

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
October 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, October 27, 2025. Mayor Goldsmith called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., and City Clerk Cassidy called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Mayor Commissioner Morris was absent. Also, present were Chris Sherer (City Attorney) Alan Hard, Tim Chumley (Street Superintendent), Ellen Christner (Pana News), Ben Schwarm (Journal News) Sergeant Racheal Ehrhardt, Landon Collins, Louis Stauder, Stevie Guinn and an unknown male.

VISITORS

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of October 14, 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, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Glenn abstained. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

The minutes of October 14, 2025, closed meeting were 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. Commissioner Glenn abstained. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance and Communication:

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve ordinance 2145 and ordinance amending schedule "A: to chapter 34 of the revised code of ordinances. With no second on the vote the ordinance failed and did not pass.

Discussion was held on ordinance 2146 an ordinance superseding ordinance 2107 and replacing in its entirety the "Nokomis Neighborhood Preservation code" contained within article V, chapter 6 of the revised code or ordinance to provide for registration and maintenance of certain real property within the city by mortgages and owners of vacant properties. Mayor Goldsmith stated that because Mike was not at the last meeting and would like time to review the ordinance they will wait until the next meeting to make a decision.

There was no news on the change order for the lift stations.

Reports of City Officers

Mayor Goldsmith stated that they have received two quotes from Tim Chumley for installing insulation in one of the street sheds. Mr. Chumley stated they would like to have three walls and ceiling done it would be a 40 X 60 section that they will store the jetter in for winter.

Commissioner Glenn stated he would like to look at it. Discussion was held on what funds the insulation would come from. Further discussion and action will be taken at the next meeting.

Commissioner Glenn stated that he is sad to see Talon resign, stating that he has done a lot for the community.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve a building permit for 520 S Cedar for a shed. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays none the motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve a building permit for a fence at 211 E South St. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, and O'Malley. Mayor Goldsmith abstained, Commissioner Morris was absent, Nays none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Arkebauer stated that the Wastewater Treatment plant is online, but it will take a few weeks to go completely online. Discussion was held on the wastewater treatment plant. Discussion was held on the lift station improvement project and a shut off valve that needs to be fixed at 417 W State.

Commissioner Arkebauer stated that he is considering changing the Public Works laborers' hours to 8:00 - 4:30 because the office is open from 8:00 – 4:30 P.M. and that would eliminate the overtime hours. Discussion was held about changing the hours. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that he would talk to the union and write something up.

Commissioner Arkebauer stated that there will be a small change order for the wastewater plant project for the purchase of heaters for the building, but it won't be ready until the next meeting.

Commissioner O'Malley reported bills in the amount of \$384,585.35

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$35,445.40. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that he would like to start using a consent agenda, Discussion was held about the use of a consent agenda and how it could help keep the agendas and meetings shorter. Discussion was held on how consent agendas work. Visitor Louis Stauder questioned the council on how they would keep transparency with a consent agenda. Discussion was held on how the consent agenda would work and meeting minutes.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that he was contacted by the Montgomery County Economic Development and they would like to host a meeting in Nokomis in the council chambers on January 22, 2026. Mayor Goldsmith stated that depending on council attendance we may have to hold a special meeting.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that Talon had really built up the police department with the addition of the K9 unit and SRO, stating that he really has done a great job.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- nothing to discuss

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held on the Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance renewal. Mayor Goldsmith stated that he would like to stay with the current plan for now, stating it is one of the best benefits we can offer our employees.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to go into closed session at 7:31 P.M. to discuss #1 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), #2 The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee of the Public Body (5 ILCS 120/ 2 (c) #3Discussion of minutes of meeting lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, for purposes of approval by the body or semi- annual review of the minutes as mandated by section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act (5ILCS 120/2 (c) (21) Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to enter regular session at 7:52 P.M. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Adjournment

With nothing to report Commissioner O'Malley made a motion adjourn at 7:53 P.M. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Arkebauer, O'Malley and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Morris was absent. Nays none the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Cassidy
City Clerk