

**City of Nokomis**  
**City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**April 14, 2025**

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The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, April 14, 2025. Mayor Goldsmith called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., and City Clerk Cassidy called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Also, present were Attorney Chris Sherer, Ben Schwarm (Journal news), Ellen Christener (Pana News), Stevie Guinn, Tim Chumley (street foreman), Dolan O'Malley, Mike Young, Donald Baxter, Trevor Loafman, Josh Robinson and Cameron Jones (Benton and Associates)

**VISITORS**

Donald Baxter was present to address the council about his water bill. Mr. Baxter stated that he was gone and was charged \$43.90 for 0 usage while he was gone and doesn't believe he is getting his monies worth. Discussion was held on the money that comes into the water and wastewater department. Mayor Goldsmith explained to Mr. Baxter what the revenues were coming into the water and wastewater departments and what the expenses for the last year have been stating that we had about \$300.000.00 in overhead. Mr. Goldsmith explained that \$300.000.00 is not really a lot when we are trying to do projects and updates. With nothing more to say Mr. Baxter excused himself at 7:08 P.M.

Mayor Goldsmith asked if there were any other visitors present who wished to speak.

Trevor Loafman was present as a member of the Newkomis organization to request to close down a section of streets to host an event called Breakfast with Beer Bellies on June 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. Mr. Loafman stated that he would like to use the street department barricades to block off the streets.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of March 24, 2025, regular meeting were presented. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris abstained. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

The minutes of March 24, 2025, executive meeting was presented. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris abstained. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent, Nays none, the motion carried.

**Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance**

Mayor Goldsmith went through the bids for the sale of surplus property.

Commissioner Morris made a motion awarding the bid for the Ford Dump Truck to Randy Brockmeyer in the amount of \$1,801.00. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays none, the motion carried

Commissioner Morris made a motion awarding the bid for the Ford Explorer to Myrvel Barker. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Morris made a motion awarding the bid for the International Tractor to Randy Brockmeyer in the amount of \$4,801.00 Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Morris made a motion awarding the bid for the Chevy Impala to Randy Brockmeyer in the amount of \$801.00. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Morris made a motion awarding the bid for the Wastewater Truck to Rick Law in the amount of \$3737.37 Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve Ordinance 2138 an ordinance approving the Nokomis Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and Redevelopment Project. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve Ordinance 2139 an ordinance approving designating the Nokomis Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Area. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve Ordinance 2140 and ordinance adopting tax increment financing. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none, the motion carried.

### **Reports of City Officers**

Commissioner Morris had no news to report.

Commissioner Glenn stated that the street department has been busy replacing a hydrant on Walnut St. picking up brush and street sweeping. Commissioner Glenn stated that they have been looking at sidewalks and culverts.

Commissioner O'Malley reported that they have started working on the budget.

Commissioner O'Malley reported the revenues in the amount of \$1,093,63.20

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$917,842.63. Commissioner Morris questioned the Rackspace bill and asked if there is a better option for a better price or if CTI could recommend something different than Rackspace. Commissioner Morris and O'Malley agreed a lot of spam emails have come through. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The council reviewed and discussed the proposed changes to the front of the City Hall building. Commissioner Morris stated that she likes the design. Mayor Goldsmith discussed the potential of planting a Christmas tree in the front of the building, stating that if we plant it in the front of the building then the tree could get in the way of the lettering on the front. Discussion was held on the front awning. The council decided to wait until the next meeting to decide.

Commissioner Glenn provided two quotes for the purchase of lawn mowers for the street department. Discussion was held on purchasing the mowers, the size of the decks, horsepower, brand and service. Commissioner Morris asked the present street department employees what mowers they preferred. Street Department foreman Tim Chumley and Dolan O'Malley both stated that they prefer the John Deer mowers. Stevie Guinn stated that he wanted whatever the council approved, adding that he would be fine with either. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the purchase of two John Deere lawn mowers one with a 60" deck and one with a 72" deck. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Goldsmith stated that they are looking into putting a dog park at Shane Cole Park. Mayor Goldsmith stated that Camerons Causes will purchase the equipment and the only expense to the city would be another camera. Commissioner Morris asked if the city would need any additional insurance. Mayor Goldsmith stated that we have been in contact with our insurance company, and it would not be an additional cost, but they did provide us with a list of suggested guidelines and signs to hang up. Discussion was held on access to the park, location and separation of dogs based on size. Mayor Goldsmith stated that they have been in contact with the Cole family, and they like the idea, and will help where they can. Discussion was held on providing waste bags and a separate waste receptacle.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that the open burn times are established in city code, basically outside burns must be extinguished by dusk and you can only burn yard waste, no trash.

Mayor Goldsmith asked the council to consider adding a 4- way stop at the corner of Union and Pine. Discussion was held on the need for either stop signs or yield sign.

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to amend the dates on the public works union contract to April 30, 2026. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays none, the motion passed.

Mayor Goldsmith addressed the council to let them know that Audra Elam from Western Illinois University has chosen to complete her internship in Nokomis. If approved she will start in September and finish next July. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve Audra Elams

internship for a total of \$10,000.00. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Cameron Jones from Benton & Associates was present to answer any questions the council or public might have. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve pay request #13 in the amount of \$119,442.55. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith, Nays none, the motion carried.

### **Closed Session**

Commissioner Morris made a motion to enter closed session 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) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. (5ILCS) 120/2 (c) (5). The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the property owned by the public body. (5ILCS) 120/2 (c) (6).at 8:07 p.m. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to resume regular session at 8:20 P.M. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

### **Other Business**

Commissioner O'Malley asked if it was possible to give Karri Smith a stipend for covering for Clerk Cassidy while she was on maternity leave. Commissioner O'Malley suggested \$500.00 as it was close to the difference in pay. Mayor Goldsmith stated that they will look into it.

Commissioner Glenn asked if Benton and Associates to write a letter to KaMex to remind them that we are under a time restraint with the EPA to get the plant finished. Discussion was held on the violations, and project time frame. Mayor Goldsmith stated that he would get in touch with Cameron.

### **Adjournment**

With nothing to report after closed session Commissioner Glenn made a motion to adjourn at 8:28 P.M. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Cassidy  
City Clerk