

**Town of Paoli**  
*Minutes of the Regular Session*  
*August 6, 2024*

The Paoli Town Council met in Regular Session at 6:00 P.M. on the above date. President, Bobbie Bostock led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Donna Dillard, Arla Jean Frazier, Mylea Pluris, Theron Owen and Bobbie Bostock. Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Beth Jones and Town Attorney Hunt Reynolds.

Motion to approve the July 16, 2024, Regular Session minutes was made by Mylea Pluris and seconded by Arla Jean Frazier. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed.

Motion to approve the July 10, 2024, Executive Session Memorandum was made by Mylea Pluris and seconded by Arla Jean Frazier. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed.

Town Attorney Hunt Reynolds opened the Public Hearing for the Notice to Taxpayers of Proposed Additional Appropriations, Ordinance 2024-13. No one present to speak on behalf of the public; therefore, it was closed at 6:09 P.M. Additional requests per this Ordinance are as follows:

LIT Public Safety \$209,177.00  
OPJOID – Restricted \$21,334.00  
OPJOID – Unrestricted \$11,761.00  
American Rescue Plan \$571,922.38  
CUM Capital Development \$100,000.00  
Member Donna Dillard asked what these funds were spent on. President Bobbie Bostock advised the following:  
LIT - for Police, Fire & EMS,  
OPJOID – Restricted & Unrestricted - Safe Haven for drug rehabilitation.  
American Rescue Plan – Wastewater Treatment Project & water tank rehabilitation.  
CUM Capital Development – Government Vehicles, Police Headquarters monthly payment, as well as software for various programs. A motion was made to accept the additional appropriations by Mylea Pluris and seconded by Arla Jean Frazier. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed. The hearing closed at 6:09 P.M.

Under New Business, Theron Owen presented the Employee Handbook update for Board members to look over and discuss at the Executive Session scheduled for August 20, 2024, at 4:30 P.M.

President Bobbie Bostock advised that the new flag post has been set at the Bicentennial Park and within the next two weeks, monuments will be set, benches will be added and the new flag will be put on the flagpole. A dedication ceremony is set for September 2, 2024, to dedicate the Bicentennial Park, with military officials to be in attendance. Bostock advised that 99% of the cost for this park has been donated by various people/businesses in the area.

Attorney Hunt Reynolds presented information concerning the new appointment for the BZA and the Planning Commission. Attorney Reynolds will present specific qualifications for this appointment at a later date.

Code Enforcement Officer, Benji Farris, presented his Code Enforcement Report to the Council Members to review. After reviewing, Attorney Reynolds asked if Council wanted to file on 409 Josephine and 104 Barnard with Orange Superior Court. A motion was made to follow through with the Court for Ordinance violations by Mylea Pluris and seconded by Arla Jean Frazier. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed.

Police Chief Randy Sanders presented his reports on Community Outreach, Riley Children's Hospital fundraiser, Department Radio Grant update and the vehicle fleet update.

Utility General Foreman, Scott Rutherford, shared with the council several reports/information concerning various upcoming programs. One of which being the Cargill 2024-2025 Salt Program. Rutherford advised the Town will be allowed to

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participate in this at a cost of \$10,835.52. A motion was made to approve by Theron Owen and seconded by Donna Dillard. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed.

Rutherford presented the Council with a quote by BioChem, Inc., this service will be used for Aluminum Sulfate for the sewer plant to remove phosphorus in the sewer treatment process which is required by IDEM. Rutherford advised this needs to be purchased every 5-6 months and according to the July 2024 quote, this will be a savings of approximately 6% with the new supplier. A motion to approve this purchase was made by Arla Jean Frazier and seconded by Donna Dillard. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed.

Rutherford also advised that Wal-Mart will be installing their own generator, and underground line. Wal-Mart representatives advised they will be purchasing the wire at the cost of \$10,500, while the Town of Paoli employees will be trenching the underground line. Wal-Mart advised that the Town of Paoli will be able to keep the left-over wire for business use. The motion was made to approve by Theron Owen and seconded by Mylea Pluris. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed.

The General Foreman next advised that the Water Tank Rehabilitation on Cook Street has been internally coated with epoxy and the exterior has been partially painted. Water testing will still need to occur and after this has been accomplished, the crews will move to Virginia Avenue reference the fire hydrants. Residents in that area will be notified, in person, of projects to be completed in that area.

Rutherford presented a pay increase for Utility General Laborer, Jason Fields effective July 16, 2024, an increase from \$17.00 an hour to \$18.00 an hour. A motion was made to approve this rate increase by Mylea Pluris and seconded by Donna Dillard. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed.

Concerns for the 2018 Town trash truck were also brought to attention by Rutherford. He advised that Dunn's Garage would be working on this to correct these issues. Rutherford also advised he received an email from IMPA reference Duke Energy and IMPA working in our area on Thursday, August 8, 2024, to switch power, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. General Foreman advised there is a possibility of a power outage so the Town will be issuing a reach alert for its residents.

Lastly, Rutherford presented the Council with an Electric Department Substation and Grid Upgrade Project. A motion made to table this project was made by Arla Jean Frazier and seconded by Donna Dillard. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed.

Park Director, David Grimes presented the Council with a list of items that need fixed/repaired at the Paoli Community Park, items needed for the upcoming year and an Event Schedule for the remainder of the 2024 year.

Paoli Fire Department Chief, Mark Jones, requested a meeting before the Virginia Water Tank project takes place with General Foreman Scott Rutherford, Wesley Reynolds, Town Council members and Clerk-Treasurer Beth Jones, reference work that will be done.

Clerk Treasurer Beth Jones presented the Water Loss Audit Validation for 2023, which shows a 28% water loss.

Jones also presented billing adjustments for July 1, 2024 - July 3, 2024, in the amount of <\$13,774.89>. This is broken up individually for Electric <9,448.24>, Electric Tax <19.42>, Electric Penalty <470.26>, EAP <1,525.41>, Water Penalty <32.57>, Sewer <2,224.73> and Sewer Penalty <54.26>. A motion to approve the adjustment was made by Mylea Pluris and seconded by Arla Jean Frazier. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed.

An approval of claims was submitted by Jones for July 17, 2024, through August 6, 2024, in the amount of \$371,621.69. A motion to approve was made by Theron Owen and seconded by Mylea Pluris. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed.

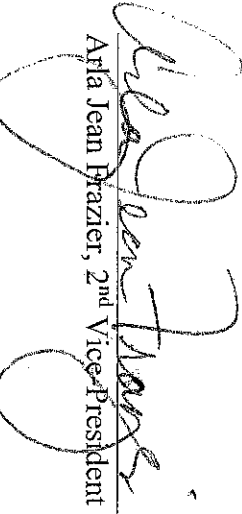
Lastly, Jones presented the approval of a Payroll Allowance Docket for check dates July 1, 2024 – July 31, 2024, for \$137,369.31, excluding overtime. Overtime for this period


was \$2,361.21. A motion to approve was made by Arla Jean Frazier and seconded by Mylea Pluris. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed.

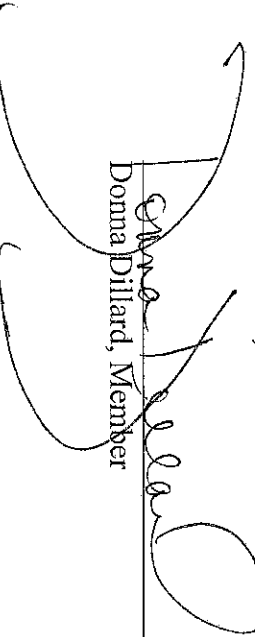
There being no further business, a motion was made by Mylea Pluris to adjourn and seconded by Arla Jean Frazier. In a 5-0 vote, the motion passed and meeting adjourned at 7:26 P.M.

  
Bobbie Bostock, President

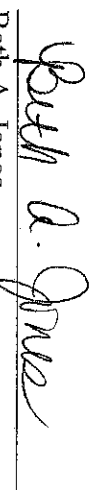
  
Mylea Pluris, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President

  
Arla Jean Frazier, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President

  
Theron Owen, Member

  
Donna Dillard, Member

ATTEST:

  
Beth A. Jones  
Clerk-Treasurer