

City of Natoma
City Council Minutes
May 8, 2025
Regular Council Meeting 7:00 PM

Mayor: Rick Dunlap

Council Members Present: Dale Eickhoff, Kyle Koelling, Roger Hobrock, Chris Broeckelman (7:07) and Jesse Lyle.

City Employees Present: Adam Kocinski and Amanda Baxley.

7:02 PM: The mayor called the meeting to order.

Approval Of Agenda: City dumpster costs were requested to be added to the agenda. Approved as amended.

Approval Of Minutes: The council minutes from 4/10/2025 were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report had an ending balance of \$241,037.98. There is an outstanding check to Haselhorst Builders for \$81,000. The reimbursement for this check has not yet been received. Budget balances are good, with most budgets having over 80% remaining. The library budget is close to being paid out.

The motion to accept the treasury report was moved, seconded, and carried. (5/0)

Old Business:

New Business:

- **American Fire- Safety Inspections-** The question of weather to stay with Professional Fire Equipment Co. or to switch to American Fire for the inspections of the city's fire equipment was discussed. The council's decision was to continue business with Professional Fire Co.
- **Well Sampling for Ground Water Quality-** A representative from the Kansas Geological Survey contacted the clerk about sampling well number five in Natoma.

It was moved and seconded to not participate in the groundwater sampling program. Motion carried. (5/0)

- **Approval of MIH Distribution #5 in the amount of \$68,614 -**

It was moved and seconded to approve the MIH Disbursement #5 in the amount of \$68,614. Motion carried. (5/0)

- **Water Issue- 813 6th Street** –Charges have been filed against a resident for tampering with their water meter following the disconnection of service due to non-payment. The individual unlawfully restored water service without authorization. The matter has been referred to the appropriate authorities for further action.

- **City Dumpster Costs-** The charges will be going up for the dumpster the city provides for the residents. After discussion it was decided not to make any decisions about whether to continue to provide the dumpster until they know what the price will be to continue this service.

Mayor's Report: No report.

City Superintendent Report:

The water levels are good, up about 5ft from last time, sitting at 21ft from static level. All wells are similar, from 21 to 22ft.

Khole Mathews has been hired for summer help.

A mower was purchased from Jacob Sales for \$4,900.

The street sweeper keeps having issues with the gearbox.

There were two water leaks that had to be repaired. One on Hachmeister Street and one on 5th Street by the high school.

Adam stated that he is ready to seal streets when he gets a chance.

City Clerk's Report:

One resident's water was shut off for non-payment. It was paid in full and turned back on.

The last ARPA report has been submitted.

Election openings for 2026 (Mayor, two council members: Kyle and Dale) have been sent to the county.

The property at 911 N. 2nd will be up for auction in September due to \$24,185.64 in unpaid back taxes since 2016.

Executive Session-

8:06 PM: It was moved and seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss annual employee evaluations for the clerk and the superintendent. Motion carried. (5/0)

8:21 PM: Regular meeting resumed.

It was moved and seconded to keep employee wages the same as last year. Motion carried. (5/0)

Pay Bills and Adjourn:

8:22 PM: It was moved and seconded to pay bills and adjourn. Motion carried. (5/0)