

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2025

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, August 25, 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, Morris, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Also, present were Chris Sherer (City Attorney) Allen Hard, Tim Chumley (Street Superintendent), Cameron Jones (Benton and Associates) Ellen Christner (Pana News), Keith Hancock, Bruce Betzold, Chad Ruppert, Josh Robison, Audra Elam, Doug Donaldson, Cody Greenwood, Eathan Murzynski, Cory Smith (the Zone).

VISITORS

Cody Greenwood presented the council with a proposal for the City to take over what they call county highway 7 or what's known as East Union to Elm Street. Commissioner Glenn voiced his concerns and strongly opposed it, stating that we don't have the funds available to add more roads. Mayor Goldsmith asked what the City would get out of this agreement. Doug Donaldson stated that the county is trying to be proactive and prevent safety issues. A brief discussion continued with the Council opposing the idea.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of August 11, 2025, regular meeting were presented. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Morris, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

The minutes of August 11, 2025, executive meeting were presented. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Morris, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance

A brief discussion was had on IEPA pay request #17. Cameron Jones was present to give the council an update on the project stating that today was the projected completion date, but Kamex is only 78% done. Cameron is working with Attorney Sherer on sending them a letter. Cameron stated that it's his opinion that they will need 3-4 more months and he suggested not passing the 30-day extension until we get a response from the letter. Commissioner Glenn asked about the possibility of penalties from the EPA. Cameron stated that we are withholding funds of \$423,000. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that he wants an in-person request if they need an extension.

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Morris gave a run down on the street department stating that they are staying busy.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve a fence permit at 305 N Spruce Street stating that he went by and it looked good. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Morris, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Arkebauer gave updates on the well maintenance stating that it is all going well, with one well needing seal replacements for a small leak. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that the water department needs to be working more on the million gallon read meters and getting them changed, stating he will talk with the water department. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that he has been speaking to a meter salesman, and the salesman is wanting to come to a meeting to give the Council his pitch, he added that he will put the salesman on the agenda when they can agree on a date. Commissioner Arkebauer stated that Capps lift station is almost complete.

Commissioner O'Malley reported the revenues at \$1,272,078.46

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$1,352,042.38. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Morris, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith introduced Audra Elam stating that she will be working with the City starting next month.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that he had a Business District Grant application from 416 E State Street, Golitko Services, he wants to put a roof on and has a bid from HD Exteriors for \$29,698.00 and he would suggest approving \$15,000. Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to approve the business district grant to 416 E State Street of \$15,000 for a new roof. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Morris, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that he was approached by the Spainhours, they are wanting to donate benches for downtown, with no one against this he will reach out and let them know.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A Brief discussion on the Intergovernmental agreement with Central IL Land Bank, with Commissioner Glenn making a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Morris, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that the City received a grant for the spring cleanup days and would suggest doing a fall cleanup days after the community yard sales. Commissioner Glenn made a

motion to approve fall cleanup days for October 13-19. Commissioner Arkebauer second the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Morris, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Morris stated that the Street Department is wanting to weatherproof the 30X60 portion of the shed by putting down concrete floors and insulation. Commissioner Morris stated that she received three bids for the concrete with Russ Foster coming in with the lowest bid of \$22,250, and both other companies coming in around \$25,000 - \$30,000. Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve Russ Foster's bid for the concrete work at the City Shed in the amount of \$22,250. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Morris, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

A brief discussion was had on sidewalks and the replacement of outlying sidewalks, with Mayor Goldsmith stating that if it were not in a well trafficked area, he would suggest not replacing them.

A backflow prevention application was presented to the council at 516 S Pine Street. Mayor Goldsmith says that we budget every year for this, and no one takes advantage of the program, and he suggests paying the full amount of \$1037.48. Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the backflow prevention application for \$1037.48 at 516 S Pine Street. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Morris, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Trick or Treat hours were discussed, with Commissioner Morris making a motion to approve the Trick or Treat hours for October 30 and 31 from 4pm-8pm. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Morris, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Goldsmith stated that there was no need for executive session.

Adjournment

Cody Smith was present to discuss the possibility of leasing the old library for a new gym, with Attorney Sherer preparing the lease agreement, Cody stated that he has a current location in Verdin where he has worked for the last 10 years and owning it for 4 of those 10 years. Cody stated that he put out a Facebook survey asking the community if they would be interested in joining a gym in Nokomis with 195 surveys filled out and 99% interested in joining, he feels optimistic about the endeavor. Commissioner Glenn stated he didn't think it was a good idea, stating that the City is not in the real estate business. A brief discussion was had on whom would be responsible for the repairs to the building, such as HVAC, with Commissioner Glenn stating that he would suggest that Cody be responsible for it, with the rest of the Council all in agreement that the City would be responsible for all maintenance issues, and Cody be responsible for upkeep such as air filters, with that one correction will need to be made to the lease agreement in 7.1, Mayor Goldsmith asked Attorney Sherer if he could make that

correction and send the new documents out. Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the lease agreement with the one correction. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, Commissioner Glenn. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to adjourn at 8:12 P.M. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Morris, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karri Smith
Deputy Clerk