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# Meeting Minutes

*Noma Town Council Meeting – February 12, 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 3 – Betty Forthman (BF)

Seat 4 – Michael Hernandez (MH)

Seat 5 – Daniel Arrant (DA)

**Town Council Members Absent**

Seat 2 – Vacant

**Others Present**

Ben Tew (BT), Town Clerk

Members of the Public

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

LJ led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, then called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

DA motioned to approve the January 5, 2026 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes. MH seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of Bills to be Paid**

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

**Council Member Curry Resignation**

BF motioned to accept Council Member Josephine Curry's resignation effective January 31, 2026. MH seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Council directed the Clerk to issue public notice regarding the Seat 2 vacancy and encourage interested residents to attend the next meeting to request appointment.

## Public Comment

- **Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT)** presented information regarding adoption of a Tobacco Free Parks ordinance. DA motioned for the Town to adopt a Tobacco Free Parks ordinance. MH seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- **Andy Easton**, grant administrator for the Town's CDBG grants, provided a Fair Housing presentation covering Fair Housing requirements, complaint procedures, and citizen resources. Informational materials were distributed.

## OLD BUSINESS

- **Grant Updates**
  - **CDBG-DR Sewer Project:** Pre-closeout inspection completed; project nearing completion pending remaining punch list items.
  - **CDBG-NR Repaving:** Council approved Resolution 2026-03 awarding the construction contract (contingent upon FloridaCommerce approval) to Southeast Construction Company, LLC in the amount of \$289,973.00. MH motioned to approve Resolution 2026-03. DA seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
  - **MSCOP Side Street Paving:** Continuing engineering services agreement and initial task order were approved. DA motioned to approve and sign the continuing engineering services contract with Southern Engineering Solutions, Inc. MH seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. MH motioned to approve Task Order 1. DA seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
  - **USDA ECWAG Water Well:** Update provided; project continuing toward Well #1 startup.

## NEW BUSINESS

- **Personnel Matter – Maintenance Department Employee**

Council discussed a personnel matter involving a maintenance employee. Following discussion, DA motioned to terminate employment in accordance with Town policies. MH seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

DA motioned to hire Earl Bodie as a temporary replacement to maintain operations. MH seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Council directed the Clerk to advertise the open Maintenance Worker position.
- **2026 Municipal Election Update**

The Clerk provided an update regarding the municipal election timeline, candidate qualifying week, and related administrative requirements. No formal action was taken.
- **Town Charter and Code of Ordinances Records**

The Clerk provided a brief explanation regarding difficulties locating authoritative adopted versions of the Town Charter, and Code of Ordinances, including uncertainty surrounding a reported 2020 charter revision and adoption of a codified ordinance set. Council discussed the matter and agreed to table the item until the April meeting following the election and swearing-in.

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- **Utility Billing Gaps**

The Clerk presented findings regarding properties previously receiving utility service but without active accounts. Council discussed options and directed staff to send letters to affected property owners requesting contact with Town Hall to arrange payment plans or account resolution.

## DEPARTMENT UPDATES

### Town Clerk

- **Bank Accounts** - Account balances and activity through January were reviewed.
- **Utility Billing Report** - January collections were reviewed. Final notices, disconnections, and current past-due accounts were summarized.
- **Old Deposits** - Council discussed legacy utility deposit records and provided guidance that refunds or credits could not be issued without supporting documentation.

### Maintenance Department

- The Maintenance Department presented information regarding a cold patch asphalt proposal for pothole repairs.

### Fire Department


- **Firetruck Repair Quote** - Discussion held; item tabled pending additional quotes.
- **Training Expense** - BF motioned to approve training lodging expenses. DA seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Department activity updates were provided.

### Council Member Items

- LJ – No items.
- BF – No items.
- MH – No items.
- DA – motioned to change the town's garbage service from Northwest Sanitation Service to Household Disposal Service. MH seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 PM.**

Meeting Minutes prepared by Ben Tew.

  
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Litemin Joseph  
Noma Mayor

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