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Meeting Minutes

Noma Town Council Meeting – January 05, 2026, 6:00 PM CST

Noma Town Hall, 3467 Skipper Avenue, Noma, FL 32425

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Town Council Members in Attendance

Seat 1 – Litermin Joseph (LJ), Mayor

Seat 2 – Josephine Curry (JC)

Seat 3 – Betty Forthman (BF)

Seat 5 – Daniel Arrant (DA)

Town Council Members Absent

Seat 4 – Michael Hernandez (MH)

Others Present

Ben Tew (BT), Town Clerk

Christopher Jones (CJ), Maintenance

Members of the Public

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

LJ led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, then called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Approval of Agenda

BF motioned to approve the agenda. DA seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

DA motioned to approve the December 1, 2025 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes. BF seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills to be Paid

DA motioned to approve the bills to be paid as presented. BF seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment

- **Jimmie Moore** spoke regarding access to restroom facilities for the mail carrier and maintenance concerns at the Town Park, including restroom condition. CJ stated maintenance work was ongoing to address restroom issues. Moore also asked whether asphalt millings from future road projects could be reused on other streets such as Park Avenue Extension. The Mayor stated the Town would review the possibility.

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OLD BUSINESS

- **Grant Updates**

- **CDBG-DR Sewer Project:** The change order related to the FDEP Consent Order has been approved, with remaining work expected to occur in January prior to project closeout.
- **CDBG-NR Repaving:** The Main Street Repaving project has been re-advertised with expanded MWBE outreach and a new bid deadline of January 30, 2026.
- **MSCOP Side Street Paving:** Continuing engineering negotiations have resumed with the goal of presenting a finalized contract in February.
- **USDA ECWAG Water Well:** The USDA Well Project had no updates.

- **Ordinance 2026-01 – Election Procedures (Second Reading)**

DA motioned to approve Ordinance 2026-01 on second reading. JC seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

- **Christmas Party Follow-Up**

The Clerk summarized the December 20 Christmas Party. Community donations included bicycles and toys. Total event costs were approximately \$1,060, partially offset by donations and in-kind contributions.

- **Small Items**

- **New Town Website:** The Clerk reported the Town website is now live with resident alert notification features.
- **Requests for Sewer Service:** Updates were provided on pending sewer service requests at 3459 1st Avenue Extension and 3493 E White Street.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Town Clerk

- **Bank Accounts** - Account balances and activity through December were reviewed.
- **Utility Billing Report** - November collections totaled \$6,150. Final notices, disconnections, and current past-due accounts were summarized.
- **FY2025-2026 Budget Update** - The Clerk presented a first-quarter budget snapshot. Several categories are running higher than projected due to unplanned repairs, fire department operating costs, and community event expenses. Overall performance remains manageable but requires monitoring.

Maintenance Department

- Maintenance updates were provided including restroom repairs and ongoing facility work.

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Fire Department

- **Firetruck Repairs** - Updates were provided regarding fire truck repairs.
- **State Fire Marshall Grant** - Council directed the Clerk to pursue the advance funding option if available.

Water & Wastewater System

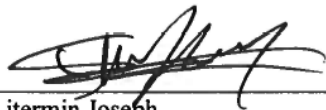
- **Lift Station Call-Out Invoice** - The Water Operator submitted a \$150 after-hours lift station call-out invoice.
- **Digester Sludge Removal** - BF motioned to approve up to \$1,900 for digester sludge removal. DA seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- **Well #1 Coming Online** - Well #1 is scheduled to return to service in January, with increased monthly operator costs beginning in February.
- **Suspended Solids Meter Purchase** - DA motioned to approve purchase of a Suspended Solids meter (approx. \$900). BF seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Council Member Items

- **LJ** – No items.
- **JC** – Discussed potential future Community Room and kitchen equipment needs
- **BF** – No items.
- **MH** – Absent
- **DA** – Discussed landscaping around the existing welcome sign rather than relocating it.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:07 PM.

Meeting Minutes prepared by Ben Tew.



Litermin Joseph
Noma Mayor

Date