

Town of Paoli
Minutes of the Council Meeting
April 21, 2026

President Theron Owen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were council members Bobbie Bostock, Donna Dillard, Danny Hickman, Theron Owen and Brian Shipman. Also present was Town Attorney, James C. Tucker. James C. Tucker and Marilyn T. Fullen were designated to keep the minutes of the meeting.

Motion to approve the April 10, 2026 special session minutes made by Bobbie Bostock, seconded by Donna Dillard, and passed 5-0.

Motion to approve the April 10 2026 special session minutes made by Bobbie Bostock, seconded by Theron Owen, and passed 5-0.

Motion to approve April 15, 2026 executive session memorandum made by Bobbie Bostock, seconded by Danny Hickman, passed 4-0-1 with Brian Shipman abstaining.

President Theron Owen made the following appointments to the Paoli Building Corporation: William Windhorst, Michelle Block, and Larry Key.

Eric Parsley with Commonwealth Engineers, provided an update on the US 150 project-construction will resume next week with the waterline relocation work first and should be completed by the end of May. Mr. Parsley provided an update on Phase I of the lead service line removal project-the bids came in under budget, with Infrastructure Systems as the low bidder. The bid has been submitted to SRF for closing and preclosing procedures. Should be under contract in May with a June to December construction process. Mr. Parsley reported that he is talking to SRF about left over grant money being applied to Phase II of the project. Mr. Parsley provided an update on Phase II of the lead service line removal project-Phase II application went in, public hearing has been held. SRF's list is scheduled to be out in July with respect to funding. Mr. Parsley reported on the WWTP-IDEM is satisfied with how things have progressed.

Donna Dillard inquired about the US 150 project reimbursement to Town with respect to electric. Mr. Parsley stated that for water/sewer, the Town met hardship requirements and will be eligible for reimbursement for anything above \$140,000.00 for water/sewer. Mr. Parsley indicated that he does not know of reimbursement for electric expenses, but he will reach out to the INDOT engineer to see if the Town could be reimbursed for poles that were located in the right of way that had to be removed by the Town.

Mary Austin with Cripe reported on the CCMG project-Notice to proceed is planned for April 29th with the preconstruction meeting at 2:00 at Paoli Town Hall and site visit thereafter. Ms. Austin reported on the right-of-way concerns on S. Gospel St. and provided documents used to develop the plans which included information available at the recorder's office. Ms. Austin reported that because South Gospel does not have a clear dedication, the plans relied on historical documents and it would be council's decision. Ms. Austin reported that the plans going back to 2022 were to make as many accommodations as possible for the curbs on east side of property to allow pull in/park along that segment. Ms. Austin reported that there will be a curb to control stormwater and draining issues, but it is malleable with a commercial grade entrance, 32 feet wide curb cut. On the west side of road where the building is, the plans call for two commercial entrances with 32 foot wide curb cuts, and a sidewalk. Ms. Austin reported that it can be added to the plans for those curbs to be malleable and the sidewalks reenforced to allow Mr. Weeks to pull in and out of that area with heavy equipment. Ms. Austin reported that where the crematorium is located, all documents do show that right-of-way that goes into the building, which was originally a town utility building. Right now, it is all gravel and that will be upgraded with a concrete apron all the way up to the building. The only access issue is that there does need to be a stop sign in that right-of-way, which can be looked at during the site visit after the meeting to determine where it can be put so that it does not constrict entrance and exit of garage and doors of that facility. Ms. Austin reported that the radiuses of Cherry Street will be a little wider to help alleviate the issues

with trucks that come down off of Cherry Street. Ms. Austin also reported that they are exploring google maps and making a request into mapping which that there is a low clearance and low weight level and it will eventually start redirecting trucks so they do not go through there. Ms. Austin also reported that signs can be placed at 1st Street/South Gospel and Cherry Street/1st Street that say low clearance/weight limit/no trucks.

Discussion ensued about the right of way. Mr. Tucker stated that he does not see a reason to delay the project with respect to the right-of-way. Bobbie Bostock made a motion to table the issue until after the site visit, which was seconded by Theron Owen and passed 5-0.

Bobbie Bostock made a motion to pay Possibilities of Paoli, \$10,000.00 out of redevelopment fund, which was seconded by BS and passed 5-0.

Valerie Lee presented a letter from Senior Citizens Group about the fryer in their building and requested clarification on how to pay the inspection fee for that fryer. Bobbie Bostock made a motion to pay the inspection fee out of the Senior Citizens EDIT fund for May inspection (around \$160.00), which was seconded by Theron Owen and passed 5-0. The Town Council requested that a representative from Senior Citizens come to a meeting.

Valerie Lee presented an email from the State Board of Accounts regarding paying the new fire chief. Ms. Lee reported that Mr. Farris had been paid \$5,000.00 for the second quarter of 2026, with half being paid out of LIT and half being paid out of EDIT, and that it will need to be corrected by Council. The easiest option is to issue a 1099 on the \$5,000.00 that has been paid to him, then get him set up through payroll. The other option is for Mr. Farris to return the money and put him on payroll. Ms. Lee also reported that current council members will need to be paid differently, at the end of each month rather than the beginning of the month. Donna Dillard stated that Town Council previously approved paying the fire chief quarterly in the amount of \$3,750.00, all paid out of LIT. Motion to table resolution of fire chief's pay until the new clerk-treasurer researches and makes a determination was made by Danny Hickman, seconded by Bobbie Bostock, passed 5-0. Bobbie Bostock made a motion to table council pay until the new clerk-treasurer researches and makes a determination, which was seconded by Brian Shipman and passed 5-0.

Danny Hickman made a motion to table breaking out fire department amounts and the distribution of funds for fire department, which was seconded by Donna Dillard and passed 5-0. Farris will get a town credit card and cell phone.

Valerie Lee reported that there were charges on the Town's Verizon bill that state Clerk-Treasurer iPad, but the Town is being charged for the previous two (2) clerk treasurers' cell services. Motion to authorize Valerie Lee to contact Verizon about the issue was made by Bobbie Bostock, seconded by Theron Owen, and passed 5-0.

Danny Hickman passed out information on Jacob Stroud as to Wastewater Treatment Certification School starting July 1st.

Motion to retroactively approve rapid ship of gearbox was made by Danny Hickman, seconded by Theron Owen, and passed 5-0.

Danny Hickman reported that there is no sign on NE 1st Street due to an accident but that the Town is looking into getting a new sign ordered.

Bobbie Bostock reported that OCEDP has additional funds and is giving each Town \$2,500.00. Bobbie Bostock made a motion to use these funds for the park to pay for batting cages, which was seconded by Brian Shipman and passed 5-0.

Donna Dillard made a motion to purchase 12 pagers for the FD in the amount of \$6,945. paid out of LIT Fire Department fund. There was no second. Motion to table until new Clerk-Treasurer makes a recommendation was made by Bobbie Bostock, seconded by Theron Owen, and passed 5-0.

Donna Dillard made a motion to hire Williams Pyrotechnics to do the Town fireworks show for 2026, option C, 30-minute show, July 4, 2026, to be paid out of the fireworks fund. Said motion was seconded by Danny Hickman, and passed 4-1 with Dillard, Hickman, Owen, and Shipman voting yes and Bostock voting no. Bobbie Bostock made a motion to move the fireworks money to fireworks fund, which was seconded by Danny Hickman, and passed 5-0.

Motion to take applications for the watering of flowers was made by Danny Hickman, seconded by Donna Dillard, and passed 5-0.

Donna Dillard made a motion to have the cameras turned back on at the Fire Department, which was seconded by Brian Shipman, and passed 5-0.

Mr. Tucker provided his Town Attorney's Report:

- **Retroactive Approval of Solicitation of Quotes for Financing-Lease/Purchase of Digger Truck:** Mr. Tucker stated that Mrs. Fullen had solicited quotes on April 16, 2026 for the financing for the lease/purchase of the digger truck from Old National, SVBT, Hoosier Hills, and Beacon, which are due and set to be opened at a special meeting on Thursday, 4/23/26 at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Tucker requested that Council retroactively approve the solicitation of quotes. Upon motion made by Theron Owen, seconded by Danny Hickman, the solicitation of quotes was approved retroactively to 4/16/26 by a vote of 5-0.
- **Ordinance No. 2026-06, Adding Method of Payment for Firefighters:** Mr. Tucker presented Ordinance No. 2026-06, Adding Method of Payment for Firefighters as Section 32.76 to the Code of Ordinances as follows: "Statutorily mandated payments to firefighters are issued by the Clerk-Treasurer of the Town Council of the Town of Paoli by the end of each calendar year, provided, prior to November 30 of each year a request for payment is made including the current address and amount owed each firefighter together with sufficient written documentation to justify the claim. The Clerk-Treasurer will issue a 1099 Misc. for each payment made." Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2026-06 made by Danny Hickman, seconded by Donna Dillard and unanimously passed 5-0.
- **Ordinance No. 2026-07, An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition, Construction and Installation of Waterworks Improvements and Issuance and Sale of Revenue Bonds:** Mr. Tucker presented Ordinance No. 2026-07 for the issuance of bonds with respect to the lead line replacement project that was prepared by Tom Pitman, bond counsel. Mr. Tucker recommended approval by Council. Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2026-07 made by Danny Hickman, seconded by Donna Dillard, and unanimously passed by a vote of 5 to 0.
- **Ordinance 2026-08: An Ordinance Amending § 30.24 Organization of Council:** Mr. Tucker presented Ordinance No. 2026-08, to change 30.24(B) of the Code of Ordinances of Paoli, Indiana to state as follows: "(B) The officers of the Town Council, who shall hold their office for an annual period or some shorter period as may be determined by the Town Council, shall be as follows:" Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2026-08 made by Bobbie Bostock, seconded by Theron Owen, and unanimously passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

Bobbie Bostock made a motion to proceed with Town garage applications, including without limitation for a trash truck driver, which was seconded by Brian Shipman, and passed 5-0.

Code Enforcement Officer, Benji Farris, reported on 215 Horton Ave.- owner is trying to remove a name from the property before selling it but no timeline was provided. Danny Hickman made a motion to proceed with demolition if it is not resolved by the second week of May, which was seconded by Theron Owen, and passed 5-0.

Chief Randall Sanders provided his report: The Safe Prom Event will be on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. showing real life consequences of impaired and distracted driving. This will be livestreamed. The auction of the Tahoe on Govdeals will be completed today at 3:30, offer at \$3,300.00 currently.

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Austin Farris provided his Fire Chief report: Mr. Farris has reached out to Smith Field Services about performing maintenance on the fire trucks and was quoted \$150.00 per hour. Motion to table made by Donna Dillard, seconded by DH, and passed 5-0.

Paoli Airport did not have anything to report.

Park Director David Grimes provided his report:

- Adult soccer players want to utilize the park at night and will need the lights. Motion to approve was made by Bobbie Bostock, seconded by Danny Hickman, passed 5-0.
- Little League Agreement – Mr. Grimes inquired about the agreement and will get with Mrs. Fullen on that agreement.
- Car club has donated hotdog and hamburger buns to the park to be used for concessions.

Rachel Anderson, Chief Deputy Clerk, presented the Clerk-Treasurer's report:

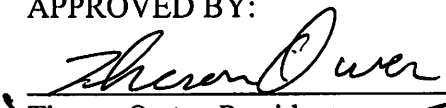
- \$10,494.30 March billing adjustments. Motion to approve made by Bobbie Bostock, seconded by Brian Shipman, passed 4-1, with Donna Dillard voting no.
- April 8-April 20, 2026 claims in the amount of \$1,236,520.27. Motion to approve made by Bobbie Bostock, seconded by Brian Shipman, passed 4-1, with Donna Dillard voting no.

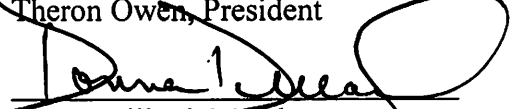
Under citizen comments:

- Lauren Shpman, a project manager with HWC Engineering, reported on services offered by her engineering firm.
- Sara Patton commented on buildings on the square that were condemned and the procedure for condemning the buildings and questioned the procedure.
- Erin Elliott reported on Orange County Recycling Co-op and Friends of Recycling (non-profit) about recycling in Paoli and requested that text messages be sent out about recycling opportunities in Paoli, which was taken under advisement.
- Bambi Stroka commented on the chain of command procedure.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bobbie Bostock, seconded by Donna Dillard, passed 5-0.

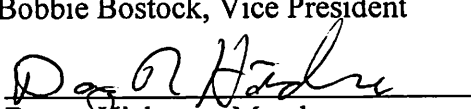
APPROVED BY:


Theron Owen, President

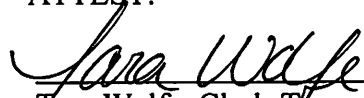

Donna Dillard, Member


Brian Shipman, Member


Bobbie Bostock, Vice President


Danny Hickman, Member

ATTEST:


Tara Wolfe, Clerk-Treasurer