

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2025

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, September 22, 2025. Mayor Protem O'Malley called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., and City Clerk Hill called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and Mayor Protem O'Malley. Mayor Dylan Goldsmith was absent. Also, present were Chris Sherer (City Attorney) Alan Hard, Tim Chumley (Street Superintendent), Ellen Christner (Pana News), Audra Elam, Jocko Nash, Dolan O'Malley, Stevie Guinn, Roger Nuxoll (Farnsworth Group), Cameron Jones (Benton Engineering) Sergeant Racheal Ehrhardt, Chief Talon Burton, Officers Nathan Brookshire, James Sands and Landon Collins. Gary and Clarann Hulbert, Louis Stauder, Josh Robison and Phil Donelson (Utility Pipe Sales)

VISITORS

Phil Donelson of Utility Pipe Sales was present to introduce himself and let the council know that he has heard that the city is interested in meter replacement. Mr. Donelson handed out a flyer to the council and described the type of meters his company uses and how they would work.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of September 8, 2025, regular meeting were presented. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and O'Malley. Commissioner Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

The minutes of September 8, 2025, closed session meeting were presented. Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the minutes with corrective action for page one paragraph 5. Commissioner Glenn requested to have the words "two weeks" removed. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer and O'Malley. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance and Communication:

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve ordinance 2142 an ordinance amending section 24-8-5 of the revised code regarding non- highway vehicles with the City. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer and O'Malley. Nays none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve resolution 2025-05, a resolution supporting an Illinois Safe Routes to School program grant in School District #2. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer and O'Malley. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve IEPA L17-6182 reimbursement #18 in the amount of \$290,407.60. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer and O'Malley. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays none the motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the DCEO Lift Station reimbursement #1 in the amount of \$197,151.81. Commissioner Morris second the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn and O'Malley. Commissioner Arkebauer abstained. Mayor Goldsmith was absent.

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Morris reported that the Street Department has been busy. Commissioner Glenn asked about getting some trees trimmed. Commissioner Morris responded that the tree fund has been expended. Commissioner O'Malley asked visitor Alan Hard if he was able to come up with a list. Mr. Hard stated that he is not a city employee, and he does not have a list but that he can come up with one. Mr. Hard stated that there are a couple places where limbs are hanging down in front of some signs. Commissioner Morris stated that the street department would be able to trim the limbs that are blocking the street signs. Street Superintendent Tim Chumley stated that they would be able to trim limbs they just do not have enough in the tree fund to cut down large trees.

Commissioner Glenn stated that Chief Burton and Clerk Cassidy are working on vacant house letters.

Commissioner Arkebauer reported that the work at the sewer plant is ongoing, Korte will be back in town to look at the detention tank again, Illinois rural water was in town to try and locate a leak and could not find it. Discussion was held on the purchase of a jetter for the wastewater department. Commissioner Arkebauer requested that the purchase of a new jetter be put on the next agenda. Commissioner Glenn stated that if it is critical then he is not opposed to scheduling a special meeting. Discussion was held on holding a special meeting on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 4:30 P.M.

Commissioner O'Malley reported on the revenues in the amount of \$ 1,498,267.08.

Commissioner O'Malley made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$1,482,157.85. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer and O'Malley. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays none. The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Glenn asked to add the discussion to sell or remove from service the K9- Police dog to the next agenda.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve the lift station improvement projects extension to January 31, 2026. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners

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

Discussion was held about asphaltting part of an alleyway near the new Farmer's Station. The council agreed to wait until the next meeting to discuss it further and make a decision.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Morris made a motion to go into closed session at 7:27 P.M. to discuss 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 The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body 5ILCS 120/2(c)(6). Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and O'Malley. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Visitor Nash spoke to let the council know that the previous council did not want to sell the property to the fire department in case a business or grocery store wanted to come to town, The city does not have a lot of open property.

Commissioner Morris made a motion in enter regular session at 8:11 P.M. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer and O'Malley. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays none the motion carried.

Adjournment

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to strike his request to remove "two weeks" from the closed meeting minutes and approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer and O'Malley. Nays none, the motion carried.

Discussion was held on adding the closed session items to the next agenda. With nothing to report Commissioner Glenn made a motion adjourn at 8:12 P.M. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer and O'Malley. Mayor Goldsmith was absent. Nays none the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Cassidy
City Clerk