

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2025

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, April 28, 2025. Mayor ProTem Charlie O'Malley called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. City Clerk Cassidy called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer and O'Malley. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Also, present were Attorney Chris Sherer, Ellen Christener (Pana News), Tim Chumley (street foreman), Alan Hard and Brennan Harston.

VISITORS

Randel Herzog was not present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of April 14, 2025, special meeting were presented. Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn and O'Malley. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Commissioner Arkebauer abstained. Nays, none. The motion carried.

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The minutes of April 14, 2025, executive meeting was presented. Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn and O'Malley. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Commissioner Arkebauer abstained. Nays, none. The motion carried.

The minutes of April 18, 2025, executive meeting was presented. Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn and O'Malley. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Commissioner Arkebauer abstained. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance

Ordinance 2141 an ordinance amending schedule "A" and schedule "K" to chapter 24 of the revised code of ordinance of Nokomis, Illinois. Commissioner Morris stated that she had originally wanted to put in a 3-way stop at Walnut and South St. but would like to change that to a 4-way stop at South & Vine St. Discussion was held on turning the intersection of Vine and South St. to a 4- way stop, because the intersection in near a park and is heavily traveled. Mayor ProTem O'Malley stated that Mayor Goldsmith has requested a yield at Pine and Union at the last meeting. Commissioner Glenn suggested the ordinance be revised and added to the next agenda. The present council has agreed to change the ordinance to a 4-way stop at W.

South & Vine and W. Union and S. Pine. Attorney Sherer asked for clarification if the council wanted to put a stop sign on Walnut. Discussion was held on the addition of the stop sign. Commissioner Morris stated that yes, remove the 3-way stop and just make it on stop sign on Walnut.

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Morris reported the Downtown Streetscapes and Beautification Project grant that the city was awarded \$330,000.00. Commissioner Morris reported that the project will start on the south side of Rt. 16. Commissioner Morris stated the downtown area is the first thing people see when they drive through town. Commissioner Morris stated that Tonya Flannery was the grant writer for this project, and she did a great job, and Scott Hunt from WHKS will help us administer the grant. Commissioner Glenn stated that we may need Tonya to help write a grant in the future if the current administration has cut the AmeriCorps funding, we may not get our grand student. Hopefully that doesn't happen because we are really excited for her to come and help our community.

Commissioner Glenn reported on the street department. Commissioner Glenn asked Tim Chumley to fill in the council on what the street department has been up to. Tim Chumley reported to the council that they have been busy mowing, putting in culverts, and changing out street signs. Tim stated that they plan to start putting up the cable and lights on the north side of state street. Commissioner O'Malley stated that there has been a lot of interest in the flower pots downtown.

Discussion was held on the mowers for the street department.

Commissioner Arkebauer stated that there is nothing new to report at the water department, however Greg has reported that there is a pump issue at the wastewater treatment plant. Tim Chumley reported that it is fixed now. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that there is an issue with one of the lift stations also. Commissioner Arkebauer asked about the meter replacement of the million gallon reads. Clerk Cassidy wasn't sure how many the water department has changed out. Commissioner Arkebauer suggested that they may as well change out the meters that are 750 thousand gallons or more. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that, from his understanding, Kamadulski has not been out at the wastewater plant. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that he will talk to Cameron to find out what's going on and if they are still on track. Commissioner Glenn stated that he is not opposed to having the attorney send a letter, because the city has a deadline and we want to make sure we can show the IEPA that we are trying to stay on schedule. Commissioner Glenn asked Commissioner Arkebauer to have John come up with his top two hydrants he believes needs to be replaced. Discussion was held on fire hydrant replacement.

Commissioner O'Malley reported the revenues in the amount of \$36,552.92

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$55,421.05. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn and O'Malley. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Commissioner O'Malley stated that the special meeting for the budget was cancelled because not everyone could make it but hopefully, we can pass it soon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion was held on the City Hall renovations with Milano & Grunloh. Commissioner Glenn suggested we wait until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Glenn stated that he is going to look into a second quote for the roof quote because he is not sure that the current quote will fix the problem. Discussion was held on the ridge cap. Commissioner Glenn stated that he would hate to pay \$6,000.00 to fix it, and he will look into getting a different option. Discussion was held on the condensation and the leaking in the police department. Commissioner O'Malley doesn't seem to think there was an issue in the fire department.

Closed Session

Other Business

Adjournment

Commissioner Morris made a motion to adjourn at 7:34 P.M. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer and O'Malley. Mayor Goldsmith. was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Cassidy
City Clerk