

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2025

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, January 13, 2025. Mayor Dylan Goldsmith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and City Clerk Cassidy called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Glenn were absent. Also, present were Attorney Chris Sherer, Ellen Christner (Pana News) Ben Schwarm (Journal News) Richard Hooper (LMHN) Dolan O'Malley and Alan Hard.

Visitors

Donald Baxter was not present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the December 23, 2024, regular meeting was presented. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Glenn were absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Minutes of the January 8, 2025, special meeting was presented. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Glenn were absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance

Richard Hooper from LMHN was present to address the council on the 2024 City Audit. Mr. Hooper stated that his company provided an unmodified audit. Mr. Hooper stated that there was lack of segregation of duties but that was typical in small communities, but everything looks good. Mr. Hooper stated that they did not see anything out of the normal. Mr. Hooper went through a breakdown of the audit findings for each department. Mr. Hooper stated that his company was contracted to perform a single audit for compliance with funds the city received for \$750,000.00 or more. Mr. Hooper stated that he doesn't mind doing the compliance audits for the EPA because they are pretty simple. Discussion continued on the audit. Mr. Hooper asked if the council had any questions. Commissioner O'Malley asked if he would be available to start the audit sooner next year. Mr. Hooper stated that he should be available sooner for the next audit, unfortunately by the time Patton's contracted him this year he had a full schedule and was no available to start until later.

Discussion was held on Ordinance 2134. An Ordinance annexing certain land owned by the Nokomis Community Unit School District No. 22. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve Ordinance 2134. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Glenn were absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Reports of City Officers

Mayor Goldsmith stated Commissioners Morris and Glenn are absent but that the street department has been busy.

Commissioner Arkebauer stated that the wastewater department is business as usual. There is a water leak on Vine, the fire hydrants that we ordered are in but now that is on hold because of the weather.

Mayor Goldsmith reported the revenues in the amount of \$78,590.08

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve bills in the amount of \$72,398.44. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Glenn were absent, Nays none, the motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that there will be a public hearing before the next City Council meeting at 6:30 for the discussion on the TIF district.

Unfinished business

Mayor Goldsmith suggested we wait on the City Hall renovation proposals because there is not a full council.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that he has contacted Beyers surveying to survey and subdivide the water department property into six larger sections with an estimated cost of \$3,500.00. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve that Joseph Beyers do the subdividing of the water treatment plant property in the amount of \$3,500.00. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Glenn were absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Discussion was held on the need to purchase a truck for the wastewater department. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that he would like to set a price not exceed a certain dollar amount. Mayor Goldsmith stated that he is not opposed to just purchasing a nice truck, that will do the job, not necessarily a state bid truck. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that he would like to talk to Lucas Jachino about finding a good used truck. Discussion was held on deciding on a price and checking the budget.

Discussion was held on the Civic Systems upgrade. Mayor Goldsmith requested a breakout of the quote without the electronic time sheets.

No new news on the list of surplus equipment from the departments.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that we have no new information on the EJ Water contract or emergency interconnect and those items can come off the next agenda.

Discussion was held on a paint sprayer for the street department.

Mayor Goldsmith addressed the present council to let them know that he believes the business district grant that Joseph Clavin applied for last year should be paid out. It had originally been approved for \$6,000.00 and was then denied for payment. Discussion was held on the application that was applied for at 102 S. Pine. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the business district grant application in the original amount of \$6,000.00 for Joseph Clavin's building at 102 S Pine St. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Glenn were absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

New business

No new business

Executive Session

No executive session was needed.

Other Business

Adjournment

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 P.M. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris and Glenn were absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Cassidy
City Clerk