

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

**Mayor:** Rick Dunlap

**Council Members Present:** Dale Eickhoff, Roger Hobrock, Jesse Lyle and Chris Broeckelman

**Apologies:** Kyle Koelling

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

**Others Present:** Terry Hays

**7:00 PM:** Mayor called the meeting to order.

**Approval Of Agenda:** Approved as presented.

**Approval Of Minutes:** The council minutes from 2/12/2026 were approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report had an ending balance of \$279,765.49. The street sweeper expenditure impacted the Special Highway Budget, bringing the remaining balance down to \$3,763.00.

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

**Old Business:**

- **Terry Hays- Property Rehabilitation Update:**

The Council asked Mr. Hays to provide an update on the progress of cleaning up and repairing his properties. Mr. Hays stated that he has someone scheduled to come and give him an estimate for repairs to the house located at 701 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. The Council then discussed the possibility of the City purchasing the properties rather than proceeding with condemnation. Mr. Hays stated that he would like the opportunity to consult with his attorney before making any decisions regarding the properties. Mr. Hays also stated that he will attend next month's council meeting to provide an update.

- **Osborne County Commissioner, Rex Johnston- Repair of N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street:**

Rex informed the council that he and others from the county had come to Natoma to assess the condition of N. 2nd Street and agreed that the road needs to be repaired. He stated that the county is still looking into how the repairs could be completed and how the project could be funded.

**New Business:**

- **Southwind Bank- Release of Pledged Collateral:**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve and sign the Release of Pledged Collateral for Southwind Bank. Motion Carried. 4/0**

- **Resident Complaints:**

A resident complained about an individual harboring cats on their front porch, stating that the cats are causing damage to a neighboring property, including spraying and scratching furniture. It was also reported that the individual has created a makeshift shelter for the cats and provides

them with food. The situation was discussed and considered a potential public nuisance. A letter was sent to the resident regarding feeding and harboring feral cats that was creating the nuisance. The resident acknowledged there was a problem and was offered assistance from the City Superintendent.

A formal complaint was filed regarding items located on a neighboring property, including a wood door, metal furnace, plumbing pipes, cement blocks, trash cans filled with cement, construction paper flapping in the wind, and shingles from the roof falling onto the neighboring property, which the complainant stated is causing a public nuisance. This complaint has not yet been investigated by the Public Officer and will be addressed as soon as possible.

- **Feral Cat Policy for the City:**

The council also discussed the possibility of adding a feral cat policy to the established animal code, as well as requiring the registration of cats with the city. No action was taken at this time.

**Other Business:** No Other Business.

**Mayor's Report:** No Report.

**City's Superintendent Report:**

- A sinkhole was reported and needs to be investigated to determine whether it is related to the city's sewer line or a county culvert. Johnson will come to inspect the sinkhole. It was noted that the county owns the road where the sinkhole is located, as it was the old highway. There is a sewer meeting scheduled for April 1st where a map of county roads will be available. Another road issue has also been added to the list for Johnson to inspect. It was discussed that the sewer line at 513 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street may have a separation causing the problem, and that a possible fix would involve blowing in a liner that hardens to match the existing pipe.
- The street sweeper has been delivered and has already been put into use. A couple of air leaks were noticed the first day but were repaired by replacing two T fittings in the airlines. It was noted that the sweeper is very cold-blooded and does not want to run well in cold temperatures. The back hydraulic system for the broom also takes some time to start operating and may require a change in fluid viscosity or checking the filter.
- Wiring problems were reported at Well #5, causing it to start running on its own. The power to the building has been shut off, and Karst will be contacted to inspect the issue.

**Clerk's Report:**

- One resident was shut off for non-payment but has since paid the balance in full and service has been restored.
- The McConnell property agreement has been signed and is in place.
- A decision on the Ditch Witch Grant is expected by the end of March.
- The clerk asked the council whether insurance should be kept on the old street sweeper while it is sitting on the lot, and it was determined that insurance would not be necessary at this time.

**Pay Bills and Adjourn:**

**8:28 PM: Motion to pay bills and adjourn was moved and seconded. Motion carried. 4/0**