



Paradise Town Council

May 6, 2026

7:30 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: None.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance-** The Pledge of Allegiance was said.
2. **Prayer/Invocation/Reading/Thought-** Doug gave an opening invocation.
3. **Minutes-** The Minutes of April 15, 2026, were emailed to the Council previous to the meeting. Doug made a motion to approve the Minutes, Whit seconded that motion, all in favor.
4. **Bills-** Whit read the bills. Doug made a motion to approve, Devin seconded that motion, all in favor.
5. **Public Comment-** None at this time.
6. **Purchase Requests-** There were two purchase requests. One was reimbursement for Troy Fredrickson for the buckle purchases for the rodeo in August. The other is for all the Fire Department supplies included in a DNR Grant. The total amount requested was \$9700.00 for PPE and tools/supplies.
7. **Planning and Zoning**
 - **Ordinance Change Recommendations-** The Council reviewed the recommendations from the planning commission. The Council will hold a public hearing next meeting to approve the ordinance changes.
 - **Nolan Bitters- RV Carport- 126 E. 9300 S. –** The Bitters application for a permanent carport was approved at the Planning Commission meeting. Whit made a motion to approve, Devin seconded that motion, all in favor.
 - **Conner Simmons- Converting garage into living space- 225 W. 8800 S. –** Conner Simmons submitted an application to convert the garage attached to the house, into living quarters. The application shows that the detached garage behind the home will remain a garage. Devin made a motion to approve, Whit seconded that motion, all in favor.
8. **Review Tentative Budget-** The 2026 tentative budget was emailed to the Council previous to the meeting. The Council discussed the tentative budget. The budget will be adopted at the last meeting in June. The 2025 budget amendments will be sent to the Council in the next couple of weeks.
9. **Unfinished Business-**
 - Non-compliant properties- There was a discussion on letters sent out for non-compliance and when citations will be issued for properties.
 - Baseball Field Bleachers, Fencing- There was discussion on if bleachers should be left on the grass or moved in order to mow and if the home run fence should be taken down during the week and put back up on weekends when games are being played on the field.
 - Certificate of Insurance- There was discussion on requiring Certificates of Insurance from any contractors working in paradise and what those certificates should include.
 - Movie in the Park- The Council voted to show "Remember the Titans" at the first Movie in the Park to be held June and discussed potential movies to show in August. They discussed showing "Cars" or "Brave."
 - Animal Control- Citations will begin being issued for dog owners that have not licensed their animals yet.
 - Swales by Park- The Council reviewed rock and fencing bids for the swales at the new park there was also discussion about purchasing some concrete barriers to place around some piles of gravel and dirt that kids are riding dirt bikes on at the new park.

Park Asphalt- There is asphalt and dirt piled at the south park that needs to be cleared. The kids are jumping piles on their motorcycles. We will call Johnsons to see if they can pick up the asphalt and recycle it.

10. New Business-

Motorcycles on 300 W.- There was discussion on motorcycles at 300 w. racing up and down the road and disregarding street signs.

Traffic on 8800 S.- There was discussion on traffic on 8800 S. People are going fast up and down that road. Mayor Johnson will call the Sheriff and see if they could put some deputies out here and issue some tickets.

11. Council Reports-

- **Roads- Devin Thomas-** There was a discussion on some of the cemetery roads needing redone due to roots growing under the road.
- **Water- Whit Gale-** Whit reported we are still waiting on some fence plans to get the bids going. Whit and Lee have discussed a few contractors to request bids from. The Town Engineer is working on getting a plan submitted to the state so we can introduce the water we are capturing from the new spring area we developed at the spring into the rest of the system.
- **Community- Steve Gibbs-** Nothing new at this time.
- **Fire/Grants- Doug Jewell-** The Fire Department will come into the next meeting to discuss new people, turnouts, grants, county fire district, etc. Doug reported that he is going to look into a grant for the walking path at the south park. He would like to get started on a UORG grant that would help get the walking path started next spring.

12. Adjourn- Doug made a motion to adjourn, Whit seconded that motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourns at 9:48 p.m.

Alyssa Petersen, Clerk

Larry Johnson, Mayor