

Town of Paoli
Minutes of the Regular Session
 March 17, 2026

The Paoli Town Council met in Regular Session at 10:00 A.M. on the above date. Vice- President Bobbie Bostock led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Bobbie Bostock, Donna Dillard, and Danny Hickman. Theron Owen attended through Facetime. Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Beth Jones and Town Attorney Lyn Tucker Fullen.

Bids for the Digger Truck were opened and read by Town Attorney, Lyn Tucker Fullen. Only one bid was submitted by ALTEC for a 2024 Freightliner, delivered, in the amount of \$246,988. Current mileage is 7898 miles. One year warranty for parts and Labor. Motion to take under advisement and look into leasing a truck was made by Donna Dillard and seconded by Danny Hickman. In a 4-0 vote, motion passed.

Motion to approve the February 17th, 2026, Regular Session Minutes was made by Bobbie Bostock and seconded by Danny Hickman. In a 3-1 vote, motion passed.

Motion to approve the March 2nd, 2026, Executive Session Memorandum was made by Bobbie Bostock and seconded by Theron Owen. In a 3-1 vote, motion passed.

Motion to approve the March 3rd, 2026, Regular Session Minutes was made by Bobbie Bostock and seconded by Theron Owen. In a 3-1 vote, with Hickman voting yes with the stipulation that the spelling of his name be corrected. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the March 5th, 2026, Special Session Minutes. Motion to approve was made by Bobbie Bostock and seconded by Danny Hickman. In a 3-1 vote, motion passed.

Motion to approve the March 11th, 2026, Executive Session Memorandum was made by Theron Owen and seconded by Bobbie Bostock. In a 3-1 vote, motion passed.

Clerk Treasurer, Beth Jones, presented a Parade Permit for the PHS Band for August 1, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Motion to approve was made by Bobbie Bostock and seconded by Donna Dillard. In a 4-0 vote, motion passed.

Next, she presented a Parade Permit from Brandi Reinart-Ream for a food truck for the dates of March 23-28, 6 am to 1 pm, March 30-April 4, 6 am to 1 pm, April 20-25, 6 am to 1 pm, April 27-May 2, 6 am to 1 pm. Discussion was held concerning this permit. Motion to approve contingent upon the county allowing their electric poles to be used, was made by Danny Hickman and seconded by Donna Dillard. In a 4-0 vote, motion passed.

Clerk Treasurer Jones then presented the billing adjustments for the month of February as follows: Electric Penalty <309.27>, EAP<8,355.84>, Water<776.44>, Water Tax<54.34>, Water Penalty<38.29, Sewer<610.19>, Sewer Penalty<49.38>, Trash<45.50> for a total of <10,239.25>. Motion to approve was made by Bobbie Bostock and seconded by Danny Hickman. In 4-0 vote, motion passed.

Jones then presented the following invoices: Commonwealth, Lead Service Line Project for services through January, 2026, invoice #65777 in the amount of \$33,543.90. Motion to approve was made by Danny Hickman and seconded by Bobbie Bostock. In a 4-0 vote, motion passed.

Commonwealth, Lead Service Line Project for services through February, 2026, invoice #66050 in the amount of \$42,013.57. Motion to approve was made by Donna Dillard and seconded by Danny Hickman. In a 4-0 vote, motion passed.

Commonwealth, INDOT US 150 Culvert Project for services through January, 2026, invoice #65778 in the amount of \$2,968.49. Motion to approve was made by Donna Dillard and seconded by Theron Owen. In a 4-0 vote, motion passed.

Cripe, Hwy 150 Waterline Replacement project for services through November, 2025, invoice #2042637 in the amount of \$3,050. Motion to approve was made by Bobbie Bostock and seconded by Theron Owen. In a 4-0 vote, motion passed.

Cripe, CCMG application for services through November, 2025, invoice #2042638 in the amount of \$11,782.50. Motion to approve was made by Theron Owen and seconded by Bobbie Bostock. In a 4-0 vote, motion passed.

Cripe, 2026 CCMG Rehab. Project for services through February, 2026, invoices #2043001 in the amount of \$33,143.75. Motion to approve was made by Bobbie Bostock and seconded by Theron Owen. In a 4-0 vote, motion passed.

Cripe, Hwy 150 Waterline Replacement project for services through February, 2026, invoice #2043002 in the amount of \$1,677.50. Motion to approve was made by Theron Owen and seconded by Bobbie Bostock. In a 4-0 vote, motion passed.

Next Clerk Treasurer Jones presented the claims from March 4, 2026, through March 17, 2026, in the amount of \$1,251,992.37. Motion to approve was made by Theron Owen and seconded by Bobbie Bostock. In a 3-1 vote, motion passed.

Jones then reported that Dixie Durbin, who is over the Senior Citizens now, had contacted her about the big fryer that was purchased for them. They no longer want to use it and wanted to know what to do with it. She also shared that it has to be inspected twice a year and the costs for this is over \$300. Discussion was held concerning this. Danny Hickman made a motion for the fryer to stay in the Senior Citizens building. Motion was seconded by Bobbie Bostock. In a 4-0 vote, motion passed. Hickman also suggested that Dixie Durbin as the new President of the board, come to the next meeting and update the council on any changes they are making with the new board.

Finally, Jones shared that last year at the April 1, 2025, council meeting, she had shared that she had moved Rachel Anderson into the Chief Deputy Position in her office, but it was not put in the minutes. SVB& T is requiring a copy of the minutes showing that the council approved the Chief Deputy Clerk Treasurer to sign checks in the absence of the Clerk Treasurer. It was also noted that Rachel Anderson is the Deputy Utility Billing Clerk. Motion to approve was made by Bobbie Bostock and seconded by Donna Dillard. In a 4-0 vote, motion passed.

Under Old Business, Eric Parsley with Commonwealth Engineers gave an update on the US 150 project sharing that the redesign has been submitted to contractors for pricing. Next, he gave an update on the Phase 1 construction for the Lead Service Line Removal project. It is being advertised March 11 & 18th. The Prebid meeting will be on March 23, 2026, at 10:00 am. Bids will be opened at a Special Session on April 10, 2026, at 10 am. SRF pre-closing will be on May 13, 2026. SRF closing is scheduled for May 27, 2026, with construction starting in June. Completion is anticipated for December 2026.

For Phase 2 of the project, a signatory authorization resolution signed by the council president is required to apply for additional funding with SRF. A motion to approve Theron Owen signing the resolution as president was made by Bobbie Bostock and seconded by Donna Dillard. In a 4-0 vote, motion passed. A Public Hearing will need to be held at the first council meeting in April and the SRF application is due March 31, 2026.

Next, Mary Austin with Cripe gave an update on the 150 Waterline Replacement project. She presented the low bid from Temple & Temple in the amount of \$517,330 for the 2026 CCMG project. Motion to approve the Temple & Temple bid was made by Bobbie Bostock and seconded by Danny Hickman. In a 4-0 vote, motion passed.

Donna Dillard made a motion to reinstate Randy Sanders as Police Chief. Motion was seconded by Danny Hickman. In a 2-2 tie vote with Dillard and Hickman voting yes and Bostock and Owen voting no, the vote went to the Clerk Treasurer who abstained. Motion did not pass.

Bobbie Bostock then made a motion to hire Chris Cook as Town Marshall for the town of Paoli with a salary of \$60,000 which will require an amendment to the 2026 Salary Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Theron Owen. In a 4-0 vote, motion passed.

Next, Danny Hickman made a motion to re-instate Town of Paoli Municipal Volunteer Fire Department. Motion was seconded by Donna Dillard. In a 4-0 vote, motion passed.

Hickman then made a motion to set a Special Session for Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 2:00 pm when there will be a full council to discuss the details of the new fire

department and any other business to come before the council. Motion was seconded by Donna Dillard. In a 4-0 vote, motion passed.

Under Other Business, Martha Nice with the Orange County Convention and Visitors Bureau presented a proposal where the OCCVB will provide and fund flowers for the 30 flower pots around the square and the 12 planter boxes in red, white and blue colors in honor of America's 250th celebration. Pat Hall has agreed to order the flowers, soil and fertilizer and will supervise the planting. They are asking for volunteers to help. The town would only be responsible for watering and fertilizing throughout the summer. Motion to approve was made by Bobbie Bostock and seconded by Donna Dillard. In a 4-0 vote, motion passed.

Next, Frank Kiefer with Bobcat, shared information with the council concerning their Machinery Buy Back Program. He presented 2 proposals for an Excavator and 2 proposals for a Compact Track Loader. Discussion was held concerning these proposals. At the advice of Town Attorney, council decided to table making a decision at this time so they could review the proposals.

Karen Padgett shared information about a Mural Project she is working on for the old Handle Factory Building. They are wanting to work with Artist Adam Long to paint the mural. She is working with Skyler Whiteman in applying for a READI 2.0 Grant and they need a letter of support from the town. She has already prepared a letter of support for the Council President to sign if it meets with their approval. Town Attorney, Lyn Tucker Fullen reviewed it and confirmed that it is acceptable for the president to sign. Motion to approve was made by Bobbie Bostock and seconded by Danny Hickman. In a 4-0 vote, motion passed.

Next, she shared with the council information concerning the Old Town Cemetery project she has been working on. She has sprayed and cleaned all the stones and is now ready to start restoring stones. She is asking permission to start restoring the stones and is requesting \$500 from the cemetery fund for supplies that she will need to do this. She also provided a copy of her insurance, but it did not have an updated date on it. Motion to approve the restoring and the \$500 from the cemetery fund contingent upon her providing the updated insurance information was made by Bobbie Bostock and seconded by Donna Dillard. In a 4-0 vote, motion passed. She also requested the town place the order for her supplies.

Next, Danny Hickman made a motion to look into getting the town books audited, due to new council members coming in and the current Clerk Treasurer leaving. Donna Dillard suggested going with a third party to do the audit because that would be cheaper and she suggested contacting the State Board of Accounts to get a referral. The motion was seconded by Donna Dillard. In a 2-2 vote with Hickman and Dillard voting yes, and Bostock and Owen voting no, the tie vote went to the Clerk Treasurer who abstained. Motion did not pass.

Under concerned citizens, James Harper spoke concerning repairing the big stones at the Old Town Cemetery.

Finally, Park Director, David Grimes asked council how they wanted to handle the light situation for the walking trail and whether to close the park at a certain time. Discussion was held and it was decided to table this pending looking into more information.

Next, he shared that for the fertilizing this year with Amos Cook, he would like to pay for this out of his supply fund. Motion to approve was made by Bobbie Bostock and seconded by Donna Dillard. In a 4-0 vote, motion passed. He informed the council that the electric car station has been removed at the park. He also asked council to look into how the Edit Fund is divided up and would request the Park be given a bigger percentage to help cover expenses next year.

Finally, Grimes asked permission from the council to apply for the Orange County Community Foundation Grant. If awarded, he would like to use it to re-do the two batting cages at the park. Motion to approve was made by Bobbie Bostock and seconded by Donna Dillard. In a 4-0 vote, motion passed.

Next, Utility General Foreman, Mike Compton, provided information to the council in regards to the town picking up a couch or a mattress other than during the spring and fall cleanup. Rumpke charges a flat fee of \$50 for a single couch or mattress or for a truck load. Adding in the mileage, the time to pick up and take the item to the dump and the wear and tear on equipment, it is estimated it would cost \$365.00 for the town to pick up a couch and take to the dump. After some discussion, Danny Hickman stated that the town will just have to enforce the ordinance and the homeowners will be responsible for discarding those items.

Compton then shared with the council that 1 of the town's 2 salt spreaders is broken down. He also shared that he had filled out the form for the salt bids with the state, but he is not sure they are even going to offer it to municipalities this year, but he will keep the council updated.

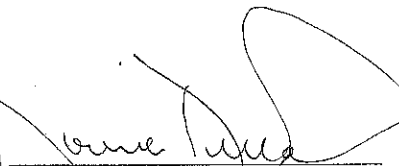
Next, he shared with the council that they have a work truck and a sewer plant truck that need replaced, and that he had provided the council with quotes for replacing these along with picture of the current vehicles. Councilman Hickman asked if he had a complete inventory of all their vehicles and if so, to provide it to the council. Compton stated that he did have a list and would get it to the council.

Finally, Compton asked for approval to hire a new employee for the Sewer Plant. He has had one employee leave, one employee that is retiring at the end of the month, and one employee that is off for medical reasons and he is not sure when he will be back. Compton has interviewed the applicants and done background checks on them. Councilman Hickman said the council would like to see all the information before they make a decision. Hickman then made a motion to add this topic to the Special Session on Tuesday, March 24th. The Motion was seconded by Donna Dillard. In a 4-0 vote, motion passed.

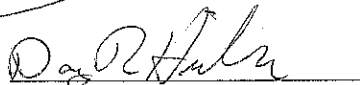
Lastly, Steve Starr addressed the council with his concerns about the storm sewer issue on Cook Street. It was noted by Utility Foreman Compton that they are having the same issues on A and B Street.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Bobbie Botock and seconded by Donna Dillard. In a 4-0 vote, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:46 am.

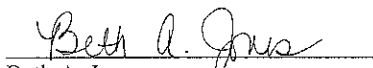

 Theron Owen, President


 Donna Dillard, Member


 Bobbie Bostock, Vice President


 Danny Hickman, Member

ATTEST:


 Beth A. Jones
 Clerk-Treasurer