

Meeting Minutes

Noma Town Council Meeting – March 02, 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 5 – Daniel Arrant (DA)

Town Council Members Absent

Seat 2 – Vacant at start of meeting

Seat 4 – Michael Hernandez (MH)

Others Present

Ben Tew (BT), Town Clerk

Zechariah Flowers (ZF), Fire Chief

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

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

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

DA motioned to approve the February 12, 2026 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

- **Jack Davis** local minister, spoke about a ministry event planned for March 21 and expressed interest in using the Fire Department duplex building for ministry or food distribution. Fire Chief Zechariah Flowers stated the building is not currently in use. Jimmie Moore asked about the condition of the building. Mayor Joseph stated the Town and Davis would evaluate the building before discussing next steps.
- **Wade Curry**, Noma resident, presented a petition requesting to be added to the Town Council election ballot after being disqualified during qualifying week. Clerk Tew explained Curry did not submit all required qualifying documents before the deadline. Council Member Arrant accepted the petition and stated the Clerk would contact the Holmes County Supervisor of Elections for guidance.
- **Eric Hudson**, Noma resident, spoke regarding the election and expressed interest in serving the Town. Following discussion regarding his background and interest in helping the community, DA motioned to appoint Eric Hudson to the vacant Town Council Seat 2. BF seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Hudson then joined the Council for the remainder of the meeting

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OLD BUSINESS

- **Grant Updates**

- **CDBG-DR Sewer Project:** Contractor awaiting supplies; project completion anticipated by April 2026.
- **CDBG-NR Repaving:** Awaiting FloridaCommerce approval of construction bidding process.
- **MSCOP Side Street Paving:** Engineer has submitted draft plans; construction bidding anticipated summer 2026.
- **USDA ECWAG Water Well:** Well currently in service; waiting on fence repairs before grant closeout.

- **Maintenance Worker Position Update**

The Clerk reported the termination letter to former employee Christopher Jones was sent by certified mail. Temporary employee Earl Bodie has begun work. The permanent position has been advertised, with applications due March 26, 2026.

- **Utility Billing Gaps**

The Clerk reported notices were delivered to 11 properties identified as potentially occupied without active utility accounts. Four owners contacted Town Hall and some accounts were resolved or clarified. Six properties have not responded. Council directed staff to shut off and lock water service at properties without active accounts.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Election Qualifying Week Results**

The Clerk reported the results of the 2026 Municipal Election qualifying week.

Qualified candidates:

- Seat #1 – Litermin Joseph
- Seat #3 – No candidates qualified
- Seat #4 – Litermin Joseph II
- Seat #5 – Daniel Arrant

Because no seats are contested, the March 17, 2026 election will not be held. Seat #3 will remain under holdover status until filled.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Town Clerk

- **Bank Accounts** - Account balances and activity through February were reviewed.
- **Utility Billing Report** - February collections were reviewed. Final notices, disconnections, and current past-due accounts were summarized.

Maintenance Department

- Maintenance activities included surveying meter boxes, roadside cleanup, maintenance at the wastewater treatment plant, clearing limbs and debris at parks, and assisting SERCAP with mapping the Town's water and wastewater systems.

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Water & Wastewater System

- **Sewer Lift Station Easement Inquiry** - The Clerk reported receiving a records inquiry from Jamie Lespier regarding the sewer lift station on East White Street. Council discussed the matter. Council Member Arrant will check with a company that recently surveyed town rights-of-way for additional information.
- **Well #1 Generator** - Water operator David Jefferson reported repair parts for the generator may no longer be manufactured. Council discussed obtaining a second opinion. Well #2 currently has a functioning generator and scheduled maintenance.
- **Water Tank Inspection** - The water tank was last inspected in 2022 and will likely require inspection again in 2027.

Fire Department

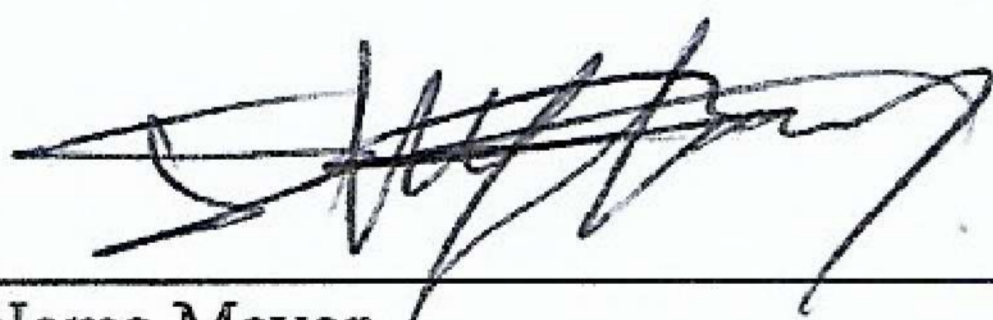
- **Firetruck Repair Quote** - Fire Chief Zechariah Flowers presented a repair quote from Ten-8 Fire & Safety totaling \$3,921 for the 2002 KME firetruck. Council discussed the item and tabled it until Council Member Hernandez can attend.
- Chief Flowers also mentioned the Fire Department may hold a fundraiser. Jimmie Moore asked about capability to respond to electric vehicle fires; the department has foam suppressant available.

Council Member Items

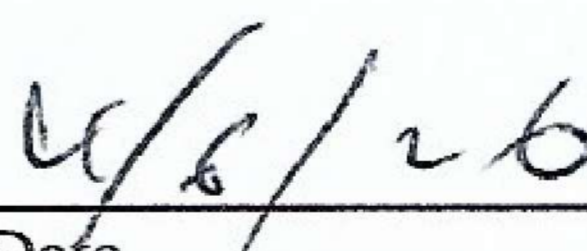
- **LJ** – No items.
- **EH** – No items.
- **BF** – Raised concerns about an aggressive dog running loose in town and possible trash or activity behind the park fence.
- **MH** – Absent.
- **DA** – Spoke about late-night vehicle gatherings and dirt bikes damaging park areas and ditches.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:57 PM.

Meeting Minutes prepared by Ben Tew.



Noma Mayor



Date