

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2025

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, November 10, 2025. Mayor Goldsmith called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., and Deputy Clerk Smith called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Glenn, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Also, present were Chris Sherer (City Attorney) Allen Hard, Tim Chumley (Street Superintendent), Ellen Christner (Pana News), Ben Schwarm (Journal News) Audra Elam, Sergeant Rachael Ehrhardt, Officers Nathon Brookshire and James Sands, Gary and Clarann Hulbert, Norann Ruppert, Jordan Ruppert, Tristen Drury, and Chris Bridges (Benton engineer).

VISITORS

Norann Ruppert was present to address the council regarding the new dog park; she has concerns about her property that is next to the new area. Norann was asking the council to put up a privacy fence along the west side of her property to the end of the dog fence so no one would cut through her property to get to the dog park. She also asked if she could plant shrubs or grass along the side that would border the fence. A brief discussion was had on the solutions with the Council suggesting that she put up private property or no trespassing signs and monitor the issue.

Sabrina Jones was not present to address the council.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of October 27, 2025, regular meeting were presented. Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

The minutes of October 27, 2025, executive meeting were presented. Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance

Ordinance 2146- an ordinance superseding ordinance no. 2107 and replacing in its entirety the "Nokomis Neighborhood Preservation code" contained within article V, Chapter 6 of the revised code or ordinances to provide for registration and maintenance of certain reap property within the city by mortgagees and owners of vacant properties was presented with Commissioner Glenn stating that he has reached out to surrounding communities that have used Hara and overall seem to have no issues with them, but wants everyone to look over the papers he provided.

Ordinance 2147- An Ordinance amending section 1-2-30 of the revised code of ordinances of Nokomis, Illinois regarding "Council Rules and Order of Business" was presented with changes needing to be made it was asked to be put on the next agenda.

Lift station project change order #2 was presented and Chris Bridges was present from Benton Engineering and suggested that this be tabled until the next agenda, they are still waiting for the contractors.

With minimal discussion Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve WWTP work change directives #6 electric heaters, #7 flow meter analog card, and #8 water line relocation. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Morris was absent.

Commissioner Glenn stated that he did not have anything further to discuss as his issue was already discussed.

Commissioner Arkebauer was absent, so the water/wastewater laborer hours will be put on the next agenda.

Commissioner O'Malley reported the revenues at \$77,246.95

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$78,448.50. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that they are still waiting for the survey paperwork and it was not ready for the subdivision property at the water plant.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A brief discussion was held on the insulation at the street department shed. Mayor Goldsmith stated that Commissioner Morris suggested that they go with the spray foam option due to Stevie being out for surgery and manpower being down. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the spray foam option coming in at \$19,225.00. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business to discuss.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to go into closed session at 7:29 P.M. 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 appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee of the Public Body (5 ILCS 120/ 2 (c) (1). And Discussion 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 Meeting Act (5ILCS 120/2) (c) (21). Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Adjournment

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to resume regular session at 8:10 P.M. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that there was nothing to report from closed session.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to adjourn at 8:11 P.M. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioners Morris and Arkebauer were absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karri Smith
Deputy Clerk