

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Special Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2025

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held a special meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Tuesday, July 1, 2025. Mayor Goldsmith called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M., 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 Ellen Christner (Pana News), Cameron Jones (Benton and Associates).

VISITORS

No visitors were present to address the council.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of May 27, 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 27, 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 27, 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

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve ordinance 2142- an ordinance authorizing city expenditures pending and preceding adoption of annual appropriation ordinance. 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 Arkebauer made a motion to approve IEPA L17-6182 Pay request #15 in the amount of \$227,295.00. 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.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve Bernardini's extended hours for July 13, 2025 to stay open until 3 A.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.

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Morris was absent, so Commissioner Glenn stated that there was no update on the roof cap.

Commissioner Glenn stated that he is working with Chief Burton on the vacant homes and will be sending out letters soon. Commissioner Arkebauer asked about the nursing home, and it still being vacant.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve a fence permit at 114 N. Oak. 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 Glenn made a motion to approve a fence permit at 606 Miller St. 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 Glenn made a motion to approve the building permit at 309 Fredrick to add an awning over the existing patio. 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 Arkebauer stated that C&C pumps will install the new booster pump at the water plant this week, Brotcke will be doing maintenance on the wells soon, as well 13 is still down, the air stripper is still a couple of weeks out, the lift stations are about two weeks out, Kmex has requested to work late to which the Mayor has approved to keep them on schedule with an end date of August 25, 2025. Cameron Jones gave the council a timeline from Kmex and gave a brief update on the wastewater plant construction. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that we have had an issue with meter readings that he will be addressing soon.

Commissioner O'Malley reported the revenues at \$261,939.72

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$229,930.16. 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 he has been working with the Newkomis housing group on vacant homes and has been in touch with Lands Bank out of Champaigne to streamline the process. More information will be coming soon.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve Patton & Company and LMHN for the 2025 audit. 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 Arkebauer made a motion to approve the 2025 homecoming fireworks permit. 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.

A brief discussion was had on the business district grant at 207 W State St. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the business district grant in the amount of \$25,000. 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.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that we will be getting an application for road closure for the upcoming Canine & Car show on September 20, 2025.

Commissioner Glenn stated that he would like to add a line item to the budget for three welcome signs with two coming out of the business district fund and one out of general fund. Mayor Goldsmith stated that he and Commissioner Morris had met with someone previously and he thought it was high, and that the beautification group was working on designs for the signs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to enter closed session at 6:31 P.M. 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 Glenn 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 6:55 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.

A brief discussion was had on the budget with adding line items for the welcome signs, and getting it put on the next agenda for approval, with a public meeting at 6:30 P.M. on July 14, 2025, regular meeting.

A brief discussion was held on the ESDA radios and letters that were sent out asking for donations. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that Chris Coss reached out to him and stated that he would give the City radios at cost as part of his donation. Commissioner Arkebauer will reach out to Mr. Coss to get a price put together for the next meeting.

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to adjourn at 7:05 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