

City of Paden City

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The Paden City Common Council met in special session on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the council chambers of the municipal building with Mayor Clyde Hochstrasser presiding.

ROLL CALL The following council members were present: Mike Turner, Ken Stead, Linda Duke, Jon Baker and Don Dillaman. Also present was Mayor Clyde Hochstrasser and Recorder Penny Baker. Shawna Kendle was absent.

Jessica Yoho and Amanda Metz, with the Wetzel County Clerk's office, and Susan Economou, Executive Director with the West Virginia Municipal League were here to discuss the changes to the Municipal Elections that become effective by 2032. Our municipal election will need to take place during the primary in May and will be placed on the county ballot. We will need to change our terms of office from 2 years to 4 years as county elections are not held in odd years. We will start the process of changing our ordinances after July 2026 with assistance from Jessica Yoho, Amanda Metz and Susan Economou.

MAYORS COMMENTS: City flags will be flown at half-staff in honor of Jim Richmond, until Thursday January 15th. The mayor also reminded council members that all discussions in executive session are not to be discussed in public and if that happens, they can be charged with a misdemeanor.

FINANCE:

Approval for Budget revisions:

General Fund-transfer \$500.00 from Contingencies to Senior Citizens. Motion by Jon Baker, second by Ken Stead, all in favor.

Coal Severance-transfer \$4,000.00 from City Hall to Streets. Motion by Ken Stead, second by Don Dillaman, all in favor.

POLICE:

Discussion and possible action on renewing the Crimestar software. Motion by Linda Duke to renew the software, second by Don Dillaman, all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and possible action on moving regular monthly council meetings to the Jesse Brown Hall at the old Paden City High School. Motion by Jon Baker, second by Mike Turner to move the meetings to Jesse Brown Hall starting February 2, 2026 on a trial basis. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT at 6:45. Motion by Linda Duke, second by Don Dillaman.

Signed: _____
Mayor, Clyde Hochstrasser

Attest: _____
Recorder, Penny Baker