



Paradise Town Council

February 4, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Paradise Town Hall, 9035 S. 100 W.

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

Excused: Steve Gibbs

Community Members' Present: Kevin Norman, Larry and Debra Newman

1. **Pledge of Allegiance-** The Pledge of Allegiance was said.
2. **Prayer/Invocation/Reading/Thought-** Doug gave an opening prayer.
3. **Minutes-** The Minutes of January 21, 2026, were emailed to the Council members previous to the meeting. Doug made a motion to approve the Minutes as written; Whit seconded that motion. All in favor.
4. **Bills-** Doug read the bills. Devin made a motion to approve the Bills as read. Whit seconded that motion, all in favor.
5. **Public Comment-** Nothing at this time.
6. **Purchase Requests-** Nothing at this time.
7. **Kevin Norman-** Kevin addressed the Council concerning the new baseball park and what we still need to do to complete the field. He had a list of the necessities, and some optional things that would be beneficial but not necessary to have. The necessities come to a total of \$8,778.00. The optional items come to a total of \$3,150.00. The Town Council will discuss the items and will review the total budget for the Baseball field.
8. **Planning and Zoning**
 - **Larry and Debra Newman- Home Addition- 155 E 9300 S-** The Application was approved at the Planning and Zoning meeting January 29, 2026. The addition meets all setbacks. The only concern was where an existing irrigation line runs across the property, but it was confirmed that the irrigation line is not close to the home and will not cause any problems. Doug made a motion to approve the application; Devin seconded that motion. All in favor.
9. **Unfinished Business-** Mayor Johnson and Doug updated the Council on the properties that have received citations for nuisances and non-compliance issues. The mayor updated the Council on the Hamilton lawsuit.
10. **New Business-** Mayor Johnson discussed purchasing some new signs for the "Movie in the Park" events during the summer. The Council agreed to order two signs. The Council discussed when to start the Movies in the park and what movies to show this year. The Council discussed possibly showing a Movie in June and possibly the week of Trout and Berry days in August.
11. **Council Reports-**
 - **Roads- Devin Thomas-** Nothing at this time.
 - **Water- Whit Gale-** Nothing at this time.
 - **Community- Steve Gibbs-** Steve was excused from the meeting. Nothing at this time.
 - **Fire/Grants- Doug Jewell-** Doug discussed some of the Fire Department concerns with the Council. The Fire Chief Ashley Smith sent an email to Doug with these concerns. There was discussion on whether a new fire department building could be built in Paradise. Ashley reached out to the mayor last week to see if a grant or donation could be secured, could a new fire department be built and is there area for that in Paradise? The Council all felt like additional information would be needed before a decision could be made on that. Ashley also wanted to discuss re-evaluating a pay per-call model for the volunteers, she also wanted to discuss hiring a cleaning service to regularly clean the Fire Station and a snow-removal service. Doug reviewed the budget that was submitted by the Fire Department with the Council. There was discussion on the walking path around the new park and what a potential cost would be.

12. **Adjourn-** Doug made a motion to adjourn, Whit seconded. Meeting adjourns at 9:11 p.m.

Alyssa Petersen, Clerk

Larry Johnson, Mayor

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