

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2025

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on July 14, 2025. Mayor Goldsmith called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. after the public hearing meeting, and City Clerk Hill 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), Allen Hard, Louis Stauder and a representative from Benton and Associates. Sally Sides was in at 7:40 P.M.

VISITORS

Discussion was held on the 2025-2026 budget and the 1% non - home rule tax revenue.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the ordinance 2143 and ordinance adopting the annual budget for the City of Nokomis for the fiscal year of May 1, 2025, to April 30, 2025. With changes discussed during the public hearing. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve Ordinance 2086-A an ordinance supplementing annexing certain land owned by the City of Nokomis (Sewage treatment plant) Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none the motion carried.

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve resolution 2025-01 a resolution approving the release of closed meeting minutes of the city. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none the motion carried.

Discussion was held on the wastewater treatment plant project.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve L17- 6182 IEPA reimbursement #16 in the amount of \$961,120.35. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none. The motion carried.

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Morris was absent. Mayor Goldsmith stated that Commissioner Morris wanted to thank the Street Department and all the work they did to prepare for the Homecoming.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve a fence permit at 422 N Walnut Street stating that he went by and it looked good. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, and O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Arkebauer reported to the council that he is waiting to hear back out when well maintenance will be conducted. Commissioner Arkebauer also reported that the contractors are hoping to start on the Capps St. Lift station the week of July 21st and should be able to finish around July 31st.

Commissioner Arkebauer stated that he has been talking with Roger from Farnsworth on hiring a televising company to come and look at a couple areas in town that our camera van cannot get into. Mayor Goldsmith stated that they are hoping that they can line the pipe instead of replacing it, stating it will be a lot cheaper to line it, but that Roger is supposed to be sending over a quote. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that he will have more information, and it will be on the next agenda for discussion. Commissioner Arkebauer also stated that he should have more information on electronic meters for the next meeting.

Commissioner O'Malley reported the revenues at \$226,249.64

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$56,079.61. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, and O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that that the city has received a business district grant for 214 W State St. stating they plan to turn the building into a show room floor. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve a business district grant for 214 W State St. in the amount of \$25,000.00. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none. The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion was held on properties with unknown owners and the property that the city has used as a concrete disposal.

Sally sides was present to ask the council if there were any rules on pools in City limits, she expressed concern about pools that don't have fences. She told the council that last year she found a small child on the top of a pool ladder unattended and had to get them down. Mayor Goldsmith stated that he would have the police department look into it.

ADJOURMENT

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to adjourn at 7:47 P.M. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, and O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Cassidy
City Clerk