

City of Natoma
City Council Minutes
February 12,2026
Regular Council Meeting 7:00 PM

Mayor: Rick Dunlap

Council Members Present: Dale Eickhoff, Roger Hobrock and Kyle Koelling

Apologies: Chris Broeckelman and Jesse Lyle

City Employees Present: Ryan Cook and Amanda Baxley

Employees Absent: Adam Kocinski – (Provided Mayor with Council Meeting Information)

7:02 PM: Mayor called the meeting to order.

Approval Of Agenda: Approved as presented.

Approval Of Minutes: The council minutes from 1/8/2026 were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report had an ending balance of \$316,558.30.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried. 3/0

New Business:

- **Letter Received from Resident's Lawyer & City's Response:**

The Council was informed that the City Clerk received a letter from a resident's attorney, Christopher Peoples, with Riling, Burkhead & Nitcher, regarding the City's alleged lack of response to animals at large and aggressive animal complaints. Staff reported that the letter was forwarded to the City Attorney, along with an explanation that Animal Control has responded to every call received from the resident and that the City was unsure why the letter had been issued. The City Attorney reviewed the matter and provided an approved written response outlining the documented events and actions taken by the City each time a complaint was received. The Council acknowledged the report.

- **OCCF Match Month Donation:**

A motion was made and seconded to donate a \$1000 to the Osborne County Community Foundation. Motion carried. 2/0- Roger abstained.

Old Business:

- **Skid Steer Estimates:**

The Mayor presented the Council with the estimates provided by Adam in his absence. After discussion, the Council agreed to table consideration of the skid steer purchase for several months and to prioritize the acquisition of a much-needed street sweeper at this time.

- **Street Sweeper Information:**

The Council discussed a street sweeper that had been identified through an online listing. Following discussion, the Council directed Roger to inspect the equipment in person and authorized him to proceed with the purchase, provided that the condition and functionality met expectations upon review. **It was motioned and seconded to approve the purchase of the street sweeper for an amount not to exceed \$30,000, contingent upon the equipment meeting satisfactory conditions and functionality expectations upon inspection. 3/0**

Other Business:

• **Re-paving N. 2nd Street:**

The Council discussed an email submitted by Councilman Chris Broeckelman in his absence to the City Clerk regarding the potential re-paving of N. 2nd Street, including the approaches coming off K-18 from both directions. Councilman Broeckelman had previously spoken with County Commissioner Rex Johnston about the possibility of coordinating this work when the County schedules the highway for repaving. Commissioner Johnston indicated that he would present the matter for discussion at the next County meeting.

Mayor's Report: No Report.

City's Superintendent Report: (Presented by Mayor Dunlap)

- Two sinkholes have been discovered; one located at 513 N. 3rd Street and the other near 102 N. Main Street. Adam will contact Johnson Services to run a camera through the main sewer line to determine whether there is a possible collapse or separation within the line.
- A water leak was identified and repaired near 919 N. 2nd Street. The issue was determined to be a hole in the copper service line approximately the size of a pen, along with a leaking valve at the main connection and coupler. A new valve and coupler were installed, and a PEX line was run to complete the repair. Scott Services was present during the repair in the event that a water truck was needed to empty the excavation while Adam worked; however, their assistance was ultimately not required.
- Static water level readings were reported as follows: Well #7 measured 25.5 feet, Well #6 measured 26.1 feet, and Well #5 measured 26.5 feet.
- Bushings in the right-hand control arm and a U-joint were replaced on the work truck. In addition, four new tires were purchased and installed, and a wheel alignment was completed.

Clerk's Report:

- Amanda met with Mindy Miller from the Osborne County Community Foundation to discuss the grants the City Clerk has been preparing. Guidance was provided recommending that the overall project of cleaning up properties be divided into smaller, more manageable phases to improve funding opportunities and project feasibility.

Pay Bills and Adjourn:

8:07 PM: Motion to pay bills and adjourn was moved and seconded. Motion carried. 3/0