

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council EXECUTIVE SESSION Minutes
September 8, 2025

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois went into an executive session at 7:33 P.M. during their regular City council meeting on Monday, September 8, 2025. Those present were Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Also, present was Deputy Clerk Smith and Attorney Chris Sherer, Audra Elam, Chief Talon Burton, and Sergeant Racheal Ehrhardt.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to go into closed session at 7:33 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 Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Glenn, Morris, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith started the discussion stating that he had no update to report regarding the Police Department union contract negotiations, Sergeant Ehrhardt stated that the union vote went through, and she is still the union representative and will have a counter offer tomorrow.

Chief Burton present the council with the hiring of Amanda Stokes as the police department clerk, stating that she now works for the Secretary of State, and has most of the clearances she needs, adding that she was the most qualified and he only received three applications. Chief Burton is recommending that they hire her as of September 22, 2025, at \$18 with training until December when Carol retires increasing to \$20. Mayor Goldsmith stated that she is Officer Brookshire's girlfriend, he just wants it to be clear. Commissioner Morris asked if they thought this would be an issue, Sergeant Ehrhardt stated that they will work opposite shifts and should not be a problem. Council agreed to approve the hiring of Amanda Stokes pending background checks.

A discussion was held regarding personnel issues within the Police Department. With the officer not being allowed to use FLEX or LEADS, he is put on suspension with pay, per union contract, for two weeks, until the council can receive reports from the outside agency.

Mayor Goldsmith stated that he spoke with the Fire Department about the purchase of their training ground. Mayor Goldsmith continued by stating that the Fire Department is good with one acre, which is a bit more than the existing rock. Mayor Goldsmith stated that he would suggest setting a price at \$10,000. Commissioner Glenn stated that he would offer \$9,000 and they would pay closing cost. Mayor Goldsmith stated that he would speak to the Fire Department.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to exit the executive session at 8:39 P.M. Commissioner O'Malley seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, and O'Malley; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karri Smith
Deputy Clerk