commissioner Glenn mentioned the money set aside for the front façade of the building as that is still an ongoing project. Mayor Pro Tem O'Malley asked about the water main relocate funds that were in this year's budget and if it would need to be carried over.

The meeting moved on to the Water and Wastewater budget with Commissioner Arkebauer stating that there were minimal changes needing to be made from the previous fiscal year budget, increasing the salaries line item by 10%, FICA and Social Security by 10%, postage up to \$5,000. Commissioner Arkebauer mentioning the two departments wish list, stating that they would like a bobcat or skid steer, adding that there are a couple of valves that John would like to replace costing around \$15,000 for two. Commissioner Glenn asked about fire hydrants, stating that he would like to see at least two done this next year. A brief discussion was had on what line item lab equipment would come out of as that would need to be increased slightly. Deputy Clerk Smith asked for a Boot/ Clothing line item be put in so it does not have to be taken out of miscellaneous.

With no time left in the Special meeting, Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 P.M. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, and Mayor Pro Tem O'Malley. Mayor Goldsmith and Commissioner Morris were absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karri Smith
Deputy Clerk