

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2025

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, May 12, 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, Ellen Christener (Pana News), Tim Chumley (street foreman), David Hadley, Roger Clymer, Clarann Hulbert, Alan Hard, Louis Stauder and an unknown male.

Visitors

Ryan from Globe Life- Liberty Mutual was present to address the council and ask if he and his coworker Michael could set up a date to come and see if the employees would be interested in signing up for the variety of services. Mayor Goldsmith stated that typically the employees do that on their own. Visitor Ryan said yes, he typically sets up a time to come and speak to the employees. Mayor Goldsmith suggested he call city hall tomorrow and set something up with Clerk Cassidy.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of March 24, 2025, regular meeting were presented. Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the minutes as written. 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.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve Ordinance 2141 an ordinance amending schedule "A" to chapter 24 of the revised code. 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.

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Morris stated that she and Mayor Goldsmith met with Scott Hunt of WHKS about the rebuild downtown grant. Commissioner Morris mentioned that the state was behind six months on awarding the grant. The project won't start until July 2027 because everything takes time. Commissioner Morris also stated that we might need to apply for future grants to continue the project. Mayor Goldsmith stated that the state will be giving out grants for continuing projects and he has reached out to Roger (Farnsworth). Discussion was held on potentially applying and using that grant for either the other side of the sidewalk or the S. Spruce St.

Commissioner Glenn asked Street Foreman Tim Chumley to address the council on what the street department has been up to. Tim Chumley addressed the council to let them know that they have been busy mowing, stringing cable and hauling brush. Commissioner Glenn asked

about the lights. Mr. Chumley said they are not done but they have been trying to get the cable and lights up in between rainstorms. Discussion was held on the lawn mowers.

Mayor Goldsmith reported on the Water and Wastewater department in Commissioner Arkebauer's absence. Mayor Goldsmith reported that he did not have a lot to report on at the water department but that he will be meeting with Adam and John this week to go over some things. Mayor Goldsmith also reported that Cameron of Benton and Associates held their pay progress meeting last week and he did let Kamadulskys know that if they are not done with the project in time that any charges the City may incur will be billed to Kamadulskys.

Commissioner O'Malley reported on the revenues in the amount of \$231,806.11

Bills

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve bills in the amount of \$218,965.53. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith asked Clerk Cassidy after the approval of bills to make sure that the P.D. is following the per diem amount per the handbook/ contract for training.

Unfinished business

Discussion was held on the front facing wall of the City Hall building. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve option 5, the revised version from the 3/31 design. 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.

Discussion was held on the City Hall roof ridge cap. Commissioner Glenn stated that he would like to get more quotes. He wasn't happy with the one he has. Visitor Dave Hadley asked what the council was talking about. Mayor Goldsmith stated that the City Hall roof is having a problem with condensation. Discussion was held on the roof issue. Mr. Hadley suggested a different type of ridge cap or they make a type of fan that we could put in.

New business

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to designate Charlie O'Malley as the Finance Commissioner. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioner Morris, Glenn and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner O'Malley abstained. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent, and Commissioner O'Malley abstained.

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to designate Michael Glenn as the Commissioner of Public Health and Safety. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioner Morris, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Glenn abstained. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to designate Tisha Morris as Commissioner of Street and Public Improvement. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioner Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris abstained. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to designate Scott Arkebauer as Commissioner of Public Property. Commissioner Morris 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 appoint Sonya Marette as Treasurer. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that the appointments are for the full four-year term and didn't need to be on the agenda.

Mayor Goldsmith asked Clerk Cassidy to elaborate on the return-to-work policy. Clerk Cassidy stated that the Illinois Risk Management sent over a sample policy for the city to consider. Mayor Goldsmith asked for it to be placed back on the agenda for the next meeting.

Discussion was held on the fire department sub- leasing the property that the fire department rents from the city. Mayor Goldsmith stated that he would like to terminate the lease with the fire department to renegotiate the terms of the contract to include an out for either the fire department or the city. The current lease only has an out-of-the-contract if the city sells the property. Visitor Roger Clymer was present for the fire department, Mr. Clymer asked Mayor Goldsmith how he was made aware that the fire department was subleasing to Aumann Auctions. Mayor Goldsmith stated that he had spoken with Kurt Aumann. Discussion was held on the property that the fire department leases for a training ground. Mayor Goldsmith stated that he just wants to see that options are available and does not think that a 99-year lease is good for anyone and now is a good time to fix it. Roger Clymer stated he thought there was an out in the contract. Mayor Goldsmith stated he also thought there was an out, however it is just if the property is sold. Discussion was held on the training grounds. Visitor David Hadley asked if the board would still let him (Aumann) use it for parking for big events, because they do a lot for the community. Mayor Goldsmith stated that he would like the property to be used for what it is supposed to be used for. Discussion was held again on the property and what it should be used for. Visitor Alan Hard asked if its public land can I rent it? Mayor Goldsmith asked him to terminate the lease to re-negotiate the terms. Mr. Clymer asked if it would be year to year or every five years. Mr. Hadley asked if they would put a date on the termination. Mr. Clymer stated that he has already asked Aumann's Auctions to remove all the items from the lot as soon as possible. Mayor Goldsmith stated that when he had spoken to Mr. Aumann, he would let him know. Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to terminate the Nokomis Area Fire Protection District lease contract as of June 12, 2025. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer was absent. 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) at 7:40 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 8:22 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

Adjournment

With nothing to report after the closed session Commissioner Glenn made a motion to adjourn at 8:22 P.M. Commissioner Morris 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