

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
January 27, 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 27, 2025. Mayor Goldsmith called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. after the public hearing, and Deputy Clerk Smith called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Morris, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Also, present were Ben Schwarm (Journal news), Ellen Christener (Pana News), Stevie Guinn, Dolan O'Malley, Chief Talon Burton, Josh Robinson, and Allen Hard.

VISITORS

No visitors were present to address the council.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the January 13, 2025, regular meeting were presented. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris abstained. Commissioner Glenn absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance

No resolutions, petitions, ordinances, are on the agenda.

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Morris had no updates, waiting to hear back from the downtown grant.

Commissioner Glenn was absent.

Commissioner Arkebauer stated that John will be testing for his water license in February at the annual training seminar. Greg also asked to go to the seminar, Scott asked if everyone was ok with Dylan being alone for two days while the boys are training, Mayor Goldsmith stated if he is working weekends then he can handle the running of both plants. Commissioner Arkebauer went on by stating that he had heard that Dylan Cloe was interested in getting his wastewater operator's license.

Commissioner O'Malley reported the revenues at \$110,171.24

Commissioner O'Malley stated that the annual treasures report was finished and would be published in the newspaper soon.

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$142,193.57. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Arkebauer,

O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Goldsmith stated that we received three proposals for the City Hall renovations Milano & Grunloh at \$7,500, Hurst-Roshe at \$11,500, and Farnsworth at \$13,500. Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve Milano & Grunloh at \$7,500 for 3 rendering designs and replacement of drain in the front. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Arkebauer, O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

A brief discussion was held on the truck replacement with nothing decided it was asked to be taken off the agenda.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the Civic Systems upgrade for miTime, Community portal, and Cash Receipting. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Arkebauer, O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that we had the list ready for our surplus items and asked Attorney Sherer what the next step was. Attorney Sherer stated with the ordinance 2114 in place the City is ready to move forward with the circulation and listing items for sale.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the BLH recycling day for 5/31/2025. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Arkebauer, O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith stated he was asked to schedule the clean up days after the City wide yards sales which will take place May 2nd and 3rd, so he is suggesting May 5 through 11th. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the city clean up days for May 5th through the 11th. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Arkebauer, O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

A brief discussion was held on the hiring of parttime police officer Cody Collins, with some concerns. Commissioner Morris asked Chief Burton why Collins got fired from Fayette County, Chief stated that he wrote to many DUI's according to the Sheriff. Commissioner Morris voiced her concerns regarding Collins' history in Fayette County. Commissioner Morris was concerned that Collins' style of policing may leave citizens and businesses feeling harassed. Commissioner Morris urged Chief Burton to focus the PD on drugs and crime and not people frequenting bars to have a good time. Chief Burton was in agreement. Commissioner Morris made a motion to hire Cody Collins as parttime police officer. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Arkebauer voted No. Commissioner Glenn was absent. The motion carried.

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve WWTP IEPA reimbursement #10 in the amount of \$157,971.96. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Arkebauer, O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the removal of Commissioner Stauder from all City of Nokomis accounts at First National Bank of Nokomis and add Commissioner Charles O'Malley as finance Commissioner. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Arkebauer, O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the removal of Commissioner Stauder from the City of Nokomis accounts X558, X559, and X560 at Bank and Trust in Witt, and add Commissioner Charles O'Malley as finance Commissioner. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Arkebauer, O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the removal of Commissioner Stauder from the City of Nokomis accounts X003, X004, X005, X006, X007 and X920 at LLCU in Nokomis, and add Commissioner Charles O'Malley as finance Commissioner. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Arkebauer, O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was needed.

Adjournment

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to adjourn at 8:24 P.M. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Arkebauer, O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Glenn was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karri Smith
Deputy Clerk