

City of Natoma
City Council Minutes
July 10, 2025
Regular Council Meeting 7:00 PM

Mayor: Rick Dunlap

Council Members Present: Dale Eickhoff (8:45 PM), Kyle Koelling (7:03 PM), Roger Hobrock, Chris Broeckelman and Jesse Lyle.

City Employees Present: Ryan Cook, Adam Kocinski and Amanda Baxley.

Others Present: Nolan Numrich and Christina Hayes- Western Cooperative Electric.

7:00PM: The mayor called the meeting to order.

Approval Of Agenda: Approved as presented.

Approval Of Minutes: The council minutes from 6/12/2025 were approved as presented.

New Business:

- **Franchise Renewal Agreement Review-** Nolan and Christina from Western Cooperative Electric informed the council that the current Franchise Agreement held between Western Cooperative Electric and the City of Natoma is set to expire on 8/4/2025. The option of changing the current franchise fees of 3% was discussed. **The motion was made to raise the franchise fee to 4% for the new 20-year agreement with Western Cooperative Electric. Without a second the motion was not considered.** Discussion continued among the council members.

A motion to table the rate increase discussion until the next meeting to gather more information was moved, seconded and carried. 4/0

- **Approval of MIH Distribution #7 in the amount of \$40,786.00.**

It was moved and seconded to approve the MIH Disbursement #7 in the amount of \$40,786.00. Motion carried. 4/0

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report had an ending balance of \$298,181.19. General and Sewer funds are up. 65% of the general fund remains.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried. 4/0

Ryan presented the council with the budget for 2026. Budget, tax rates and revenues were discussed.

It was moved and seconded to approve the proposed 2026 budget with the intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate. Motion carried. 3/1

Ryan informed the council that revenue has risen to a level that requires an agreed upon procedure, where an independent accountant measures the effectiveness of accounting and accuracy of reports. The city will need to plan on \$5,000 to \$10,000 auditing fees for the next two years.

Old Business:

- **Update on Payton Property- Unfit Structure-** The Clerk informed the council that the next step in the condemn process will be for the owner to attend the hearing set for 8/14/2025 at 7:00 PM during the next Council meeting.
- **Library Roof Inspection and Estimate for Preventative Maintenance-** The clerk reported to the council that the library roof had been inspected by Tom Arnold from Tom's Flat Roof Repair and that he didn't find anywhere that the roof could be leaking. He did, however, suggest that some preventative maintenance should be done to seal around the vents coming out of the roof and aluminum should be installed to the seams. The estimate is \$600. The council agreed that the maintenance should be done and should be paid for out of the library's money.
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Mayor's Report: The mayor discussed the possibility of the city helping the Labor Day Committee buy 10 tables for the Labor Day Celebration. The concern of where to store the tables if purchased was discussed. No decision was made at this time.

City's Superintendent Report: Adam informed the council that there was a water leak on 4th and Hachmeister. The curb had to be removed but will be put back in place.
The street oiler needs new tires and rims; they are on order at Masters.
The South Shop's garage door is broken and needs to be replaced.
A used street sweeper was found on PurpleWave. The Auction ends July 22nd.

**It was moved and seconded for Adam to bid up to \$5,000 on the street sweeper on PurpleWave.
Motion carried. 5/0**

City Clerk's Report- Ronda Hitschmann wants to donate a small property to the city. The property is located at 920 N. 2nd St. The council agreed to accept the lot.
Shari Paget would like to know if she can use city water for a fundraising car wash event. The council agreed to let her use the water.
The clerk requested to take July 21st through the 23rd off work. The council approved the request.

9:20 PM- It was moved and seconded to pay bills and adjourn. Motion carried. (5/0)