

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2025

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, August 11, 2025. Mayor Goldsmith called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M., and Deputy Clerk Smith called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Morris, Glenn, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Attorney Chris Sherer. Also, present were Allen Hard, Gary and Clarann Hulbert, Michael Smalley, Ellen Christner (Pana News), Ben Schwarm, and Roger Clymer came in after executive session.

VISITORS

No visitors were present to address the council.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of July 28, 2025, regular meeting were presented. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the minutes with one correction. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

The minutes of July 28, 2025, executive meeting were presented. Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Morris reported that the street department cleaned up 511 ½ S Spruce, they mowed, ran the weed eater, and put in dirt, and cleaned up the weeds on Edwards Street. Commissioner Morris is recommending that the Street Department insulate and weatherproof their 30x60 shed to store equipment, stating that this will be a winter project for the department and asked that this be put on the next agenda.

Commissioner Glenn stated that he had a message from a resident on South Walnut that was concerned about water backing up in their basement, he is suggesting that the city make repairs to the culverts on that block, Commissioner Morris stated that she already spoke with Tim Chumley about this and it will be done before winter. Commissioner Glenn stated that he is still working on the vacant homes.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the building permit at 301 W State St, as they are just doing a room addition. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the vote. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Arkebauer was absent, Mayor Goldsmith reported on the water and wastewater departments. Mayor Goldsmith stated that Brotcke had a catastrophic event at well 13, as they were doing maintenance, gravel filled the well in and made it unusable. Roger from Farnsworth is looking for solutions for the City.

Mayor Goldsmith continued by stating that Capps lift station work has begun, but the timeframe might need to be adjusted due to equipment not being available.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that TSI was in town and cleaned out the sewer line from Franklin lift to the wastewater plant, all looked good, there is one section that will need to be either cut out and replaced or lined. Roger from Farnsworth is working on the best solution for this need.

Commissioner O'Malley reported the revenues at \$104,069.45

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$69,844.33. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith suggested that the business district grant application for 301 W State be approved in the amount of \$25,000. Mayor Goldsmith stated that this will be a fresh produce and meat market. Commissioner Glenn made a motion pending the receipt of receipt for \$25,000. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Goldsmith stated that KMax was possible needing a 30-day extension, but Cameron from Benton's suggested waiting until they get closer to the completion date, to see if 30 days would be long enough to finish the project.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Goldsmith gave the council documents to look over for the intergovernmental agreement with Central IL land bank. A brief discussion was had, with the need for more documents, Mayor Goldsmith will get for the Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Morris made a motion to enter closed session for Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representative's, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of the employees (5ILCS 120/2 (c)(2). The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee of the Public Body (5 ILCS 120/ 2 (c) (1). The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body 5ILCS 120/2(c)(6) at 7:24 P.M. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Morris made a motion to resume the regular session at 8:38 P.M. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that there was nothing to report on the union negotiations, and no official action.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that the City would be willing to open discussion on the sale of the Fire Department training ground to them instead of leasing it, but the City needs to get some numbers together to present to the Fire Department.

Adjournment

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to adjourn at 8:39 P.M. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karri Smith
Deputy Clerk