

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2025

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Tuesday, May 27, 2025. Mayor Goldsmith called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M. after the special budget meeting, and Deputy Clerk Smith called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Also, present were Jake Leonard (Pana News), Allen Hard, Dolan O'Malley (Street department), Tim Chumley (Street Superintendent), Adam Fox (Benton and Associates) and Kate Anderson.

VISITORS

No visitors were present to address the council.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of May 12, 2025, special meeting were presented. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

The minutes of May 12, 2025, regular meeting were presented. Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

The minutes of May 12, 2025, executive meeting were presented. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance

A brief discussion was held on the progress of the Wastewater project, with Adam Fox stating that it is still on schedule to be completed in August. Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve IEPA funding request #14 for \$52,880.20. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the NRAW loan pay request #1 for \$75,973.00 for the filter rehab at the water plant. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Morris was absent, so Mayor Goldsmith reported on the street department stating that the potholes on Spruce Street were fixed. Commissioner Glenn asked about ditch work needing to be done.

Mayor Goldsmith started the discussion on the Dog Park fence permit at Shane Cole Park, stating that all funding is donation based coming from Camerons Cause, and work to put it in will be volunteer. The park will be ½ an acre with the park being slightly under 3 acers. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the fence permit at Shane Cole Park for a dog park. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve a fence permit at 600 Miller Street stating that he went by and it looked good. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Arkebauer stated that the water department needs to be working on the million gallon read meters and getting them changed, stating he will have a meeting with the water department. Commissioner Glenn asked about fire hydrants with Mayor Goldsmith stating that Commissioner Arkebauer and water superintendent would work together to decide on which ones need to be done first.

Commissioner O'Malley reported the revenues at \$107,387.70

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$101,834.21. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that he had a meeting with EJ Prescott with Kamstrup meters on the replacement of all meters to go with electronic meters with leak detection. These meters will be ultra sonic meters; this will improve detection of leaks and help prevent water loss. The cost estimate for the new meters is approximately \$500,000 with a yearly software agreement of \$17,000 and an installation of \$126,000. Mayor Goldsmith stated that with the water loss being unknown this could potentially pay for itself in five years. Commissioner Arkebauer will investigate this more, with the Deputy Clerk getting him some reports to look over.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A brief discussion was held on the ridge cap repairs, with Commissioner Glenn stating that he would like Dave Hadley to come look at it and give his opinion on the correct way to get this fix, but if we have someone else fix the issue it will make the warranty null and void.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the special liquor license for the knights of Columbus at Nokomis Memorial Park for July 11 6 P.M. to 12 A.M, July 12 from 12 P.M. to 12 A.M., and July 13 from 12 P.M. to 11 P.M. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that grant funds were open for MFT – IDOT, stating that WHJS will be putting 3 in for the city and Roger with Farnsworth would be putting in for one, with the application process only being a couple pages both firms will be doing the application for free and no matching funds for the City will be required.

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the community garden at 425 S Maple St. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to enter closed session at 7:56 for 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). Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, for the purposes of approval by the body or semi- annual review of the minutes as mandated by section 2.09 of the Open Meetings Act (5ILCS 120/2(c) (21)). Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Adjournment

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to resume the regular session at 8:28 P.M. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that there was nothing to report after the closed session.

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to adjourn at 8:28 P.M. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karri Smith
Deputy Clerk