



Paradise Town Council

January 21, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Paradise Town Hall, 9035 S. 100 W.

Council Members Present: Mayor Larry Johnson, Devin Thomas, Doug Jewell, Whit Gale, Steve Gibbs, Alyssa Petersen-Recorder

Community Members' Present: Kevin Hancey, Travis Hulme

1. **Pledge of Allegiance-** The Pledge of Allegiance was said.
2. **Prayer/Invocation/Reading/Thought-** Steve gave an opening invocation.
3. **Oath of Office-** Alyssa administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Johnson, Devin Thomas, and Whit Gale.
4. **Minutes-** The Minutes of January 7, 2026, were emailed to the Council members previous to the meeting. Doug and Devin noted a few changes in the Minutes where the sentences were not finished. Alyssa made those changes. Doug made a motion to approve the Minutes as amended, Devin seconded that motion. All in favor.
5. **Bills-** Whit read the bills. Devin made a motion to approve the bills as read. Steve seconded that motion, all in favor.
6. **Public Comment-** None at this time.
7. **Purchase Requests-** None at this time.
8. **Kevin Hancey- Discussion on non-compliant citation** – Kevin received a citation for nuisances on his property. He has been cleaning his property since he received the first citation in January of 2025. The Council didn't feel like he had made enough progress in bringing the property into compliance, so he was issued a Failure to Comply Citation on Thursday January 15, 2025. He wanted to discuss the citation with the Council and his concerns with being required to get zoning clearances and building permits for outbuildings and accessory buildings. Kevin reported that he had found someone to finance a proper shed. He doesn't want to commit to that until he finishes the projects he's already working on. He asked the Council to rescind the Failure to Comply Citation that was issued on January 15, 2025. Kevin reported he will take the lean-to off the tower on the east side of the property. He constructed a fence on the west side of the property that needs to be approved by the Planning Commission as it's over 6 f.t. tall.
9. **Unfinished Business-**
 - Garbage Services- Waste Management sent an amendment to the original contract- the Consortium signed the amendment. It will extend the contract with Waste Management until September of 2033 and make some additional changes to commercial accounts, green waste garbage bins, and changed pricing on the roll-off containers.
 - Non-Compliant Properties- Devin Nelson is helping Michelle Derricott bring her property into compliance. He removed 5 cars from her property this past week. The Sheriff's Deputy verified that no one was living in at least two of the motorhomes, they were packed with items, but not people. The final RV had an un-made bed and shoes in it, but no people. Michelle asked via email if she could tarp the RV's and a boat for the winter, and Alyssa responded that she could.
 - Car Service Property- There was discussion on the property and what type of contamination may be in the soil and how that affects a potential building there.
10. **New Business-** There was discussion on insurance options for permanent employees.
11. **Fire Department-** Travis Hulme attended the meeting to discuss the Fire Department. There was a discussion on how the Fire Department gets new members/volunteers and when we need to add them to the insurance for driving and for workers' compensation coverage. The decision was made that at the bimonthly meetings we will get updates on new hires. Doug asked about Grants and if there was anything the Fire Department wanted him to apply for or investigate. Travis reported that the Department is looking for Grants, and when they find a grant that they would like

to apply for, then Doug will help Travis fill out grant information. Doug reported to Travis that the County sent the Fire Department \$18,859.00 instead of the \$24,000.00 matching funds that we were expecting. There was also discussion on when Fire Fighters are going to training if they will send the Council all the information about the training, including agendas, hotels, meals included with the training, etc. The Council and Travis discussed when the Hydrants had been tested last. Travis will work directly with Lee and work on getting those tested soon. The Council will review the budget email sent by Ashley. Travis reported that they had 27 Fire calls and 47 EMS calls for the 2025 calendar year. Those include mutual aid and local fires. Travis reported that he and Peter Johnson are working towards getting their Engine Boss certifications. They must receive Squad Boss certification first and then they get Engine Boss Certification. It requires a lot of hours and responding to a lot of fires.

12. Council Quarterly Report- The Council quarterly report was sent to the Council Members previous to the meeting.

13. Council Reports-

- **Roads- Devin Thomas-** Nothing at this time.
- **Water- Whit Gale-** There was discussion on the spring and what is left to complete that project.
- **Community- Steve Gibbs-** Steve wondered about getting started on Trout and Berry days and finding volunteers. The Council discussed the after-Christmas Council dinner.
- **Fire/Grants- Doug Jewell-** Doug reported on the possibility of a grant for a walking trail in the park. Devin reported that fencing had been put up at the baseball park. There will be a “grand” opening event in the Spring. There was discussion on what kind of signage to put at the park. It is time to submit the RAPZ application. Doug wondered what projects the Council would like to get done in the near future and apply for RAPZ funding for. The Council discussed applying for some bleachers to go around at the arena.

14. Adjourn- Doug made a motion to adjourn, Devin seconded. Meeting adjourns at 9:51 p.m.

Alyssa Petersen, Clerk

Larry Johnson, Mayor