

Town of Paoli
Minutes of the Special Session
 March 27, 2026

The Paoli Town Council met in Special Session at 2:00 PM on the above date. President Theron Owen led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Theron Owen, Donna Dillard, Danny Hickman, & Brian Shipman. Bobbie Bostock was absent. Also in attendance were Chief Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Rachel Anderson and Town Attorney Lyn Tucker Fullen.

Town attorney Lyn Fullen presented Ordinance 2026-3, An Ordinance Reestablishing the Paoli Municipal Volunteer Fire Department. Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2026-03 made by Councilman Hickman, seconded by Councilwoman Dillard, and unanimously passed upon roll call vote.

Attorney Fullen presented Ordinance 2026-04 Amended Salary Ordinance, which incorporates the requested changes from Council to update Town Marshal/Chief of Police salary to \$60,000.00; update Deputy Marshal/Assistant Chief of Police salary to \$27.19 per hour and add Fire Chief salary of \$15,000.00. Motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Dillard and seconded by Councilman Shipman. In a unanimous vote motion passed.

Attorney Fullen presented Ordinance 2026-05 Amending 30.18 Agenda with the requested changes from Council, including adding the departments and citizens being able to be placed on the agenda for specific items requiring action. Motion to approve Ordinance 2026-05 was made by Councilwoman Dillard, seconded by Councilman Shipman, and unanimously passed upon roll call vote.

Attorney Fullen then presented the Transfer Disclosure Form for the Fire Training Facility for approval and authorization for President Owen to sign the disclosure form and any other documents necessary to finalize the transfer of this property. Motion to approve the Transfer Disclosure Form and to authorize President Owen to sign the form and any other documents necessary to finalize the transfer of this property was made by Councilman Hickman, seconded by Councilman Shipman, and passed unanimously upon roll call vote.

Attorney Fullen reported that Chief Sanders had sent and she has reviewed the court-ordered title packet to assist purchasers of abandoned or impounded vehicles in seeking a court ordered title through an Indiana court of competent jurisdiction. Mrs. Fullen has reviewed and approved the packet with the following additions:

- a. After the first sentence, add: If you have any questions about the legal process, you should contact an attorney for assistance.
- b. Add on page 4, By signing below, I acknowledge and agree that:
 - Add to 5., and that any questions about the legal process should be directed to an attorney.
 - Add as 6. I hereby release, discharge, agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Paoli Police Department and/or the Town of Paoli, Indiana and their/its elected officials, officers, employees, other officials, representatives and agents of and from all liability, loss, claims, demands, possible causes of action, court costs, attorney's fees, and other expenses arising from this court- ordered title process.

Councilman Hickman made a motion to approve with Councilman Shipman seconding and in a unanimous vote motion passed.

In other business Councilman Hickman made a motion to hire Jaden R. Coulter for the Town of Paoli Sewer Department with a start date of March 30, 2026, with the provision of Mr. Coulter obtaining his CDL within a year of hire. Motion was seconded by Councilman Shipman and passed in a unanimous vote. Councilman Hickman then made a motion to hire Chandler C. Allen for the Town of Paoli Sewer Department with a start date of April 13, 2026, with the provision of Mr. Allen obtaining his CDL within a year of hire. Motion was seconded by Councilman Shipman and passed in a unanimous vote.

Next, Councilman Hickman brought forth an inquiry from citizen Bill Chastain who wishes to hook up water and sewer to his garage and was questioning if he would have to pay any fees. Chief Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Anderson explained he would only have to pay an additional \$100 water deposit for the new meter. Councilman Hickman

then brought forth an inquiry from citizen Brian Campbell who currently has in his possession the damaged signage from the parks department and requested to keep them if the Town no longer had an interest in them. A motion was made to deem them of no value to the Town of Paoli by President Owen and seconded Councilwoman Dillard. In a unanimous vote motion passed.

Councilman Hickman then made a motion to change the locks on the office doors of Town of Paoli due to the retirement of Clerk-Treasurer Jones. Councilwoman Dillard seconded the motion and in a unanimous vote motion passed.

Councilwoman Dillard made a motion to rescind the employee memo sent out on 1/16/2025. Councilman Shipman seconded the motion and in a 3-1 vote motion passed, with Councilman Shipman, Councilman Hickman and Councilwoman Dillard voting yes and President Owen voting no.

Councilwoman Dillard then brought forth an inquiry from citizen Brian Campbell with a request to purchase the unused Paoli Police Department sign that was located at the former Police station, for \$500 with the money being donated to the Paoli Municipal Volunteer Fire Department. Also, adding an additional \$100 to the donation if the current Paoli Police Officers would autograph the sign. Motion was made by Councilwoman Dillard with the stipulation that the sign cannot be displayed at the former Dairy Land business or anywhere in Town. Councilman Shipman seconded motion. In a unanimous vote motion passed.

Councilwoman Dillard then made a motion to grant permission to Deputy Chief Clerk-Treasurer Anderson, to remove former Clerk-Treasurer Jones' privileges on Keystone at close of business day March 27, 2026, and to remove Jones' access to the town security cameras, Social Media pages and websites. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hickman and passed in a unanimous vote.

Councilwoman Dillard then made a motion to change the name of the Paoli Police Department advisory board to the Paoli First Responders Advisory Board. Councilman Shipman seconded the motion and requested that Attorney Fullen prepare an ordinance to convey what the governing rules are for said board. Motion passed in a unanimous vote.

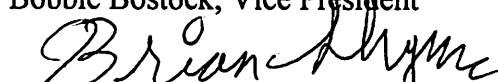
Next, President Owen then opened the floor to citizens wishing to speak. Paul Crecelius spoke about an abandoned mobile home that had been destroyed by a fire at 215 Horton Ave. Attorney Fullen stated that the unsafe premises process had been started, with the last letter sent providing the owners until December 2, 2025 to remove the burned trailer. Since no response was made by the time given in the notice, the Town of Paoli can now proceed with obtaining quotes to demolish and remove the burned trailer. Councilman Hickman made a motion for Attorney Fullen to solicit quotes from local contractors to perform the demolition and removal. With Councilman Shipman seconding the motion. Motion passed in a unanimous vote.

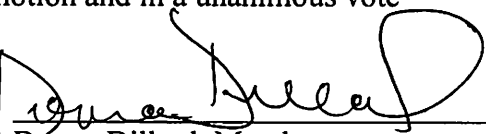
Karen Padgett provided a copy of her proof of insurance to the town attorney and her address for the delivery of cemetery cleaning materials.

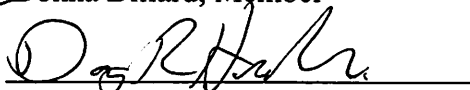
With no further information to be discussed President Owen made a motion to adjourn with Councilman Hickman seconding the motion and in a unanimous vote motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 2:42PM.


 Theron Owen, President


 Bobbie Bostock, Vice President


 Brian Shipman, Member


 Donna Dillard, Member


 Danny Hickman, Member

ATTEST:


 Rachel Anderson
 Chief Deputy Clerk-Treasurer