

**City of Nokomis**  
**City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**May 11, 2026**

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The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, May 11, 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, Glenn, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Also, present were Chris Sherer (City Attorney) Chief Earin Land, Tim Chumley (Street Forman), Audra Elam, Lou Stauder, Allan Hard, Ben Schwarm (Journal News), and Josh Robison.

**VISITORS**

No visitors were present to address the council.

**Consent Agenda Items**

The minutes of April 27, 2026, public, regular, and closed meetings, were presented on the consent agenda. Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris abstained. Nays, none. The motion carried.

**Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance**

Resolution 2026-05: A resolution approving the Preliminary Plat of Subdivision of Nokomis Industrial First Addition was presented, with a brief discussion on the utilities on the plot. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve resolution 2026-05. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Votion yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Resolution 2026-06 A resolution approving agreement with Randle Lawn Case LLC for Nuisance Weed and Grass Abatement Services was presented with Mayor Goldsmith stating that he needed to speak to the bidder, before we pass the resolution.

A brief discussion on Ordinance 2151- an Ordinance rescinding Ordinance No. 908 by deleting chapter 37 of the revised code of ordinance on Nokomis, Illinois with Mayor Goldsmith asking for the council to get a copy of the 908 ordinances before proceeding.

**Reports of City Officers**

Commissioner Morris stated that the street department will be working on Hamilton Street, they will be oiling and chipping on May 12, 2026.

Commissioner Glenn stated that he had a building permit for 120 Monroe for a 32x40 garage well within the boundaries of the property. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the building permit. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Votion yes, Commissioners

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

Commissioner Arkebauer stated that the water and wastewater departments have been out reading meters and rotating books as requested. Also, the wastewater department sent out the camera footage with Benton Engineering stating that the CD's are blank, so this will need to be looked into with the possibility of needing to update the van equipment.

Commissioner O'Malley reported the revenues at \$118,284.69

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$30,092.20. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that they are still working with Cameron on the liquidated damages.

Mayor Goldsmith briefly spoke about the property maintenance code and the need for a code enforcement officer. Audra Elam spoke briefly about her meetings she had with Hillsboro and Pana code enforcement officers to get their take on the need and procedures.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mayor Goldsmith asked Attorney Sherer to put together a return-to-work policy for the City to pass.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the opening of a TIF checking at the First National Bank of Nokomis with the Mayor, Finance Commissioner, and City Clerk as signees. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

A brief discussion was held on the possibility of needing an ordinance prohibiting wind turbines in city limits. With Mayor Goldsmith asking Attorney Sherer if we don't have zoning what our parameter would be, to which he stated inside City limits due to no zoning is all we could enforce.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Morris made a motion to go into closed session at 7:27 P.M. to talk about The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee of the Public Body (5 ILCS 120/ 2 (c) (1), Collective negotiating matter between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees (5ILCS 120/2 (c) (3), and Discussion of minutes of meeting lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, for purposes of the approval by the body or semi- annual review of the minutes as mandated by section 2.06 of the Open Meeting.

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

### **Other Business**

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to go into regular session at 7:54 P.M. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the non-union employees raise at 4% effective as of May 1, 2026. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the non-union benefits of meeting pay from \$30 to \$50, longevity starting at date of higher with no cap, and 8% retirement match. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

### **Adjournment**

With nothing more to discuss, Commissioner Morris made a motion to adjourn at 7:56 P.M. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karri Smith  
Deputy Clerk